1.	Name of Expert:	Ratnakar Jha	
2.	Date of Birth:	05/10/1988	
3.	Country of Citizenship/ Residence	Nepal	Nepal

#### Education:

Name of Educational institute/ University	Degree/ Diploma's	Date
South Asian University	MA in Sociology	2017
South Asian University	MA in Development Economics	2015
Ram Lal Anand College, University of Delhi	Bachelors in Commerce	2013

#### Trainings:

- 3 Weeks training on on "Climate Change and Cities: Way forward for Mitigation, Adaptation and Resilience" Organized by HUDCO's HSMI in Association with CityNet at Lodhi Road New Delhi, India
- 2 weeks training program on "Accessible Building Audit Training Program" Organized by (NFDN) National Federation Of the Disabled -Nepal at Kathmandu and Biratnagar, Nepal months course on Go-Grid on nature base solutions under Nepal Urban Resilience Project/ UKAiD 2022/23
- 1 Weeks training on GESI in Gender Responsive Budgeting in the local governmints
- 3 weeks training on Municipal Financing and Budgeting System

### Award/Scholarship:

- SAARC-India Silver Jubilee Scholarship for Academic Session 2013/2014 and 2015/2017 (Faculty of Economics, South Asian University)
- SAU Scholarship/Financial Support for Academic Session 2014/2015 (Faculty of Economics, South Asian University)

#### **Research and Publications:**

- Presented research paper titled "Crossing the Caste and Ethnic Boundaries: Intermarriage between Madhesi Men
- and Pahadi Women in Southern Nepal" in International Seminar on Identity Politics Reconsidered UGC-SAP (DRS- I) organized by Department of Sociology, Tezpur University, Assam, India
- 2018 Presented research paper titled "Gender Dynamics and Intermarriage between Madhesi Men and Pahadi Women in Southern Nepal" in Chautari Annual Conference 2018, organized by Martin Chautari (MC), Thapathali, Kathmandu
- Presented my research paper on "Socio-Economic Analysis of Marriage Market in Nepal" in an academic conference at The Young Scholars Conference, Dept. of Sociology at South Asian University.
- Published a co-authored Journal Article with Dr. Chudamani Basnet titled "Crossing the Caste and Ethnic Boundaries: Love and Intermarriage Between Madhesi Men and Pahadi Women in Southern Nepal", South Asia Multidisciplinary Academic Journal [Online], Free-Standing Articles
- Mahanagar Safe House Project in relation wirh SDGs Project, published in a Case Study Data Base of Citynet

Language skills: Fluent in Nepali, English, Maithili and Hindi

### Summary of Key Skills and Competences:

Secratrait Management, Municipal Financing and Budgeting, Gender Responsive Budgeting, Local Governance, Periodic Planning, Action Planning, Accessible Building Audit, Rural Economy, Development Economics, Gender Dynamics

#### **Professional Experiences**

## Sept 2023 till date, - Executive Director, Nepal Institute for Urban and Regional Studies, Lalitpur, Nepal Responsibilities:

- Oversee the organization's overall operation. This includes realizing the strategic direction provided by the Board and developing, and implementing policies and procedures, and overseeing the day-to-day operations including administrative management, procurement, hiring, and managing experts, and staff.
- Manage the organization's finances. This includes developing and managing the budget, ensuring accurate and up-to-date financial records, audit and complying with all applicable laws and regulations.
- Update the legal standing of institute and timely comply government procedures.
- Prepare annual plan, annual calendar, and detailed action plan to meet Institute's stated goals and objectives to materialize board's decision.
- Represent the Institute formal meetings with prospective funding agencies, government agencies, national and international development partners, and civil society as well as private sector agencies.
- Maintain regular communications with partners, vendors, partners, and other stakeholders of the institute and expand the professional network and public relations.
- Plan and organize seminar, webinar, workshops, training etc and ensure institute's regular publications

# January 2018 to Sept 2023 - Liaison Officer, Biratnagar Metropolitan City, Biratnagar, Nepal <u>Responsibilities:</u>

- Liaising and Coordinating municipal development initiatives with UN Agencies, Donors (*ADB*, *World Bank*, *JICA*, *KOICA*, *USAID*, *DFID*), Development Partners, Professionals, Civil Society and Other Organizations.
- Collaborating and Negotiating with Regional and National Level Local Governments' Association (UCLG, CITYNET, ICLEI) and National Organizations (Karuna Foundation Nepal, National Federation of the Disabled Nepal, Rotary Club, ANFA, NSET, Maiti Nepal etc) for developing working level partnership and cooperation.
- Communicating and coordinating with relevant national and provincial government ministries and departments including local governments for mobilizing their support and resources to achieve BMC vision, goals and targets.
- Representing BMC and participating in relevant seminars, conferences, workshops and discussion forums organized by relevant partner agencies and stakeholders.
- Coordinating and facilitating Municipal Level Development Projects, like Solid Waste Management, Safe Water Supply, Inclusive Education, Disability Rehabilitation and Prevention Project, Revenue Generation and Mobilization and others)

# June to July 2016 Intern at SAARC Secretariat Tridevi Marga, Kathmandu, Nepal Responsibilities:

• SAARC Secretariat Office, worked as a research assistant in the Department of Economic and Trade and was engaged to review, write and report on the relationship between Trade and Peace among SAARC Nations.

#### **Certification:**

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes myself, my qualification, and my experience, and I am available to undertake the assignment. I understand that any misstatement or misrepresentation described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal by the client, and/or sanctions by the bank.

Name of the Expert Signature: Day/Month/Year

Ratnakar Jha 02/18/2024