

MAHA PRASAD ADHIKARI



Mr. Maha Prasad Adhikari is the Chairperson of Board of Directors and 17th Governor of Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB), the Central Bank of Nepal. Prior to his appointment as the Governor of NRB, he served as Chief Executive Officer at the Investment Board Nepal (IBN), Government of Nepal and Deputy Governor of NRB. Preceding those appointments, he had served NRB for more than 25 years in various capacities.

Throughout his career as a central banker, Mr. Adhikari has gained wide-ranging experience in central banking, especially relating to financial stability, financial sector reforms, Anti-Money Laundering/Combating the Financing of Terrorism and implementation of Accounting Standards, among others.

Under his leadership, the IBN organized two mega international Investment summits in 2017 and 2019 respectively. He played an instrumental role in developing a pipeline of projects with the concept of Project Bank to guide the identification, appraisal, selection, and prioritization of infrastructure projects.

As Deputy Governor of NRB, Mr. Adhikari played a leading role in various financial sector policies and financial sector reform programs with active engagement in areas such as Problem Bank Resolution, Capital Adequacy Framework, Risk Based Supervision, Early Warning System and Prompt Corrective Actions. He was nominated as the coordinator of the management team of Nepal Bangladesh Bank Limited when the bank was declared problematic and played critical role in its turnaround.

Mr. Adhikari has served various public sector institutions in the capacity of board member including Butwal Power Company Limited, Udayapur Cement Factory, Nepal Clearing House Limited, National Insurance Corporation and Security Board of Nepal.

He is currently Vice Chair of South Asia Region Financial Inclusion Initiative of Alliance for Financial Inclusion (AFI) for the period 2022-24. In the recent past, he served as Member of the Board of Directors at AFI for the period 2020-23 and the Chairman of SAARCFINANCE, whose members comprise of SAARC Central Bank Governors and Finance Secretaries, during 2021-22 and was vice chair of Asia-Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association during 2014-15.

Mr. Adhikari is a chartered accountant from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and also a fellow member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nepal (ICAN). He has served as the member of various committees at the ICAN and as a member of the Committee for Improvement in Transparency, Accountability and Governance (CITAG) of South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA).