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Himalayan University Consortium

Building Academic Leadership for Mountains and People

Who we are

The Himalayan University Consortium (HUC) is a network of universities and research think tanks in the Hindu Kush Himalaya (HKH).





Our core values

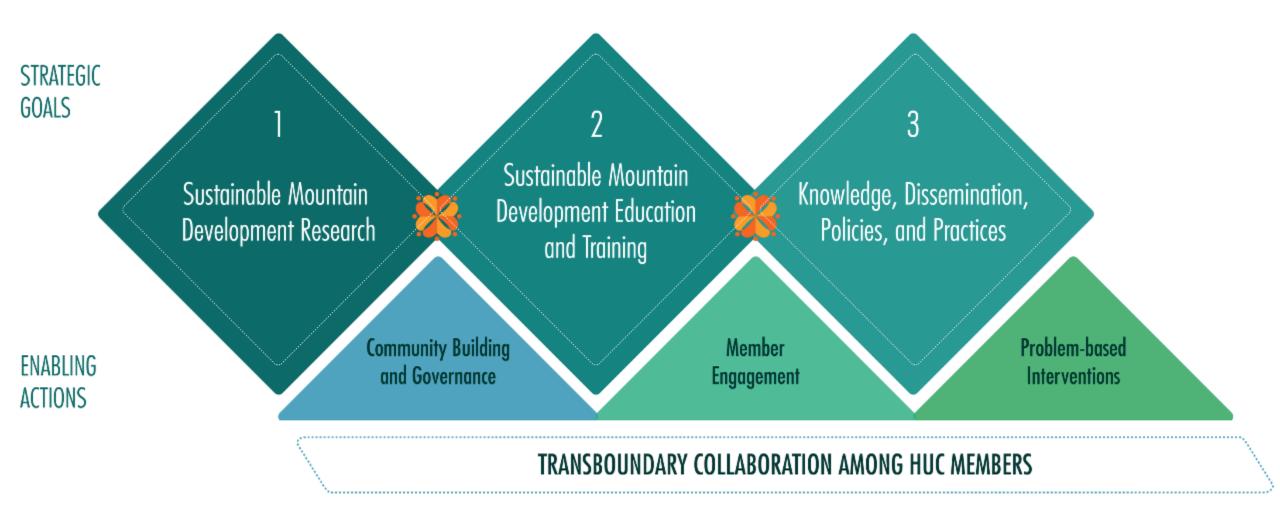
- Mountain focus
- Transdisciplinarity
- Diversity
- Shared leadership







Strategic Goals and Enabling Actions







What we do

• Support sustainable, fair, and inclusive mountain development in communities of the HKH and the adjoining lowlands

• Contribute to global knowledge through collaborative research, education, and training



How we do it

• Encourage and facilitate mountain-specific research, education, outreach, and practice

• Develop and share responsive and transdisciplinary knowledge on mountain research

• Promote collaboration in research and training among members, countries, and regions

• Build a new generation of transformational leaders committed to advancing HKH-specific research and innovative policy solutions

• Serve as an effective and holistic voice for mountain development and research



Thematic Working Groups

TWGs are self-organizing, memberled clusters of scholars sharing similar research and education interests, operating on resource-pooling basis.



HUC Thematic Working Groups

Currently Active

- Climate change
- Disaster risk reduction and resilience
- Mountain heritage and tourism
- Trans-Himalayan environmental humanities
- Water

Pipeline/ Inactive

- Cryosphere and society
- Energy
- Mountain foods and nutritional security
- Air pollution and health
- Genetic biodiversity
- Forests, wildlife and rangelands
- Human mobility
- Livelihoods and poverty reduction

Sustainable Mountain Education Task Force

Aims to promote mountain-focused, Hindu Kush Himalaya-specific research and higher education

- Mountain focus;
- Inter- and Trans-disciplinarity
- Field Research;

Leadership.

Create a new generation of transformational leaders who are

- Committed to mountain research,
- Capable of producing consequential knowledge,
- Proficient in generating innovative policies, and
- Conscious of environmentally responsible business practices to address HKH mountain challenges with transboundary solutions.

HUC Academy

- Flagship annual intensive programme of the Consortium,
- Provides cross-disciplinary scholarship opportunities to young researchers.

Targeted Participants

- PhD/doctoral scholars and MSc/ MA/MEng students and initial career faculty members from those HKH countries conducting research and training on the issues.
 Women and members of under
 - represented communities
- 22 participants selected from 8 HKH countries

Thank You!



