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Swarnim Waglé is a Member of the National Planning Commission (NPC) in the Government of Nepal ranked at par with an assistant minister. In his portfolio covering macroeconomics, trade and industry, he leads and advises the formulation of national development plans, policies and strategies. In the aftermath of the Great Nepal Earthquake 2015, Waglé co-led the preparation of the Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA). He has also led official Nepali delegations to landmark international events, including the Third UN Conference on Financing for Development.

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