

Cooperation for Building Resilient Mountain Communities

Date: **Tuesday, 14 November 2017**Time: **13:30–14:20**Venue: **German Pavilion, COP23 Bonn, Germany**

FOR MOUNTAINS AND PEOPLE



Rural mountain communities in the Hindu Kush Himalaya (HKH) are going to be disproportionately affected by climate change. It is now well understood that poverty and persistent inequality are the most salient of the conditions that shape climate-related vulnerability causing the impacts to be substantial, especially for mountain regions.

This side event with panelists consisting of ministers from the HKH region and developed countries will highlight the role of cooperation in mitigating to and adapting to climate change. Hosted by the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), the event intends to bring together leading expert institutions and relevant government organizations working in the field of climate change from around the world to share their understanding of mountain issues and their experiences, based on cooperation within the framework of the Paris Agreement.

The Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB) has assisted HKH regional member countries in developing capacity for resilience building in ecosystem based adaptation, mitigation, and REDD+. This high-level side event intends to highlight the role mountain people can play in mitigating and adapting to climate change as well as the impacts of climate change on mountain areas. The event will not only highlight the commitment of mountain regions towards the implementation of the Paris Agreement but also provide an opportunity to demonstrate examples of successes on the ground. Furthermore, participants will discuss a pathway for regional cooperation for building lasting resilience in the mountain regions of the HKH.

TIME	ACTIVITY
13:30–13:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome remarks and setting the stage – David Molden, Director General, ICIMOD (3 min) - Keynote Speech – Partnership for implementing the Paris Agreement – HE Barbara Hendricks, Minister for Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB), Germany (5 min) - Transboundary cooperation for building resilience in mountain communities—a vision for the HKH region – David Molden, Director General, ICIMOD (3 min)
13:40–14:15	<p>Remarks from ICIMOD Regional Member countries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HE Anwar Hossain Manju, Minister for Environment and Forests, Government of Bangladesh (5 min) (tbc) - HE Mushahidullah Khan, Minister for Climate Change, Government of Pakistan (5 min) (tbc) - Dasho Chenko Norbu, Secretary for National Environment Commission, Government of Bhutan (5 min) - Shri Chandra Kishore Mishra, Secretary for Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India (5 min) - Bishwa Nath Oli, Secretary for Ministry of Population and Environment, Government of Nepal (5 min) - Qingchen Chao, Professor Deputy Director General, National Climate Center China Meteorological Administration (5 min)
14:15–14:20	<p>Key policy message: Eklabya Sharma, Deputy Director General ICIMOD (5 min)</p>