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1. Background

Established in 1983 in Nepal, the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) is a regional knowledge development and learning centre serving the eight regional member countries of the Hindu Kush Himalayas (HKH) — Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar, Nepal, and Pakistan. Globalization and climate change have an increasing influence on the stability of fragile mountain ecosystems and the livelihoods of mountain people. ICIMOD aims to assist mountain people in understanding these changes, adapting to them, and making the most of new opportunities while addressing upstream-downstream issues. The centre supports regional, transboundary programmes through partnerships with institutions in the HKH and beyond, facilitates the exchange of experiences, and serves as a regional knowledge hub. ICIMOD strengthens networking among regional and global centres of excellence. As an intergovernmental organization, ICIMOD works to develop an economically and environmentally sound mountain ecosystem to improve the living standards of mountain populations and to sustain vital ecosystem services for the billions of people living downstream – now, and for the future.

ICIMOD aims to deliver impacts through its six regional programmes in a wide variety of partnerships. Knowledge Management and Communication (KMC) underpins all of our programmes and themes for effective outreach and communications. The thematic areas of Livelihoods, Ecosystem Services, Water and Air, and Geospatial Solutions work to advance science quality with cross-cutting strategic institutional functions on gender, governance and socioeconomic analysis. The centre’s regional programmes house different initiatives that implement various activities with partners in India.

India is a founding member of ICIMOD, along with seven other member states. India contributes core support to ICIMOD. The Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) is the nodal ministry for ICIMOD in India. The GB Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Development (GBPIHED), under the MoEF&CC, is ICIMOD’s focal institution in India, serving as the lead institution for facilitating and coordinating ICIMOD’s activities in India. The incumbent secretary of the MoEF&CC formally represents the Government of India on the ICIMOD Board of Governors.

ICIMOD is working together with partners in India in the areas of sustainable mountain development in alignment with the priorities of the Government of India. ICIMOD's partners in India include government agencies, development organizations, research and academic institutions, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector. In India, ICIMOD works with more than ten strategic and policy partners, 40 implementation partners, and numerous knowledge and network partners to achieve the centre's objectives.

2. India-ICIMOD Week 2015

Coinciding with International Mountain Day 2015, MoEF&CC, in close collaboration with GBPIHED and ICIMOD are organizing India-ICIMOD Partnership Week from 11–15 December at the MoEF&CC premises, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi. The programme will comprise of several activities that showcase ICIMOD's engagement in India through partnerships, exploring and seeking convergence with ongoing national programs, a soft launch of Climate + Change exhibition and a display diverse products from the mountain states of India.

ICIMOD's engagement in India will better profile partners' work, provide opportunities for networking with a range of stakeholders, including private sector and policy makers. It also provides an opportunity of convergence with national programmes and their missions as well as policy dialogue around key issues. The entire programme is designed to celebrate International Mountain Day 2015 on 11 December, and concludes on 15 December with the Hon'ble Minister of MoEF&CC and other senior officials of MoEF&CC and related ministries.

3. Objectives

India-ICIMOD Partnership Week 2015 is being organized with five main objectives:

- a) To provide a platform for mutual learning, sharing, and networking opportunities among national partners and to strengthen ICIMOD's engagement in India for joint programme development and synergy aligning with national priorities

- b) To launch Climate+Change Indian Himalayan Region: Our Mountains, Our Future, an innovative, exhibition initiative that aims to foster a 'climate smart community' across the Indian Himalayan region and beyond
- c) To strengthen ICIMOD's engagement and enhance partnerships with the joint efforts of ICIMOD's partners in India by organizing regional programme-specific technical sessions and interactive display of ICIMOD's partner's activities
- d) To provide a unique opportunity to showcase mountain products from ICIMOD's partners and other organizations of the Himalayan states of India
- e) To explore and seek convergence with ongoing national programmes and opportunities for engagement with policy uptake

4. Target Audience

The target audience includes ICIMOD's current and potential partner institutions in India, government agencies, academic and research institutions, international development organizations, local non-governmental and community organizations, diplomats, representatives of the private sector, and students of schools and colleges.

