



## Press Release

### Bhutan Democracy Forum 2022

#### *Equitable prosperity through inclusive economic growth*

**When: Wednesday, 25 May 2022 Where: RUB convention hall Time: 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

Thimphu, 25 May 2022: One major impact of the pandemic has been on Bhutan's economy. As Bhutan paves a path towards an economic revival, there is an opportunity to formulate plans and policies that need reframing in order to promote equity and equitable economic development. It is evident that Bhutan's economy needs a boost with an ever-growing population and also, considering the fact that Bhutan's debt dangerously stands at 126.8%. Despite His Majesty's relief kidu enabling economic activities and employment aside from the income and loan interest support, the faring economic environment is an existent concern.

Keeping in mind His Majesty's command to prioritise a clear economic roadmap, the Bhutan Democracy Forum brings together an eclectic mix of panelists who will deliberate on the theme "Equitable prosperity through inclusivity". The Forum, in collaboration with the Royal University of Bhutan seeks to initiate multiple discussions and narratives on Bhutan's economy and policy formulation. The program aims to provide a platform to crowdsource ideas from both panel and audience from diverse backgrounds. The Forum will not only deliberate on economic rejuvenation but also encourage active citizen participation in contributing to the existing policies to enable equity and inclusivity.

The panel of distinguished speakers from diverse and relevant agencies will be moderated by Dasho Kinley Dorji.

#### Panelists:

1. Mr. Hamid Rashid, Chief Global Economic Monitoring, UNDEA
2. Hon'ble Kinley Wangchuk, National Assembly
3. Mr. Rikesh Gurung, Managing Director of The Green Road & President of Bhutan Association of Entrepreneurs
4. Ms. Tshering Dema, Deputy CEO, RENEW Microfinance Pvt. Ltd
5. Ms. Rinzin Dema, lecturer, Sherubtse College, Kanglung
6. Mr. Gopal Giri, Director, Macroeconomics, Research and Statistics, RMA

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The Bhutan Democracy forum will bring together citizens from diverse professional backgrounds into a conversation to share views and suggestions to revive the economy whilst also contributing to the factors of inclusive policy and inclusive growth.

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