

**Programme for the 11th Round Table Meeting (RTM) of
Bhutan's Development Partners
1-2 September 2011
Banquet Hall, Thimphu**

Wednesday, 31st August

09:00-17:00 Registration at the Protocol Desks in the Hotels

18:30 Reception by Minister-in-Charge, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Thursday, 1st September

Inaugural Ceremony

08:30-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:15 Inaugural Ceremony (Marchang)

09:15-09:35 Inaugural Address by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bhutan, Lyonchhen Jigmi Yoezer Thinley

09:35-09:55 Statement by Mr. Ajay Chhibber, UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Regional Director, Asia and the Pacific – Co-Chair of the RTM

09:55-10:20 Group photograph followed by refreshments

Morning Session:

Chaired by Mr. Ajay Chhibber, UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Regional Director, Asia and the Pacific – Co-Chair of the RTM

10:20-10:25 Introductory remarks by the Chair

10:25-10:55 Overview of Bhutan's Development Challenges, Mr. Kunzang Dechen Dorji, Consultant

10:55-11:15 Discussion

11:15-11:35 Outcome of the 10th Plan Mid-Term Review – GNH Commission

11:35-12:15 Discussion

12:30 Lunch

Afternoon Session:

Chaired by Lyonpo Yeshey Zimba, Minister, Ministry of Works and Human Settlement, Co-Chair of the RTM

15:00-15:05 Introductory remarks by the Chair

15:05-16:15 Panel Discussions on the Status of the Democratization Process in Bhutan:

- i) Keynote statement by President, Center for Bhutan Studies
- ii) Brief remarks by Chief Election Commissioner, Election Commission of Bhutan
- iii) Brief remarks by Chairperson, Anti-Corruption Commission
- iv) Brief remarks by Media representative (TBC)

16:15-17:00 Discussion

17:00-17:45 Launch event (TBC)

18:30 Dinner hosted by Lyonpo Yeshey Zimba, Co-Chair of the RTM

Friday, 2nd September

Morning Session:

Chaired by Lyonpo Yeshey Zimba, Minister, Ministry of Works and Human Settlement, Co-Chair of the RTM

09:00-09:05 Introductory remarks by the Chair

09:05-09:35 Update on Bhutan's Macro-Economic Framework

- i) Budget Policy and Fiscal Framework System – Secretary, Ministry of Finance
- ii) Economic Development Policy, Foreign Direct Investment and Private Sector Development – Secretary, Ministry of Economic Affairs

09:35-10:00 Discussion

10:00-10:15 Operationalizing GNH: Policy Screening Tools and Indicators – GNH Commission

10:15-10:30 Discussion

10:30-10:45 Emerging Priorities for the 11th Five-Year Plan – GNH Commission

10:45-11:15 Discussion

11:15-11:45 Refreshments

11:45-13:00 Statements by Development Partners

13:00 Lunch

Afternoon Session:

Chaired by Lyonpo Yeshey Zimba, Minister, Ministry of Works and Human Settlement, Co-Chair of the RTM

14:30-14:35 Introductory remarks by the Chair

14:35-16:00 Statements by Development Partners

16:00-16:30 Refreshments

Concluding Session:

16:30-16:40 Concluding Statement by Mr. Ajay Chhibber, UN Assistant-Secretary General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Regional Director, Asia and the Pacific – Co-Chair of the RTM

16:40-16:50 Concluding Statement by Lyonpo Yeshey Zimba, Minister, Ministry of Works and Human Settlement – Co-Chair of the RTM

17:30-18:00 Media encounters for the RTM Co-Chairs

18:30 Dinner hosted by Mr. Ajay Chhibber, UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Regional Director, Asia and the Pacific

Saturday, 3rd September

Day Field Trips

The following day field trips to places out of Thimphu are available. Please sign up for the field trip of your choice at the Protocol Desk or inform the Protocol Officer before/on 18th February

Tour Package 1 Chhukha Hydro Power Corporation (CHPC)

0800 Leave for Chhukha
1100 Arrive Chhukha
 Visit CHPC Dam Site
 Visit the Power House
1300 Lunch at Chhukha Guest House
1400 Leave for Paro
1700 Arrive at Paro
 Overnight at Olathang Hotel

Tour Package II Paro

0800 Leave for Paro
0930 Check-in at Olathang Hotel
1000 Drive to Ramthangkha
1030 Hike to Taktshang Monastery (Tiger's Nest)
1300 Arrive at Taktshang Cafeteria
 Lunch
1400 Hike to Taktshang Monastery
11430 Arrive at Taktshang Monastery
 Visit the Monastery
1500 Return to Ramthangkha

1630 Drive to hotel
Enroute visit Kyichu Temple

Tour Package III Local sightseeing in Thimphu

Option I

0900 Drive to Sangay Gang to get the view of Thimphu City
(visit Takin zoo, Bhutan's national animal)

1000 Visit the National Institute of Traditional Medicine Services

1100 Visit the Folk Heritage Museum

1200 Visit the Textile Museum
Visit Handicrafts Emporium

1300 Lunch in the hotel

1400 Leave for Paro

1530 Arrive at Hotel Olathang

1600 Visit Kyichu Temple

1700 Drive to Drukgyel Dzong

Option II

Drive to Dochula Pass to view the mountain ranges and Druk Wangyel Chortens

Option III

Trek to Tango Monastery