5. Venue

Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CCM),
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan (IPB), Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi

6. Overall Programme

Date	Time	Activity	Coordinated by	Venue
11 December Friday	9:00–9:30	Registration	ICIMOD, GBPIHED	Ganga Auditorium, MoEF&CC
	9:30–10:30	Inaugural session of India-ICIMOD Partnership Week 2015 – Welcome and opening remarks, <i>GBPIHED</i> and <i>ICIMOD</i> – Keynote address – Closing remarks, <i>MoEF&CC</i>	MoEF&CC, ICIMOD, GBPIHED	Ganga Auditorium, MoEF&CC
	10:30–11:00	Opening of the Climate+Change (C+C) exhibition, Partners Pavilion, and Mountain Products Pavilion Tour of the exhibit	MoEF&CC, ICIMOD, GBPIHED, Center for Environment Education (CEE)	The exhibit will be in the atrium, and the pavilions will be on the lawn. All will remain open from 11–15 December
	11:00–11:30	<i>Tea break</i>		
	11:30–14:00	India-ICIMOD Partnership – Technical Session 1 Transboundary Landscapes	ICIMOD, GBPIHED	Brahmaputra Conference Hall, MoEF&CC
	14:00–14:45	Lunch		
	14:45–17:30	India-ICIMOD Partnership – Technical Session 2 Managing Change: Strengthening skill development for promotion of mountain goods and services	ICIMOD and partners	Brahmaputra Conference Hall, MoEF&CC

Date	Time	Activity	Coordinated by	Venue
12 December Saturday	9:30–17:30	Workshop on the C+C Initiative: Forward planning for 2016-2017 and exhibition activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – C+C initiative workshop – Activities: Educational content for school children and teacher interaction programmes – C+C Exhibition, Partners Pavilion, and Mountain Products Pavilion 	ICIMOD, CEE, and partners	Brahmaputra Conference Hall, MoEF&CC Exhibition will remain open
13 December Sunday				
14 December Monday	9:30–11:30	India-ICIMOD Partnership – Technical Session 3 Mountain Water Security: Availability and access under changing biophysical and socioeconomic conditions	ICIMOD and partners	Brahmaputra Conference Hall, MoEF&CC
	11:30–13:30	<i>Lunch</i>		
	13:30–15:00	India-ICIMOD Partnership – Technical Session 4 Changing Atmosphere and Cryosphere: Impacts and responses	ICIMOD and partners	Brahmaputra Conference Hall, MoEF&CC
	15:00–15:30	<i>Tea break</i>		
	15:30–17:00	India-ICIMOD Partnership – Technical Session 5 Partnerships for Regional Spatial Data Infrastructure	ICIMOD and partners	Brahmaputra Conference Hall, MoEF&CC

Date	Time	Activity	Coordinated by	Venue
15 December Tuesday	9:30–11:00	India-ICIMOD Partnership – Panel Discussion	MoEF&CC, GBPIHED, and ICIMOD	Brahmaputra Conference Hall, MoEF&CC
	11:00–11:30	<i>Tea break</i>		
	11:30–13:00	India-ICIMOD Partnership – Enhancing Private Sector Engagement for Sustainable Mountain Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – ‘Opportunities for Businesses in Sustainable Mountain Development’, Ministry of Skill Development, India – ‘Opportunities for CSR’, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, India – ‘ICIMOD’s Approach to Engaging the Private Sector’, ICIMOD – Engaging with the Private Sector for Sustainable Development, World Business Council for Sustainable Development – ‘Building Bridges between the Corporate Sector and the Development Sector’, moderated discussion and interaction among representatives of the private sector – Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Reuters Market Light, Geospatial Media & Communications, Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd, The Hans Foundation 	MoEF&CC, GBPIHED, and ICIMOD	
	13:00–14:45	<i>Lunch</i>		

