

Schedule of the Constituent Assembly

(Note: Revised schedule is given in point number 6)

2067/7/4 (18July 2010)

SN	Main activities	Duration of work	Works to be done by the plenary session of the CA	Works to be done by the concerned Committees	Parallel activities	Remarks
1.	Election of the Vice Chairperson of the CA	2 weeks. From 16 to 30 November 2008	To be carried out by the plenary session		CA Secretariat shall begin disseminating the information on constitution making process as scheduled in the Rules of Procedure of the CA, invite and request members of the civil society and the general public through mass media for their suggestions and participation in constitution making. Also request the members of the civil society and experts to conduct interactions and debates on (the concept of) the future constitution and	

					related issues throughout the country, according to the CA schedule.	
2.	Formation of the committees of the CA	Until 15 December 2008	<p>The plenary session shall form the committees of the CA by 15 December 08.</p> <p>Business Advisory Committee shall conduct experts' need analysis.</p>	<p>Election of chairpersons by all the committees.</p> <p>Submission of a proposal to the Business Advisory Committee by all the committees after conducting a needs identification of experts and human resources required by them, stating the work they have to perform(while remaining focused on concerned subjects within their jurisdiction).</p>	The CA Secretariat shall establish separate secretariats for all the committees and provide human resources, physical facilities and other resources. The Secretariat shall also present its views regarding experts to the Business Advisory Committee.	The committees under the Legislature-Parliament could also be formed during the period.
3.	(a) Each committee shall outline the subjects under their jurisdiction and	2 weeks. From 16 to 30 December	Submit the schedules prepared by all the	All the committees shall perform the work		The CA Secretariat shall manage

	<p>prepare a schedule of activities that will be conducted by the committee.</p> <p>(b) Give final shape to the schedules of all the committees</p> <p><u>(c) Election of the chairpersons of the committees</u></p> <p><u>(d) Identify the areas for which experts service will be required in the constitution making process and prepare detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for them.</u></p>	<p>2008</p> <p><u>Till 13 January 2009</u></p>	<p>committees to the chairperson. The chairperson shall convene a meeting of all the chairpersons of different committees, hold discussions, and give final shape to the schedules.</p> <p><u>Finalize experts' TOR as per the requests of the committees.</u></p>	<p>on the basis of the schedule of the CA.</p> <p>The Outreach Committee shall launch activities by preparing a programme that would inform ordinary citizens about constitution making process according to the regulation passed by the CA.</p>		<p>the human resources (personnel) to be involved in constitution making, and launch the preliminary training programme for them.</p>
4.	<p>(a) Hold extensive discussions and consultations on the concept of the new constitution and collect suggestions (and opinions) from members of the civil society, experts and the general public.</p> <p>(b) Initiate civic education and training and orientation programmes.</p>	<p>9 weeks. From 30 December 2008 to 12 February 2009</p>		<p>The thematic committees shall work by remaining focused on the themes within their jurisdiction.</p> <p>All the thematic committees shall be assisted by the Administrative Committees, Government of</p>	<p>Capacity Building Committee shall collect and distribute essential resource materials to all the members. The Committee shall also organize interactions and conferences as per the need of the Assembly.</p> <p>The CA Secretariat shall launch a campaign and appeal all Nepalis within the country and abroad</p>	<p>The CA Secretariat shall initiate and continue to record the activities of the CA and all its committees.</p> <p><u>The 4th Session of the Legislature-</u></p>

				Nepal, constitutional bodies, civil society, journalists, intellectuals, NGOs and the general public in this endeavor.	through all forms of the media for their suggestions to the CA and its committees regarding the (concept of) new constitution. It shall also print pamphlets, posters and stickers to promote the campaign. The Public Opinion Coordination Committee shall take special initiative in this regard.	<u>Parliament, summoned according to Article 51 of the Constitution, will be prorogated by 13 January 2009.</u>
5.	The Thematic Committees shall prepare the preliminary draft of the constitution on the basis of their concept papers.	12 weeks: 26 February to 22 May, 2009.		The Thematic Committees shall prepare the preliminary draft by focusing on the themes related to their jurisdiction and submit it to the <u>Constituent Assembly</u> .	The Outreach Committee and the Capacity Building Committee shall continue their work. These committees shall facilitate the participation of general public in the constitution making process.	According to Article 51 of the Constitution, the 5th Session of the Legislature-Parliament will be summoned during this period.

(Revised schedule)

It would be appropriate to reschedule the works of the Constituent Assembly (CA) by also including the extended period: In view of the past experience it would be better to move ahead and finish the unfinished activities of constitution writing by not fixing the deadline now but by determining the timeline through the Business Advisory committee as and when it is required in order to complete the work as early as possible.

