



## Curriculum Vitae of Mani Prasad Bhattarai

Mr. Mani Prasad Bhattarai joined the Government Service of Nepal in August 1988. In his three-decade career, he assumed different responsibilities at Government offices including at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Nepali Missions abroad. Mr. Bhattarai is currently holding the position of Joint Secretary at the Ministry since February 2016. In this capacity, he worked at the Regional Organizations Division; Policy Planning, Economic Diplomacy and Nepali Diaspora Division; and General Administration Division.

Previously, Mr. Bhattarai carried out his duty as Charge' d'Affaires of the Embassy of Nepal in Bahrain from November 2014 to August 2015. He served as the Counsellor/Minister Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Nepal to the United Nations in New York from July 2010 to July 2014. He was especially assigned there to support Nepal's chairmanship at the Global LDC Coordination Bureau (2009-2013) in New York. He was a team member during the intergovernmental negotiations on the Istanbul Program of Action for the Least Developed Countries and also attended the 4<sup>th</sup> UN Conference on the LDCs held in Istanbul in May 2011. Mr. Bhattarai led and negotiated, at the expert level, on behalf of the LDCs in the G-77 and China, the text of annual resolution on the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action as well as other annual thematic resolutions to be tabled at both ECOSOC and the Second Committee of the UN General Assembly. He also led and negotiated, at the expert level, on behalf of G77 and China, the LDC chapter in the outcome document of the 2012 Rio+20 Conference. He participated in the South-South Conference held in Nairobi in 2009.

As a member of Nepali delegation, he attended a number of sessions of the United Nations General Assembly convened annually during 2007-2017. In the same capacity, he took part in the different segments of ECOSOC sessions held in Geneva in 2012 and 2014. During 2008-2010, he participated in a couple of sessions of the Human Rights Council and thematic conferences held in Geneva. During the period 2014-2018, Mr. Bhattarai participated in the Summit, Ministerial and Senior-official meetings of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC); Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC); and Asian Cooperation Dialogue. He chaired the sessions of SAARC Programming Committee and the Meetings of BIMSTEC Joint Working Group during Nepal's tenure of chairmanship.

From January 2005 to June 2010, Mr. Bhattarai served as Under Secretary at the South Asia Division, North East Division, and UN and International Law Division in the Ministry and also as a Desk Officer separately for India and China affairs. He also worked as a planning officer at the National Planning Commission of Nepal for over a decade.

Mr. Bhattarai holds the Master's Degree in MBA and English Literature from Tribhuvan University in 1989 and 1995 respectively. He also received a Master's Degree in Economics of Development from the Institute of Social Studies in The Hague in December 1996. He obtained Diploma in Development Policies Course from the International Development Center of Japan in 2001, where he was also conferred the Excellent Achievement Award for submitting the best research paper. He participated in a number of training programmes including the Workshop on Effective Negotiation in Multilateral Conferences conducted by UNITAR in New York in November 2011.

Mr. Bhattarai was born in Morang district of Nepal on 19 July 1963. He and his wife Mrs. Laxmi Rijal Bhattarai have one daughter.