

# How the Nepal Business Forum Has Been Crucial to Growth and Recovery



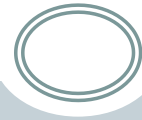
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# *Challenges to Private Sector Growth in Post-Conflict Nepal*



- Lack of trust between government and private sector
- Private sector growth not articulated as a key Government objective
- Unclear understanding of the role of the private sector
- Overwhelming, uncoordinated demand from private sector for reforms – but no neutral space to engage
- SMEs stand to benefit most from reform – but have no space to air their constraints

# *The Role of the NBF in Addressing Fragility in Nepal*



- **Building trust**
  - A joint vision for private sector growth
  - Constructive action-oriented dialogue vs. “complaining”
- **Securing high level buy-in for reform**
  - Improved coordination
  - Stronger possibility of implementation
- **Developing a prioritized action plan for reform**
  - Sequencing of reforms
  - Implementation helps demonstrate Government commitment to reform
  - Communication of reforms helps demonstrate that the country is open for business.

# *Lessons Learned – Trade-Offs in Designing PPD in FCS*



Do I support the logistics constraints of the PPD or the capacity constraints?

Do I focus on quick wins or long-term reforms?

How do I measure the results or impact of these reforms?