

DEUBA, Arzu Rana (Nepal)

Current employment and position/title:

Parliament and Constituent Assembly of Nepal, Member of Parliament of Nepal and Member of Parliamentary Committee on Natural Resources

Experience in fields of concern to IUCN:

Dr Rana-Deuba has been active in the field of environment as an activist and social scientist since the early 1990s when she worked for IUCN. In the current first term as IUCN Regional Councillor, Dr Rana-Deuba serves as Chair of the Gender and Biodiversity Task Force (GBTFF) of the IUCN Council as well as member of the Steering Committee of the Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy (CEESP) and Co-chair of the Theme on Environment, Conflict and Security (TECS). She also serves on the Bureau of the IUCN Council. She represented IUCN as keynote speaker at the IUCN-PATA Asia Pacific Conference in 2009 and also as Keynote Speaker on the Himalayas at a Mountain Conference organized in Munich, Germany by ICIMOD and its partners in 2010.

Within Nepal, Dr Rana-Deuba has been pursuing the demarcation of a large tract of land as natural reserve. As a member of the Parliamentary Committee on Natural Resources, she has been active in providing directives to the Government of Nepal in keeping with its national and international commitments for nature conservation.

On the international front, she has used her expertise in the field of gender and social issues to interface with environmental issues. Dr Rana-Deuba has become an active member of the Global Gender and Climate Alliance (GGCA) to campaign for mainstreaming gender issues within the UNFCCC.

Particular qualifications to be a Regional Councillor:

As a current Regional Councillor of South and East Asia, she hopes to be able to represent Members effectively with her long experience and expertise in the area of social sciences and her commitment to IUCN's cause. She has been committed and has tried to further the commitments all of us made at the WCC in Barcelona. These are very challenging times for the issues we all hold close to our heart but the small steps we all take together are sure to make a difference in the longer journey. IUCN is poised to take global leadership in a number of these issue areas and the composition of the IUCN Council as always will remain a vital element in that success. In this context she may serve IUCN more effectively from the learning of the first term.

She can also offer her candidacy as a woman representative to the Council as there is need to make women's voices heard more equitably at the decision-making level.

Despite her engagement in Nepal as a Member of Parliament, she has devoted her time and energies to IUCN as per IUCN's rules and requirements of IUCN Councillors. She would be able to serve IUCN's purpose even more effectively.