

Agenda

DAY 1: Opening ceremony of the Hindu Kush Himalaya Science-Policy Forum

13 November 2018, ICIMOD Main Conference Hall, Annex Building

Host: Naina Shakya, Partnership and Private Sector Specialist, ICIMOD

16:00	Lighting of panas by Shakti Bahadur Basnet, Minister of Forests and Environment, Government of Nepal
16:05	Welcome by David Molden, Director General, ICIMOD - Key findings of Hindu Kush Himalayan Assessment Report and the HKH Science-Policy Forum
16:25	Welcome address by Biswaha Nath Oli, Secretary, Ministry of Forest and Environment, Government of Nepal
16:35	Introduction of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Capacity for the Himalayas (REEECH) by Martin Ledolter, Managing Director, Austrian Development Agency (ADA)
16:45	Opening remarks by high-level dignitaries from ICIMOD Regional Member Countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar, Pakistan
17:25	Briefing on the HKH Call to Action by Eklabya Sharma, Deputy Director General, ICIMOD
17:35	Presentation of the HKH Assessment Report Chapter Briefs by Philippus Wester, Regional Programme Manager, Mountain Knowledge and Action Networks, ICIMOD
17:40	Address by the Chief Guest: Shakti Bahadur Basnet, Minister of Forests and Environment, Government of Nepal
17:50	Vote of thanks by Basanta Shrestha, Director of Strategic Cooperation, ICIMOD
17:55	Group photo
18:00	HKH Assessment chapters poster exhibit
18:30	End of ceremony followed by a reception

Opening remarks by high-level dignitaries from HKH countries

Hashmatullah Ghafoori

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock, Government of Afghanistan

Manik Lal Banik

Additional Secretary, Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs, Government of Bangladesh

Dasho Tenzin Dhendup

His Majesty's Secretariat, Tashichho Dzong Gardens, Government of Bhutan

Yanfen Wang

Vice President, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, Government of China

V K Saraswat

Member, National Institute for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog, Government of India

San Oo

Deputy Director General, Environmental Conservation Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Government of Myanmar

Mohammad Shahid

Chairperson, Community of Evaluators, Pakistan

Day 2: Hindu Kush Himalaya Science-Policy Forum

14 November 2018, ICIMOD Main Conference Hall, Annex Building

09:00-10:30

Session 1 – Key findings of the HKH Assessment

Facilitator: Eklabya Sharma, Deputy Director General, ICIMOD

- Presentation on key findings of the HKH Assessment
- Philippus Wester, Regional Programme Manager, Mountain Knowledge and Action Networks, ICIMOD (30 minutes)
- In-depth Interactions on the HKH Assessment chapter posters with the chapter coordinators (60 minutes)

10:30-11:00

Tea break

11:00-12:30

Session 2 – The HKH Call to Action: Achieving the nine mountain priorities

Facilitator: Philippus Wester, Regional Programme Manager, Mountain Knowledge and Action Networks, ICIMOD

Presentation on the HKH Call to Action: Achieving the nine mountain priorities (30 minutes)

- Arabinda Mishra, Theme Leader Livelihoods, ICIMOD
- Aditi Mukherji, Theme Leader Water and Air, ICIMOD and
- Arun B. Shrestha, Regional Programme Manager, River Basins and Cryosphere
- Facilitated group discussions on the nine mountain priorities (30 minutes)
- Plenary (30 minutes)

12:30-13:30

Lunch break

13:30-15:00

Session 3: The HKH Call to Action: Six key actions

Facilitator: Aditi Mukherji, Theme Leader Water and Air, ICIMOD

- Presentation on the six key actions
Eklabya Sharma, Deputy Director General, ICIMOD (30 minutes)
- Breakout groups deliberate on the six key actions (30 minutes)
- Plenary (30 minutes)

15:00-15:30

Tea break

15:30-17:00

Session 4: A roadmap for more robust regional cooperation to sustain mountain environments and livelihoods in the Hindu Kush Himalaya

Facilitator: Brij Rathore, Chief Policy Advisor, ICIMOD

Learning from other regions: Presentations on the Alpine Convention and the Arctic Council
(30 minutes)

- **Silvia Jost**
Head of International Cooperation, Swiss Federal Office for Spatial Development, Government of Switzerland
- **Lars-Otto Reiersen**
Senior Advisor to the Rector of the University of Tromsø, the Arctic University of Norway and Former Executive Director, Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme (AMAP)

Panel discussion on a roadmap for more robust regional cooperation (60 minutes)

- **Moderated by David Molden**, DG ICIMOD (with audience interaction)
- **V K Saraswat**, Member, National Institute for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog, India
- **Nisar A Memon**, Chairman, Water Environment Forum, Pakistan
- **Wu Ning**, Director General, Chengdu Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China
- **Mohammad Rafi Qazizada**, Director General, Natural Resource Management Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation & Livestock, Afghanistan
- **Debra Tan, Director**, China Water Risk, China

17:00-18:00

Concluding session

Chair: Margaret Catley-Carlson, Chair, ICIMOD Programme Advisory Committee

Closing remarks by high-level dignitaries from ICIMOD's Regional Member Countries (5 minutes each)

- **Mohammad Rafi Qazizada**, Director General, Natural Resource Management; Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation & Livestock, Government of Afghanistan
- **Mashfee Binte Shams**, Ambassador, Embassy of Bangladesh in Nepal, