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Key Highlights:

- *Eminent speakers from reputed National & International Organizations*
- *Interactive Sessions from Industry regulators*
- *Panel Discussion with experts*
- *Open floor discussions*

Registration Deadline:

12th December 2022

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Background

The Banking and Financial Institutions of Nepal have become a major sector influenced by increasing digitization and digital technologies. This has also been reflected by the Payment Systems Oversight Report of Nepal Rastra Bank, according to which, an average of over 3 million transactions are being carried out through Connect IPS each month. Similarly, 13.5 million mobile banking transactions, 13.3 million mobile wallet transactions, and 1.7 million QR-based payments are carried out on an average each month. Few banks have also initiated Digital Lending Services and the Central Bank has also issued guidelines on Digital Lending.

While digital transactions undoubtedly enable BFIs to provide quick and cost-effective services to their customers, the platforms are not free from associated risks and challenges. Therefore, it becomes paramount for all to understand the contemporary global trends and challenges in the digital ecosystem.

The conference will focus on addressing upcoming issues such as Open Banking, Digital Lending, Central Bank Digital Currency, etc., for leveraging the understanding of changing dynamics of data and information. The program shall highlight paper presentations from eminent National as well as International speakers, regulators and a panel discussion with industry experts which will provide the participants an opportunity to put up their queries.

Target Audience

From Banks & Financial Institutions (ABCD Class Banks) Institutions:

CEO's DCEO's and Senior Management Team, IT Heads, IT Staff, Digital Banking Dept., Cards Dept., Marketing Dept., Risk & Compliance Dept., Research & Development Dept., Chief Operating Officer, Chief Business Officer, Internal & External Auditors, Senior Managers, Branch Managers

From Other Institutions:

PSPs/ PSOs, FinTech/ Tech Companies, Remittance Companies, E-commerce Industries

Anybody Interested in Digital Banking

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SPEAKERS



Revati Prasad Nepal
Executive Director
Currency Management- NRB



Krishnan Iyer
Chief Executive Officer
Finezza Information Technologies



Vamsi Madhav
Chief Operating Officer
Sahamati



Bipin Kaul
Chief Business Officer
Offline Payments-Paytm

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MODERATOR



Vivek Rana

Digital Enterprise Architect, InfoAssure LLP

PANELISTS



Subash Sharma

Director

F1Soft Group



Neelesh Man Singh Pradhan

Chief Executive Officer

Nepal Clearing House Ltd.



Sujit Shrestha

Chief Operating Officer

Standard Chartered Bank Nepal

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Digital Journey of Paytm & its products



Bipin Kaul
Chief Business Officer
Offline Payments-Paytm

Mr. Bipin Kaul is a senior business leader with 21 years of extensive experience in MSME domain in assets & liability. He specialises in cross border trade finance as well as structured trade transaction-FDI/ODI/ECB. He has an extensive experience of transaction & start-up banking solutions space in payments and cash management services.

He also has a strong understanding and exposure to parameterised MSME lending - secured/ unsecured, cash flow based lending and digital co-lending partnerships with Fintech.

He has successfully led large distribution teams across the India for acquisition as well as relationship management. He also has hands on experience of setting up new business/branch network and policy & product benchmarking (viz. competition and customer changing needs).

His core competencies include P&L Management, Commercial Banking, Business Banking, Branch Banking, MSME Parameterised Lending, E-Com Transaction Banking, FDI/ODI/ECB transaction, Online and Offline Payments, Trade Finance, CMS, Relationship Management, Channel Management, and Fintech Partnerships.

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Open Banking: Concepts & Prospects



Vamsi Madhav
Chief Operating Officer
Sahamati

Mr. Vamsi Madhav is a seasoned professional in software product management, and currently the Chief Operating Officer at Sahamati.

He is experienced in the field of mobile financial solutions, as well as complete innovation life-cycle, from ideation to launch, for complex enterprise-wide software. A highly analytical individual with deep interest in technology, Mr. Madhav is also involved in evangelizing technology to c-level executives across cultures and industries.