Date	Time	Activity	Coordinated by	Venue
		Indian Himalayan Region (IHR) – The Way Forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Welcome of the chief guest and dignitaries – About India-ICIMOD Week, GBPIHED – Key Messages, ICIMOD – Strengthening Partnerships and Collaboration in the IHR, ICIMOD – Remarks by the Secretary, MoEF&CC – Speech by the Hon’ble Minister, MoEF&CC 	MoEF&CC	Ganga Auditorium Atrium
	15:30–16:00	Soft Launch of ‘Climate+Change: Our Mountains, Our Future’ in the presence of Hon’ble Members of Parliament from Himalayan States <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Welcome – Introduction – About the C+C initiative, ICIMOD – Reaching out to people in the IHR through the C+C initiative, MoEF&CC – Speech and soft launch of the initiative, Hon’ble Minister, MoEF&CC – Tour of exhibition <p>Tea break</p>	Team C+C	Brahmaputra Conference Hall, MoEF&CC
	16:00–18:00	Second meet of Hon’ble Members of Parliament from the Himalayan States	MoEF&CC	
	18:00 onwards	<i>High Tea</i>		

7. Inaugural Session

The first day of India-ICIMOD Partnership Week will begin with an inaugural session in the Ganga Auditorium with remarks from representatives of organizers of the event. The keynote address is titled 'Our Mountains, Our Future'. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the entrance of the Ganga Auditorium.

Agenda: 9:30 – 10:30

Welcome

Opening remarks

- Dr PP Dhyani, Director, GBPIHED
- Mr Basanta Shrestha, Director of Strategic Cooperation, ICIMOD
- Dr Eklabya Sharma, Director of Programme Operations, ICIMOD

Keynote address

- 'Our Mountains, Our Future' – Prof. J Bandyopadhyay, Jawaharlal, Nehru University

Closing remarks

- Dr SS Negi, Director General of Forests and Special Secretary, MoEF&CC
- Mr Hem Pande, Special Secretary, MoEF&CC

8. Technical Sessions

Technical Session 1: **Transboundary Landscapes**

Friday, 11 December

Background

As problems and the quest for solutions to mitigate climate change and contemporary challenges of inadequate natural resource governance, poverty, inequity and skewed socioeconomic development impacts in a globalized world gain attention, cooperation transcending national boundaries and upstream-downstream delineations becomes increasingly important. To ensure benefits of integrated ecosystem management at a scale to reach people and sustain ecosystem services, the 'landscape approach'¹ is increasingly being applied.

¹ Landscapes approach (cited from GLF): Farms, forests, water bodies and settlements are not isolated elements but part of a wider landscape in which all land uses are integrated. A landscapes approach entails viewing and managing multiple land uses in an integrated manner, considering both the natural environment and the human systems that depend on it. The landscapes approach allows stakeholders to identify policy options, investment opportunities and research priorities.

To test and harness the potential of transboundary cooperation, several such initiatives are underway worldwide, including in the fragile landscape of the Hindu Kush Himalayas. Studies show that as long as we adhere to some basic principles, we can strike a balance between conservation and development while meeting land use demands such as agriculture and infrastructure development.

Objectives

- Participants understand the significance of transboundary cooperation in natural resource management in a rapidly changing policy and practice context in the Indian Himalayan Region (IHR) and the HKH.
- Improve understanding of the potential of the landscape approach in addressing drivers of change led through policy-science-practice interface for the welfare of people and the ecosystems on which they depend.
- Profiling learning from the transboundary landscape approach within regional and global natural resource policy and governance contexts (SAARC, CBD, UNFCCC, UNCCD)

Session outline

11:30 – 14:00

Seeking the connect to the sacred Himalayas

- Setting the contours, Dr PP Dhyani, GBPIHED
- Presentation, Dr Rajan Kotru, ICIMOD
(General presentation on transboundary landscape cooperation in sustainable natural resource management and its harmonization with country perspectives for the Indian Himalayan region, ICIMOD and GBPIHED (20 min))

