



BARSHA SHRESTHA

Business Head

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- With more than 3 decades of experience in the banking and finance industry, Ms. Barsha Shrestha currently leads ICRA Nepal as the Business Head since 2018. She started her banking career at Nabil Bank Limited (1984- 2008) and left as Head-Privilege Banking. She joined Clean Energy Development Bank Limited (CEDBL) in 2008 as the first woman General Manager in the private banking sector and she left as Deputy CEO in 2015. She successfully enrolled CEDBL as a member of Global Alliance for Banking on Values in 2013, the first and only bank from Nepal to do so.
- For her consistent efforts and work, Ms. Shrestha was awarded with ‘National Woman Award 2009’ by the Civil Voice for Peace and Development, and ‘Woman Manager Recognition Award 2010’ by the Management Association of Nepal (MAN). Among numerous other awards, ‘SMS Achiever’s Award 2011’ and ‘SMS Achiever’s Award 2019’, by Association of St. Mary’s Alumnae Nepal for her contributions in “empowering women in Nepal” are a few notables.
- She serves as a board member in institutions such as Asian Network for Sustainable Agriculture Bio- resource Nepal (ANSAB), IDEA Studio Nepal, Nepal Ambulance Service (NAS), Karnali Basin Conservation Foundation (KBCF). She is a Treasurer of Governing Council of Institute for Integrated Development Studies (IIDS) and board adviser in Nepal Institute for Policy Research. She is also, a National Council, Member of Confederation of Nepalese Industries (CNI), Board Director of Kathmandu Institute of Children Health (KIOCH)
- Amongst numerous other summits and events, Ms. Shrestha was a speaker at ‘Fair Banking Guide’ held in Utrecht, the Netherlands. She was also a speaker/panelist in various programs organized by Alternative Energy Promotion Center (AEPC), Center for Rural Technology Nepal (CRTN), World Bank, and Asian Development Bank (ADB) on topics related to renewable energy, and other topics in Confederation of Nepalese Industries (CNI), Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FNCCI) etc.

- A few other career highlights include serving as a panelist in Nepal Infrastructure Summit 2014 and 2017 and, DPG round table discussion on Advancing BBIN (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, and Nepal) sub regional Cooperation held in Kolkata and Kathmandu during 2017. She has also served as a Jury member in various events, namely, “Miss Nepal, 1999”, “New Biz Conclave Business Excellence and Award, 2016”, “Standard Chartered New Biz Business Women Entrepreneur Summit and Awards, 2021 and 2022”, “Awards for Corporate Excellence 2021 and Awards for Distinguished Services 2021.”
- Also served as a Panelist in some talk programme/interactions – “Kitab Jatra 2021”,
- “Management Association Nepal, -CEO Conference 2022 on Re-engineering Management: survival, revival and growth”
- “The Association of Chartered Accountants of Nepal 2022-National Conference on Sustainable Economic Development”
- “Make in Nepal, Swadeshi Summit 2022-Attracting FDI to increase production,”
- “Birat Expo 2022, Chamber of Industries Morang,”
- “Women in Energy Sector in Nepal, Jan 2023”, IPPAN
- Judge-SAFA Elocution -2022, 13th Feb 2023, ICAN
- National Banking Institute Nepal- "Developing Women Leadership in Financial Sectors of Nepal- 2023" for 27th April 2023
- Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES). Style and Type of Leadership 23rd May 2023
- Has travelled to 21 different countries around the globe and gained experience/ knowledge of diversified culture and their progress.
- Ms. Shrestha has also undertaken the role as trainer for providing excellent customer service to enhance banking values and the practice of good governance in various institutions.