His experiences include working as the Management Consultant at Onemoney- India's first-ever licensed Account Aggregators, Comviva, and, Sumeru Solutions. He was also the Chief Product Officer and Vice President at VSoft Technologies.

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Digital Lending- How it works in India?



Krishnan Iyer

Co-Founder & CEO

Finezza Information Technologies

Dr. Krishnan Iyer has been with the software industry for over two decades. He is a seasoned techno-functional professional with stints across project management, solution architecture, product development, and sales & marketing. Dr. Krishnan possesses deep domain knowledge across the BFSI sector having worked on client projects in banks, mutual funds, and securities companies.

Krishnan has worked in organizations such as Talisma Corporation, Microsoft Corporation, and IBM. Before starting his entrepreneurial journey, Krishnan was managing IBM's India Software business.

As the CEO of Finezza, Krishnan is primarily responsible for the marketing direction, client acquisitions, and client relationships.

Krishnan is a post graduate in computer science & holds a PhD in Marketing from the Indian Institute of Management Indore. He is also an Author. His maiden book (a novella), 'The Morningstar, when -ve became +ve', was published in January 2022, and his second book, is already with the literary agency.

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Central Bank Digital Currency: Prospects for Nepal



Revati Prasad Nepal
Executive Director
Currency Management- NRB

Mr. Revati Prasad Nepal has more than 25 years of experience at Nepal Rastra Bank. He has worked as an Assistant Director in the Banking Department, Deputy Director and Director in Development Finance and Microfinance Supervision Department, and Executive Director in the Payment System Department. Currently, he is the Executive Director in the Currency Department.

Over the years, Mr. Nepal has garnered extensive experience in the field of Regulation, Development Financing, Supervision of MFIs, Legal Advisor, Planning & Budgeting, and Currency Management.

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Management & Control Aspects of Strengthening Digital Trust



Vivek Rana

Digital Enterprise Architect
InfoAssure LLP

Mr. Vivek Rana practices as Information Systems auditor (CISA), Certified Information Systems Manager (CISM), Certified Data Privacy Solutions Engineer (CDPSE), and is Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT (CGEIT) and TOGAF Certified Enterprise Architect. He has been working with the public, private and development sector in areas of public policy reform, public finance, financial sector, IS/IT cyber security auditing and in the use of Information technology (IT) as an enabling delivery vehicle for policy reform, and compliance.

In this regard, Mr. Rana has worked with the World Bank, Multi-Donor Trust Fund group (MDTF), USAID, NORAD, GIZ, DFID, DANIDA, EU, ADB in various capacities to drive reform through the use of Information technologies in both developed and developing economies. He has also worked with Deloitte, PriceWaterhouse coopers and Ernest & Young in Information technology Governance, Risk, Compliance (GRC) and IS Audit and Assurance practice areas. Additionally, he is also associated as the member of Board of Directors in Nepal Bank Limited, Committee Chair in Nepal Bank Risk Management Committee, and Advisor in Computer Association of Nepal.

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Subash Sharma
Director
F1Soft Group

A firm believer in the inclusion of citizens in the digital economy, Subash Sharma has been working in the Fintech industry for almost two decades. He joined F1Soft during the early years and played an exemplary role to establish F1Soft as a trusted name in Nepal's financial industry.

He currently serves as the CEO of F1Soft International Pvt. Ltd., Nepal's largest and leading FinTech company. Having been in the software industry for almost 18 years, he is one of few experts in the digital payments domain. He has been instrumental in establishing mobile financial services in Nepal. Today, F1Soft's products connect around 16 million people to various financial services through technology that primarily uses mobile phones as a financial tool.

Mr. Sharma strongly believes in a process driven approach which has helped to create stable and market-ready products in the company. Keeping himself acquainted with international market trends, he introduces new features and services to the Nepalese mobile financial service sector.

