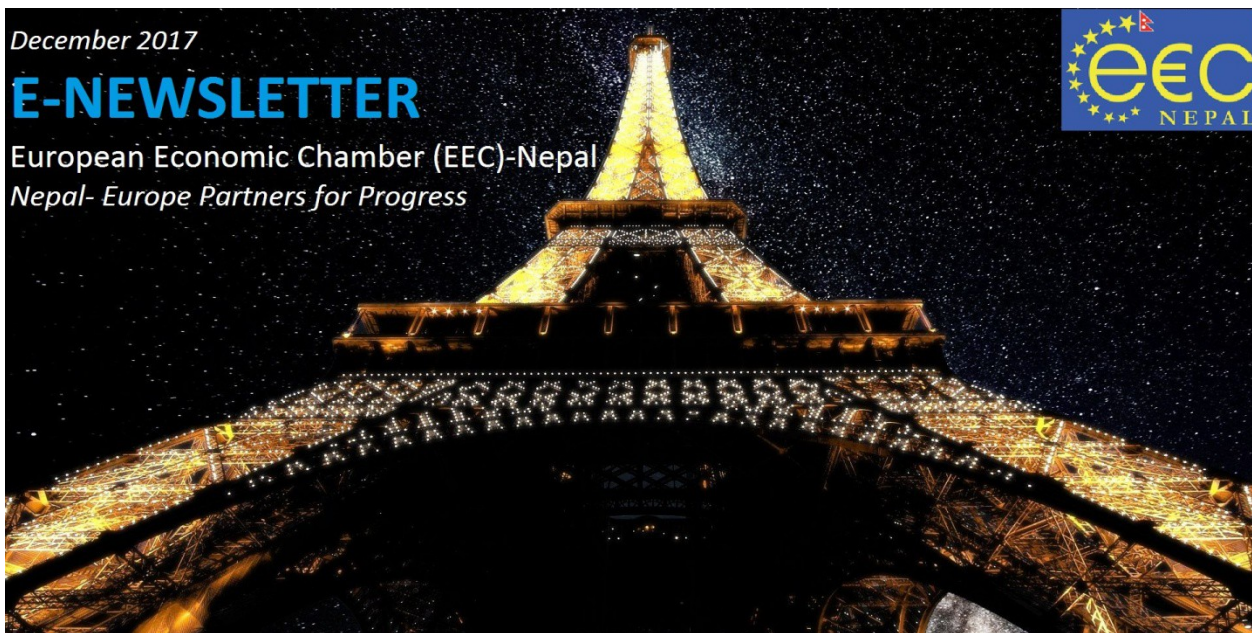


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### **EBO Regional Meeting held in Africa**

The European Business Organization Worldwide Network and 17 of its members joined global business leaders and European politicians in Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

This was the First meeting of the EBO WWN to take place in Africa. This annual regional meeting coincided with the 6<sup>th</sup> EU-Africa Business Forum and the 5<sup>th</sup> EU-Africa Summit. Key topics discussed at the Business forum included access to and scaling up of electrification in Africa, improving job opportunities for the explosive growth of young people entering the labor market, developing the agri-food industry in Africa and improving access to finance for micro-enterprises.

The EBO WWN was also honored to have an entire panel session dedicated to developing European Business Organization in Africa. EBO members from Brazil, Vietnam, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Australia and China shared their experiences on the challenge and opportunities of developing European business organization in their own country. Their discussions focused on different governance structures, institutional relationship with bilateral chambers, membership development and general best practices and information sharing.

Currently, European business organizations exist in 5 continents and 35 countries. Of these, Ethiopia, Ghana, Tanzania and Ivory Coast from Africa have already attained EBO WWN accreditation and membership.

At the invitation of the European Business Organization (EBO) Global Network, EEC-Nepal's President Mr. Binayak Shah as a representative of EBO, Nepal had participated in the EBO Regional Meeting held at Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire on 26 – 28 November 2017.

European Economic Chamber (EEC) Nepal is the member of the European Business Organization (EBO) Global Network which is based in Brussels. EBO Global Network was established in 2001, the EBO Worldwide Network ASBL is the sole organization representing EU business interests in non-EU countries. In April 2001 the organization was formally registered in Brussels, Belgium. The global body of the European Chambers operating in different parts of the world and coordinates activities in regards to the development and expansion of the European Businesses, specially small and medium sized enterprises.



During the meeting EEC Nepal President Mr. Binayak Shah met and discussed agendas of mutual interest with representatives from other participating countries.



## EEC-Nepal Participated at Conference on the Role of Private Sector in Sustainable Development in Nepal



EEC-Nepal had participated at the one day conference on Role of Private Sector in the Sustainable Development organized by KOICA and UNDP on 21 November 2017 in Radisson Hotel, Kathmandu.

The conference discussed mainly three themes

1. The relevance of Sustainable Development Goals in private sector
2. Enabling business environment reform for private sector development in Nepal
3. Private sector's role in local economic development in the context of federalization

## EEC-Nepal attended Austria Strengthening Relations



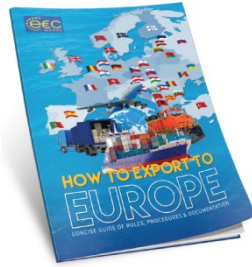
EEC-Nepal's Vice President Ms. Laxmi Sharma had attended the one day B2B Meeting with Austrian Business Delegates held on the 31 October 2017 at Radisson Hotel, Kathmandu. Minister for Industry Mr. Sunil Bahadur Thapa had attended the conference as the chief guest. FNCCI President Ms. Bhawani Rana and AFEC Vice-President Richard Schenz signed the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of The Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FNCCI) and the Austrian Federation Economic Chamber (AFEC), to expand collaboration between the private sectors of the two countries to promote trade, commerce and technology transfer.

Austria has been providing financial and technical support to various sectors in Nepal, ranging from hydroelectricity, infrastructure development, and conservation of ancient temples, drinking water supply and eco-tourism development.

After the MOU was signed, there was a discussion session centered on the need to effectively implement one-window policy to promote business friendly environment in sectors with high competitive advantage.

After the discussion, a B2B Meeting with Austrian Business Delegates took place, where number of Nepali Businesses had the opportunity to interact and exchange ideas for future prospects in the Nepalese market with the Austrian Business Delegates.

## How to Export to Europe



EEC Nepal has published a comprehensive guidebook entitled 'How to Export to Europe'. The guidebook presents updated and in-depth information on the rules, procedures and documentation related to exporting in the European Market. The publication gives correct and concise information and provides key information regarding the demand of Nepalese products in the European Market. This publication envisages promoting Nepal's position as a capable exporter to the European market.

Please contact the EEC-Nepal office for the copy.

## Nepal – Europe Business Year Book 2018

EEC-Nepal announces a new publication entitled Nepal – Europe Business Year Book 2018/Member's Directory is scheduled to publish at the end of January 2018. This publication will highlight economic activities between Nepal and Europe during the year 2017. The new publication will also contain details of all the members of EEC-Nepal with updated contact information.

The new publication will contain the following contents:

- Messages / Key Note Statements
- The Year in Review, Analysis, Prospects & Challenges, Recommendations
- Record of Major business and economic activities in 2017
- Trend & Prospects of business and economic activities in 2018
- Member's Directory

EEC-Nepal would like to seek article for the publication as well as place advertisements. Please contact the EEC-Nepal office for further details.



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