1. In place of the earlier plan in the beginning of the schedule, the following arrangements have been made.
This CA works has been re-scheduled to finish the task of constitution writing in a total of 29 months or 126 weeks by deducting the period of five and a half month from the first meeting of the CA on 2065/2/25 (07 June 2008) and also by including the term of one year extended on 2067/2/14(28 May 2010), which will come into effect from 2065/8/1(16 November 2008)).
2. The point number 6 of the CA schedule has been replaced by the following :

S.n.	Unfinished Activities	Duration of work	Works to be done by the plenary session of the CA	Works to be done by the concerned Committees	Parallel activities	Remarks
6.	<p>(a) Hold discussions by presenting the concept papers and preliminary drafts prepared by thematic committees to the CA</p> <p>(b) Send all the reports to the Constitutional Committee with suggestions and directives by approving them all at once, or separately</p> <p>© Prepare the first draft of the new constitution by integrating</p>	<p>39 weeks From 2066/2/9 to 2066/10/21 (23 May 2009 to 4 February 2010)</p> <p>35 weeks From 2066/10/22 to 2067/6/31(5 Feb 2010 - 17Oct 2010)</p>	Gradually present all the concept papers and preliminary reports of all the thematic committees to the plenary session, hold deliberations on it, pass it with suggestions, if any, and send it to the Constitutional Committee	The secretariats of all committees note down the points raised on their respective themes during the deliberations in the CA Constitutional	The work of the CA of approving the reports of seven other committees along with making suggestions and issuing directives should be in parallel with the works of the State Restructuring Commission after its formation and it begins to work.	According to Article 51 of the Interim Constitution, the sixth, seventh and eighth session of the Legislature-Parliament will also convene during this period

<p>the drafts presented by the thematic committees and the suggestions made by the Constitutional Committee</p> <p>(d) Presenting the first draft of the constitution prepared by the Constitutional Committee to the CA plenary and hold discussions in principle.</p> <p>(e) Give a final shape to the first draft constitution and publish it in the national gazette so as to invite public opinion on it.</p> <p>(f) Preparation of an action plan by CA Public Opinion Collection and Coordination Committee for collecting public opinion on the first draft constitution</p> <p>(g) Holding of extensive hearing, seminars and interactions on the first draft constitution</p> <p>(h) Collect suggestions</p>	<p>4 weeks From 2067/7/1 to 30 Kartik (18 October to 16 November 2010)</p> <p>To be completed within the timeframe as determined by the Business Advisory Committee</p> <p>" "</p> <p>" "</p> <p>" "</p>	<p>Hold party-wise deliberations in the plenary and suggest Constitutional Committee to amend/review the issue, if any.</p> <p>Provide directives to Constitutional Committee with suggestions to be incorporated in the first draft following the party-wise deliberations in the plenary.</p> <p>Hold deliberations in principles over the Bill.</p> <p>Hold extensive</p>	<p>Committee shall give the first draft a final shape on the basis of deliberations held in and suggestions given by the CA plenary.</p> <p>This work shall be carried out mainly in accordance with the action plan of CA committee on Public Opinion Collection and Coordination.</p> <p>All CA Committees, members and staff members shall be engaged.</p>	<p>In addition to CA, Nepal Government, and civil society, organizations shall be active /engaged in this work.</p> <p>All CA committees shall support in this work.</p>
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	<p>/opinions received from any medium</p> <p>(i) Field visits by Hon. CA members to their respective districts, constituencies and various parts of the country and collect public opinions.</p> <p>(j) Preparation of a detailed report about the public opinions collected and submit it to CA</p> <p>(k) Hold deliberations over the report about public opinions in the CA plenary</p> <p>l) Forwarding the first draft of the constitution to the Constitutional Committee with suggestions and directives to amend it as per the public opinion, and upon completion of such work the committee to further submit Bill relating to the constitution to the CA.</p> <p>m) Distributing the Bill of the constitution to all of the CA members.</p>	<p>" "</p> <p>" "</p> <p>" "</p> <p>" "</p> <p>" "</p>	<p>deliberations in the CA</p> <p>Pass it through CA</p>	<p>CA Committee on Public Opinion Collection and Coordination shall prepare a report.</p> <p>Constitutional Committee shall prepare a Bill relating to Constitution by revising the first draft constitution on the basis of deliberations held in and suggestions made by the CA plenary. This work shall be carried out confidentially.</p>		<p>The leaders of all the Parliamentary Parties shall, in accordance with the Interim Constitution, give continuance (parallel to other activities) to the task of settling issues on which they failed to reach consensus unanimously during the clause-wise discussions in the Assembly.</p>
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	<p>n) Hold preliminary discussion on the Bill relating to the Constitution in the Assembly according to the Constitution and CA Rules of Procedures.</p>	" "				
	<p>o) Time allocation for Honorable CA members to propose amendments on the Bill.</p>	" "				
	<p>p) Hold Clause-wise discussion on the Bill with amendments in the Assembly. Continue making decisions on each and every Article and Clause.</p>	" "	<p>Hold preliminary discussion on the Bill relating to the Constitution in the Assembly</p>			
	<p>q) The Preamble and all other Sections of the new constitution to be passed by the Assembly.</p>	" "	<p>Hold extensive discussions in the Assembly.</p>			
	<p>r) Preparation of a certification copy of the rectified constitution and have that signed by members of the Assembly.</p>	" "				
	<p>s) Certification by the Chairperson.</p>	" "	<p>To be passed by the Assembly</p>			

	<p>t) The Chairperson submits the approved constitution to the President amid a formal national ceremony organized by the CA, and the President shall proclaim (amid the function) the promulgation of the constitution by making it public for the Nepali people.</p>	" "				
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