A problem solver by nature, Mr. Sharma has the ability to understand market problems & gaps to identify innovative yet simple, secure and affordable solutions.

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Neelesh Man Singh Pradhan
Chief Executive Officer
Nepal Clearing House Ltd.

Mr. Neelesh Man Singh Pradhan has over 2 decades of proven experience in strategy development & implementation, public company management with profit & loss responsibility, financial management, banking & financial technology, project management, IT service management at various jurisdictions and at various roles.

Mr. Pradhan, the founding CEO of Nepal Clearing House Ltd., has successfully implemented and managed major national payment systems including electronic cheque clearing system, interbank payment system, real-time retail payment system, national payments interface-NPI, RTGS gateway and corporatePAY.

He has assisted the Central Bank, Government and Semi-Govt institutions, capital market stakeholders, as well as several large institutions in advisory roles for their process re-engineering to adopt digital payments and develop regulatory frameworks. He has also been responsible for implementing multiple banking & financial systems including Core Banking Systems, Online Securities Trading Platform, Complex integrations/migrations, ALM system, BASEL II (Standardized Approach) System, and many other MIS systems. He has also supervised operation & support functions of major and critical banking & financial applications.

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Sujit Shrestha
Chief Operating Officer
Standard Chartered Bank Nepal

Mr. Sujit Shrestha is the Chief Operating Officer at Standard Chartered Bank Nepal, with over two decades of professional experience. Prior to moving into the Banking Operations and Governance roles, he was involved in the field of technology for more than 12 years.

He is experienced in delivering large and complex technology projects in a global enterprise with culturally diverse and geographically distributed teams. He possesses domain knowledge and expertise on Core Banking Systems, Payments Systems Integration, ERP, Cloud/Data Center, Cyber Security, Digital Channels, Workflow and Process Automation, API and Data Analytics. He is responsible for driving improvement culture across the organisation using methodologies like Agile, Human Centered Design and LEAN.

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Schedule

Time	Particulars
08:45am - 9.30am	Registration & Tea/Coffee/Cookies
09.30am - 09.45am	Opening Session & Inauguration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome Speech: Mr. Kumar Lamsal, CEO, NBI (5 mins)• Opening Remarks from Nepal Rastra Bank (5 mins)
09.45am - 10.45am	Digital Journey of Paytm & Its Products Mr. Bipin Kaul, Chief Business Officer-Offline Payments, Paytm, India. (45 mins) Q&A: 15 Mins
10.45am - 11.45pm	Digital Lending- How it works in India? Speaker: Dr. Krishnan Iyer, CEO, Finezza Information Technologies, Pvt. Ltd., India. (45 mins) Q&A: 15 Mins
11.45pm - 12.00pm	Tea/Coffee/Cookies Break
12.00pm - 01.00pm	Open Banking: India's Open Banking Journey & Global Development Speaker: Mr. Vamsi Madhav, COO, Sahamati, India (45 mins) Q&A: 15 Mins
01.00pm - 01.45pm	Lunch Break (45 mins)
01.45pm - 03.00pm	Central Bank Digital Currency: Prospects for Nepal Speaker: Mr. Revati Prasad Nepal, Executive Director, Currency Management Department, Nepal Rastra Bank (1hr) Q&A: 15 Mins
03.00pm - 03.15pm	Tea/Coffee/Cookies Break
03.15pm - 04:30pm	Panel Discussion Topic: Management & Control Aspects of Strengthening Digital Trust (1hr) <u>Panelists:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr. Neelesh Man Singh Pradhan, Chief Executive Officer, Nepal Clearing House Ltd.2. Mr. Subash Sharma, Director, F1Soft Group3. Mr. Sujit Shrestha, Chief Operating Officer, Standard Chartered Bank Nepal Ltd. <u>Moderated by:</u> Mr. Vivek Rana, Digital Enterprise Architect, Info Assure LLP Q&A: 15 Mins
04:30pm - 04:45pm	Closing Ceremony