Anchoring tools, techniques, and outcomes

Conceptual and practical learning from partners

- Mr Ranbeer Rawal, GBPIHED (7 min)
- Dr SP Singh, Central Himalayan Environment Association (7 min)
- Dr VB Mathur, Director Wildlife Institute of India (7 min)
- Dr Rakesh Shah, Chairperson State Biodiversity Board, Uttarakhand (7 min)
- Dr GS Goraya, Deputy Director General ICFRE/Dr TP Singh, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (7 min)
- Mr DVS Khatri, Chief Wildlife Warden Uttarakhand Forest Department, (7 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Bracing for the future: From the heart for the Himalayas

Analytical discourse with panelists for national/state policy and practice uptake
(5 min for each panelist and interaction with audience)

Chair: Hem Pande, Special Secretary, MoEF&CC

- Dr Vinod Ranjan, ADG, Wildlife, MoEFCC
- Mr Deepak Sanan Additional Chief Secretary and Secretary Forest and Science and Technology Himachal Pradesh
- State Representative Arunachal Pradesh (tbc)
- Mr Sanjay Aggarwal, Clover Organic
- Dr Rajeev Kumar Center for Policy Research

Discussion (30 min)

Technical Session 2

Managing Change – Strengthening Skill Development for the Promotion of Mountain Goods and Services

Friday, 11 December

Background

The sessions on adaptation to change propose to provide (a) an overview of risks and vulnerabilities in the IHR arising from climate change, based on results of qualitative and quantitative assessments conducted by AdaptHimal and HICAP, followed by brief presentations on ICIMOD interventions addressing risks and vulnerabilities arising from floods as well as a process framework on information flow to enhance the responsiveness of local agencies to community needs; (b) showcase ICIMOD support interventions to enhance adaptive capacities through value chain development and skill enhancement aimed at increasing the long-term resilience of the mountain communities. Finally, the session will provide an interface between partners representing community producer groups and the private sector which aims to contribute towards strengthening of private sector engagement for promotion of mountain goods and services, and, through this, ultimately enhancing the resilience of mountain communities.

Objectives

- Highlighting risks and vulnerabilities from climate change, ICIMOD interventions

- Highlight the critical importance of strengthening skills of mountain communities, especially women and youth for enhancing adaptive capacities to manage change
- Showcase approaches and initiatives taken by partners and ICIMOD from across the IHR
- Facilitate a business promotion dialogue and marketplace between mountain producer groups and the private sector to promote mountain products

Session Outline

14:45 – 17:30

Reducing risks and vulnerabilities: ICIMOD initiatives in Indian Himalayas (1:15 mins)

Risks and vulnerabilities: Results of ICIMOD assessments

- Adaptation to Change Regional Programme team (15 min)

Presentation from ICIMOD partner(s) on Responding to Floods in Assam

- Dr Partha Jyoti Das, Aaranayak
- Mr Kamal Kishore, National Disaster Management Authority
- Dr Arabinda Mishra, ICIMOD
- Mr H Dattatreya, Institute of Integrated Resource Management, Assam

Open discussion

Strengthening skill development for the promotion of mountain goods and services

Setting the tone: Why is skill development for the promotion of mountain goods and services essential for enhancing adaptive capacities of mountain communities?

Presentation by Adaptation to Change Regional Programme team (15 min)

Strengthening skill development for the promotion of mountain goods and services (60 min)

- Mr K Hrishikesh Singh, North Eastern Region Community Resource Management Project (10 min)
- Mr Rajeev Singhal, Ultrakhand Grameen Bikash Samiti (10 min)
- Mr Mahendra Singh Kunwar, Himalayan Action Research Center (10 min)
- Mr Kalyan Paul, Grassroots (10 min)
- Presentation from Department of Skill Development (tbc) (10 min)

Technical Session 3

Mountain Water Security: Availability and Access under Changing Biophysical and Socioeconomic Conditions

