An Event Report of ICOM Nepal's 9th AGM and Election

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To
ICOM Secretariat, Paris

Dear Sir/Madam,

Warm greetings from the ICOM Nepal National Committee.

On behalf of ICOM Nepal, I have the honor to formally submit the official report of the 9th Annual General Assembly of ICOM Nepal, convened on 30 January 2026 in Kathmandu, Nepal.

The Assembly was conducted with notable participation from members and relevant stakeholders and successfully fulfilled its statutory responsibilities, including the election of a new Executive Committee for the 2026–2029 term. The event reflects ICOM Nepal's continued commitment to strengthening institutional governance, professional collaboration, and the advancement of museum practices in alignment with ICOM's global vision and ethical framework.

The Assembly duly elected a new Executive Board under the leadership of **Mr. Ramesh Prasad DAWADI** as President where **Mr. Om Prakash GHIMIRE** is elected as Secretary. For your kind reference and necessary record updates, the contact details of the newly elected office bearers are provided below:

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ICOM Nepal remains fully dedicated to contributing to ICOM's international programmes and fostering professional excellence, ethical museum practice, and knowledge exchange within Nepal and beyond.

For your information and record, A brief event report of the AGM and election also attached along with this letter.

Please accept our sincere appreciation for your continued cooperation and support.

Yours faithfully,
Om Prakash GHIMIRE
Secretary
ICOM Nepal National Committee

1. Background and Objective

ICOM Nepal, the National Committee of the International Council of Museums, supports museum and heritage professionals in Nepal and promotes standards and ethical practices aligned with ICOM frameworks. As part of its statutory governance process, ICOM Nepal convened its 9th Annual General Assembly on 30 January 2026 in Kathmandu. The Assembly reviewed organizational progress, discussed priority programs and future directions, and strengthened member participation. The event also conducted the election of a new Executive Committee for the 2026–2029 term through a transparent and supervised process. The meeting concluded with strategic commitments for institutional strengthening and sectoral advancement.

2. Participation

The Assembly recorded a high level of participation. Out of 19 institutional members and 51 individual members, except one institutional and one individual members, all of them participated in the AGM and election.

Most individual members (35 members) attended physically, while a few (15 Members) participated through authorized proxy representation in accordance with committee provisions. Similarly, 19 representatives from institutional members physically participated by representing their respective museums. The attendance reflected strong engagement and commitment from the membership.

3. Opening Session and Distinguished Presence

The opening session was attended by representatives of government agencies and professional organizations related to museums, heritage, archives, and libraries.

Goodwill remarks were delivered by representatives from:

- Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation
- Department of Archaeology
- National Archives
- UNESCO Kathmandu Office
- Library Association of Nepal

Representatives from major national museums, including Narayanhiti Palace Museum and Patan Museum, Hanumandhoka Durbar Museum were present. Additional participants came from museums and heritage professionals and stakeholders.

4. Business Session Highlights

During the business session, members reviewed organizational matters and discussed future directions and priorities. Participants provided recommendations on programs focused on institutional strengthening, professional collaboration, and museum sector development. These inputs were guiding assets to the new committee for the future direction.

5. Election of Executive Committee (2026–2029)

The General Assembly elected a nine-member Executive Committee for a three-year term:

- **President:** Ramesh Prasad Dawadi
- **Secretary:** Om Prakash Ghimire
- **Treasurer:** Santa Bahadur Gurung
- **Members:**
    - Dr. Pashupati Neupane
    - Roshan Mishra
    - Shanta Chaudhary
    - Pabitra Thapaliya
    - Khyam Prasad Shivakoti
    - Santosh Subedi

As per the statue of ICOM Nepal representative of UNESCO and immediate past president are automatic board member of the committee. The elected committee presents 5 provinces out of 7 provinces of Nepal viz. Lumbini, Gandaki, Koshi, Bagmati, and Karnali with two women and seven men among the elected members.

6. Election Process

The election was conducted in a fair, transparent, and orderly manner under the supervision of the appointed Election Officer, Mr. Sudip Pandit. The process followed the ICOM Nepal Statute and established electoral standards. The Election Officer oversaw voting, counting, result declaration, and the oath-taking of the newly elected Executive Committee.

7. Commitments and Way Forward

The newly elected Executive Committee expressed its commitment to strengthening ICOM Nepal institutionally and programmatically. Guided by the mandate of the General Assembly, the committee will work to advance museum professionals and the museum and heritage sector in Nepal through collaboration, professional programs, and advocacy aligned with ICOM’s global mission.

Som Photographs of the AGM and Election Event












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