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Strategic Planning to strengthen Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN)

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Urbanization Trend in Nepal

	1971	1991	2001	2016 Estimated	2025 Estimated
No. of Municipality	16	33	58		
Urban population	462,000	1,693,000	3,300,000	6,600,000	
% of total population	4.1	9.1	15		50
Urban population growth rate	3.23%	5.89%	6.91%		

This urbanization trend is the highest among all of the SAARC countries.



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MuAN in BRIEF

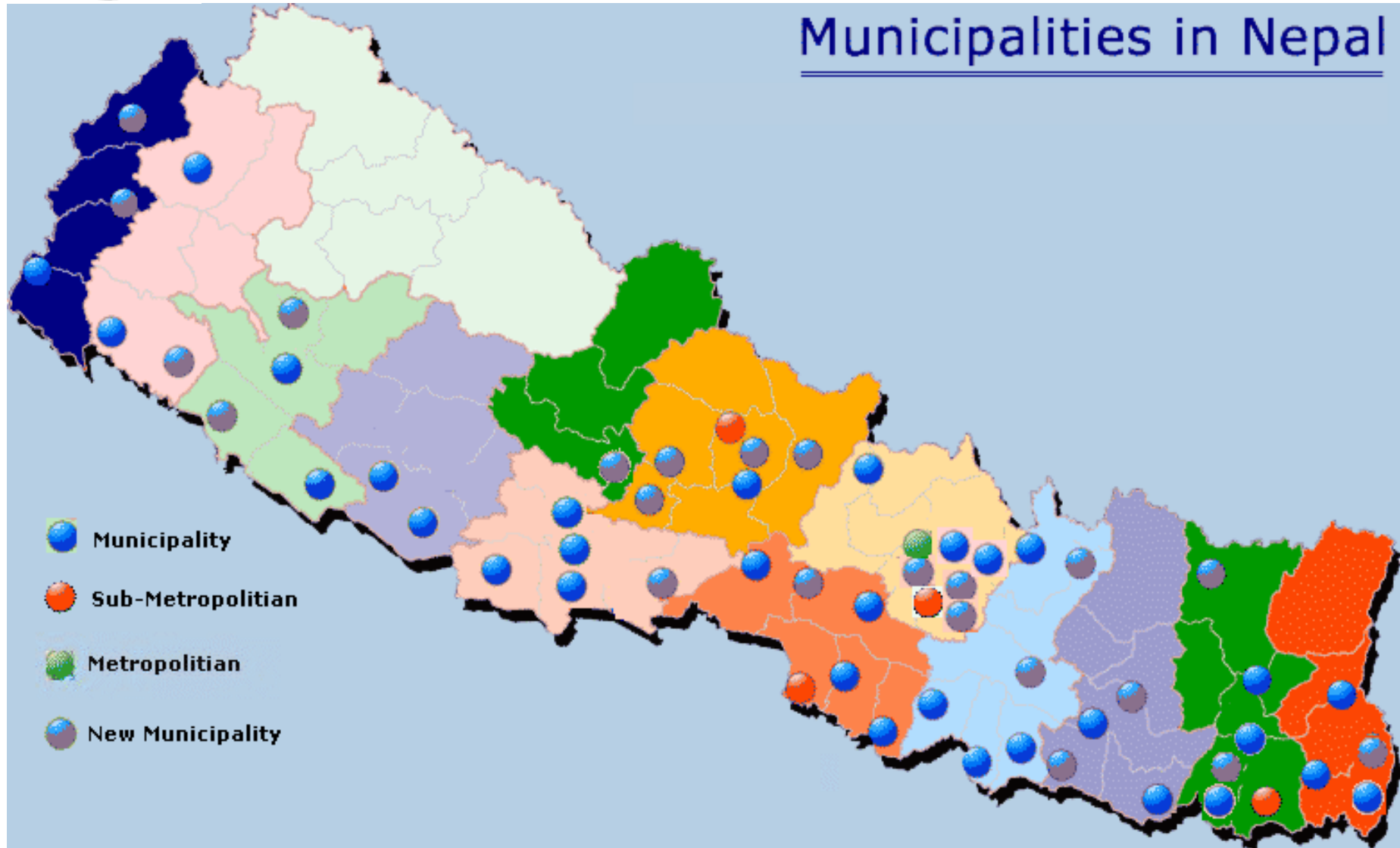
- Established in 1994 through a Convention of Mayors & Deputy-Mayors
- All 58 municipalities (including 1 metro, 4 sub-metropolis) are members
- 21 working committee members, 7 secretariat members
- Secretariat office is located in Kathmandu with 14 staff



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Municipalities in Nepal





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Strategic Objectives

- ❑ **At the local government level** - *empowering agent amongst municipalities*
- ❑ **At the central level** - *negotiating partner for lobbying & advocating for local self-governance*
- ❑ **At the international level** - *networking with other municipal associations and regional partners.*



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Major Functions of MuAN

- Advocacy & Lobbying

- Technical & Advisory Support
 - Municipal Resource Mobilization
 - Municipal HRD

- Networking & Coordinator



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SWOT Analysis of MuAN

STRENGTHS

- **Committed leadership & Staff**
- **Increasing Partnership Programs**
- **Strong institutional set up**
- **Good recognition by national/international level**
- **Central govt. providing block grant to MuAN (21,000 USD per annum)**

WEAKNESSES

- **Lack of elected representatives**
- **Inadequate membership fee (70% due collection currently)**
- **Inadequate professional staff**
- **Unrealistic financial planning**

OPPORTUNITIES

- **Trust of the stakeholders**
- **International support for CB & other programs**
- **LGCDP, basket fund 5.6 million USD for LGAs)**
- **Central govt. seeking policy advice**

THREATS

- **Unstable political situation**
- **Uncertainty of local elections**
- **Rural centric national plans and policies (PRSP & 11th National Plan)**
- **Unclear urban policy & conflict between ministries (MLD & MPPW)**



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Strengthening MuAN: Some Strategies

- **Continuous pressure for local election through various ways**
- **Advocate for constitutional guaranty of local govt. and LGAs**
- **Lobby for creating an Urban Development Ministry in Nepal**
- **Municipal Need Assessment Survey followed by a comprehensive plan to support municipalities**
- **Launching capacity building programs in association with VNG International for MuAN & municipalities**
- **Enhance capacity of MuAN and municipal staff in association with CITYNET, UNHABITAT, UNESCAP, LOGOTRI etc.**



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LGA Co-operation

- **Regional cooperation & partnership among LGAs i.e. launching campaign on combating with climate change**
- **Help each other in the venture of localizing MDGs**
- **Exchange of successful practices and sharing of experiences**
- **Technical & advisory supports from each others**
- **Collective advocacy and lobby program for common interest of local govt. in South Asia & Asia pacific (SAARC, ASEAN)**



Let's Enjoy LGA Cooperation to Strengthen our Associations !



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