Monday, 14 December

Background

The Hindu Kush Himalayan (HKH) region is a vast complex of high mountains, valleys, and plains that produces one of the world's largest renewable supplies of fresh water vital for the survival and wellbeing of billions of people and precious ecosystems that stretch beyond the HKH region. With poverty affecting large portion of the region's growing population, pressure on water resources will increase in terms of water demand for food, ecosystem services, and energy. Climate change is one of the most critical global challenges of our time. The potential impacts of climate change, evolving cryosphere dynamics and impacts of disasters are also critical concerns. Countries in the HKH region have a history of devastating earthquakes, floods, flash floods, landslides, droughts, and cyclones that have caused economic and human losses. The increasing frequency of floods in this region cause greater and longer-lasting damage to infrastructure and livelihoods. India's National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) is targeted towards mitigating and adapting to climate through its eight national missions.

Objectives

- Increase awareness among Indian policy and decision makers and scientists on the River Basins Regional Programme of ICIMOD and its integrated approach to water resources management with upstream-downstream perspectives.
- Obtain better understanding on how ICIMOD can support India's efforts towards sustainable water resource management and implementation of NAPCC missions.

Session outline

09:30 – 11:30

Introduction to ICIMOD's River Basins Regional Programme

Speed talks

- Dr A Prakash, (ICIMOD) (5 min)
- Dr S Wahid, (ICIMOD) (5 min)
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Partner presentations

- Spring and springshed management, Dr Sandeep Tambe, IIFM
Mr. Ghanshyam Sharma, TMI (15 min)
- Flood and flash flood management, Mr. Rajiv Sinha, IIT-Kanpur (15 min)
- Energy in the mountains, Mr. Arun Kumar, IIT-Roorkee (15 min)

Panel discussion (60 min)

Moderator: David Molden, ICIMOD

- Dr Anil Sinha, Bihar State Disaster Management Authority
- Mr Shashi Shekhar, Secretary Ministry of Water Resources
- Dr Sandeep Dave, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India
- Mr Rajiv Seth, Teri University
- Dr Rajesh Thadani, Himmothan-Tata Trust
- Dr B.P.Bhatt, ICAR
- Dr Manoj Panda, IEG

Discussions

Technical Session 4

Changing Atmosphere and Cryosphere – Impacts and Responses

Monday, 14 December

Background

Climate change has become a major issue in the Hindu Kush-Himalayan (HKH) region. There is increasing evidence of rising temperatures, changes in precipitation patterns, and snowfall causing impacts on the cryosphere (glaciers, snow cover and permafrost). Changes in the cryosphere can result in changes in the hydrological regime, including floods and flash floods such as glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs), and can impact mountain agriculture and other sources of livelihood. The impacts of changes in cryosphere dynamics in the mountains of

the region can propagate further down to the plains. Increasing greenhouse gas (GHG) concentration in the atmosphere is mainly responsible for the changing climate in the HKH region. However, recent studies point to the fact that a large part of the observed change in the region's climate is being driven by the presence of aerosols containing black carbon known as short lived climate pollutants. Understanding cryosphere and atmospheric changes and planning actions to reduce their impact requires multi-level, multi-institutional efforts and regional collaboration in developing scientific understanding and experiences.

Objectives

- Increase awareness among Indian policy and decision makers and scientists on ICIMOD's Cryosphere and Atmosphere Regional Programme and its regional approach to knowledge generation and supporting mitigation and management efforts
- Better understanding of key scientific knowledge gaps and priority research areas

Session outline

13:30 – 15:00

Introduction to ICIMOD's Cryosphere and Atmosphere Programme

Speed talks

- Dr Pradeep Mool, ICIMOD (5 min)
- Dr Arnico Panday, ICIMOD (5 min)

Partner presentations (30 min)

- Dr Vinayak Sinha, Indian Institute of Science, Education and Research
- Mr Shresth Tayal, TERI

Panel discussion (50 min)

