

Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear colleagues and friends,

I am very happy to invite you to the

KOFF NEPAL ROUNDTABLE

Date: Wednesday, 4 November 2009, from 14h15 to 17h30

Location: swisspeace, Sonnenbergstrasse 17, Bern

Special Guest: Tulsi Bhandari, Filmmaker, Development Practitioner, Social Worker

Topic: Beneath Everest, Nepal Reborn (documentary)

Filmed over four years during the climax of Nepal's armed conflict, 'Beneath Everest' explores some of the striking but largely overshadowed voices and grassroots realities of Nepal's decade long Maoist' insurgency. Questioning the use and continuation of 'violence' and challenging its justifications, the film takes a critical approach to Nepal's insurgency, its historic transitions and citizens' struggle for peace, justice and an inclusive democracy. 'Beneath Everest, Nepal Reborn' has just been nominated for a prestigious award at Germany's second biggest documentary festival in Kassel. (For a short trailer of the film visit: www.beneath-everest.com).

I am delighted to make with Tulsi and all of you this visual trip to Nepal. We will see the beauty of the country and its generous people, colors, emotions, fears, injustice, hopes, rights and aspirations of the Nepali people during the armed conflict, the authoritarian political regime and the current, difficult times of transition. 'Beneath Everest, Nepal Reborn' will inspire us to discuss, after the documentary, some of the main challenges in the present, such as: Where are the peace dividends? Why does all this continuous political turmoil happen? Are the root causes of the armed conflict addressed? To what extent are the villagers included in the political, societal, economical and cultural debates?

Don't miss 'Beneath Everest, Nepal Reborn'. Tulsi and I very much look forward to welcoming you at swisspeace. Finally, I encourage you to share this invitation within your organization and with other persons who might be interested. For organizational reasons, I kindly invite you to confirm your participation to: marcel.vonarx@swisspeace.ch

Best regards

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