Moderator: Eklabya Sharma, ICIMOD

- Dr LS Rathore, Director General, India Meteorological Department
- Dr Chandra Venkataraman, IIT-Bombay
- Dr SN Tripathi, IIT-Kanpur
- Dr Anil K Gupta, Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology
- Dr S Suresh Babu, Vikram Sarabhai Space Center
- Dr Akhilesh K Gupta, Advisor, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India

Discussion

Technical Session 5

Partnerships for Regional Spatial Data Infrastructure

Monday, 14 December

Background

The Hindu Kush Himalayan region is witnessing rapid environmental and societal changes exerting pressure on mountain ecosystems and challenging sustainable development. Reliable and timely environmental and societal information is critical for improved understanding of the status, changes, and interlinkages of change in the HKH region. Innovations on Earth observation and geospatial technologies allow us to capture, synthesize, visualize, and communicate an unprecedented amount of data and information from remote and inaccessible mountain areas. As a regional knowledge enabling and learning centre, ICIMOD through its Mountain Environment Regional Information System (MENRIS) programme has been promoting the application of Earth observation and geospatial technologies with a special mountain focus. There has been increasing recognition of the role of geospatial information to support decision making for sustainable development in a host of areas, ranging from natural resource management and infrastructure planning to socioeconomic applications.

Objectives

- Increase awareness among Indian policy makers, decision makers and scientists on ICIMOD's MENRIS Regional Programme and its approach to applying Earth observation and geospatial technologies to support evidence-based mountain development policies and practices by countries in the HKH region.
- Improve understanding of key priorities for facilitating data generation and use
- Identify prospective collaborations for developing joint initiatives to address mountain concerns and achieve the realization of regional spatial data infrastructures

Session outline

15:30 – 17:30

Bridging data and information in the Hindu Kush Himalayan region

Speed talks

- Introduction to MENRIS and the SERVIR-Himalaya Initiative, Dr MSR Murthy, ICIMOD (10 min)
- Introduction to Regional Database Initiative, Mr Sudip Pradhan, ICIMOD (5 min)

Partner presentations

- Spatial data infrastructure, Ms Anamika Das, Geospatial Media (15 min)
- Satellite-based regional ecosystem monitoring, Dr C Jeganathan, Birla Institute of Technology (15 min)

Panel discussion (45 min)

Moderator: Mr Basanta Shrestha, ICIMOD

- Dr LS Rathore, DG, Indian Meteorology Department (tbc)
- Dr Anmol Kumar, Director General Forest Survey of India
- Dr VK Dadhwal, Director National Remote Sensing Center
- Dr A Senthil Kumar, Indian Institute of Remote Sensing
- Mr Sanjay Kumar, Geospatial Media
- Mr PLN Raju, In-charge North Eastern Space Applications Centre

Discussion

9. India-ICIMOD Partnership Panel Discussion

Tuesday, 15 December

Background

ICIMOD recognizes its nature as a partnership organization. In order to fulfil its mandate, enhance technical outreach, improve science quality, enhance impact, and build a regional constituency for sustainable mountain development, ICIMOD has been working with and through an extended and diversified network of partner organizations in its regional member countries. Together with partners, ICIMOD is committed to bringing about transformative change in the region by improving the environmental conditions and livelihoods of both mountain and downstream communities.

ICIMOD is working together with various partners in India in the areas of sustainable mountain development aligning with the priorities of the

Government of India. ICIMOD's partner institutes in India include government agencies, development organizations, research and academic institutions, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector. In India, ICIMOD works with more than ten strategic and policy partners, about 40 implementation partners, and numerous knowledge and network partners to achieve its objectives.

On the final day of ICIMOD-India week, a panel discussion on India-ICIMOD partnerships is being organized to provide a platform for interactive discussion and deliberations.

Objectives

- To highlight the current India-ICIMOD partnerships and ways to enhance the partnerships
- To strengthen ICIMOD's engagement through joint programme development and synergy aligning with national priorities for policy uptake
- To explore and seek emerging partnership opportunities for upscaling through sustainable business solutions with the private sector.

Session outline

9:30 – 11:00

Panel discussion (30 min)

Moderated by Dr Eklabya Sharma, ICIMOD

Highlights of India-ICIMOD Partnerships, Mr Basanta Shrestha, ICIMOD

- Dr P P Dhyani, Director GBPIHED
- Dr Ranjini Warriar, Adviser MOEF&CC
- Dr David Molden, DG, ICIMOD

Moderated discussion (45 min)

Discussion and summary (15 min)

10. India-ICIMOD Partnership: Enhancing Private Sector Engagement for Sustainable Mountain Development

Monday, 15 December

Background

The private sector is an important development partner for achieving impact, yet effective means of engagement must be found. Innovative business solutions are critical for sustainable and resilient mountain development. There is increasing recognition of the need to build bridges between development actors and the private sector through effective partnerships. The overarching purpose of the session is to create a platform for dialogue on strengthening win-win partnerships towards sustainable mountain development in India.

Objectives

- Leverage and position the strengths of the private sector and ICIMOD towards fostering meaningful engagement for partnerships
- Promote and stimulate private sector interest and involvement for sustainable business solutions in the Indian Himalayan region
- Identify areas of mutual interest between the private sector and ICIMOD and explore areas of engagement and collaboration

11:30 – 13:30

Speakers (45 min)

Opening

- Opportunities for businesses in sustainable mountain development, Ms Jyotana Stiling, Joint Secretary Ministry of Skill Development, India
- Opportunities for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Ministry of Corporate Affairs, India
- ICIMOD's approach towards engaging the private sector, Mr Basanta Shrestha, ICIMOD
- Engaging with the private sector for sustainable development, Ms Deepa Maggo, World Business Council for Sustainable Development

Moderated discussion on "Building Bridges between the Corporate and Development Sectors

- Representatives of the private sector (30 min.): FICCI, Reuters Market Light, Geospatial Media & Communications, Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd, The Hans Foundation

Open discussion (30 min)

Discussion summary (15 min)

11. Special Session: Indian Himalayan Region – The Way Forward

Monday, 15 December

Background

With an overall aim of seeking programmatic convergence and synergy between ICIMOD programmes and national priorities and policy uptake as well as to seek partnership opportunities for upscaling sustainable business solutions, the session will have following specific objectives:

Objectives

- Provide feedback on the overall programme from 11 to 15 December
- Share key messages from different technical sessions held during India-ICIMOD Partnership Week
- Soft launch of Climate+Change: Our Mountains, Our Future initiative
- Seek the way forward for synergy, convergence, and upscaling of outcomes for strengthening sustainable development in Indian Himalayan region.

Session outline

14:45 – 15.30

Indian Himalayan Region – The Way Forward

- Welcome of the Chief Guest and Dignitaries
- About India-ICIMOD Partnership Week, Dr PP Dhyani, Director GBPIHD
- Key messages, Mr BMS Rathore, Chief Policy Adviser, ICIMOD
- Strengthening partnerships and collaboration in the IHR, Dr David Molden, Director General ICIMOD
- Remarks by the Secretary, Mr Ashok Lavasa, Secretary MoEF&CC
- Speech by the Hon'ble Minister, MoEF&CC

15.30–16.00

Soft Launch of 'Climate+Change: Our Mountains, Our Future' in the presence of Hon'ble Members of Parliament from Himalayan States

- Welcome
- A brief introduction – 2 minute film
- About the initiative, Dr David Molden, DG, ICIMOD
- Reaching out to people in IHR through the C+C initiative, Mr Hem Pande, Special Secretary MOEF&CC
- Speech and soft launch of the C+C initiative, Hon'ble Minister of MoEF&CC
- Tour of exhibition and tea

16.00–18.00

Second meet of Parliamentarians from the Himalayan States

Chaired by the Hon'ble Minister of MoEF&CC ; Facilitated by MOEF&CC and GBPIHD



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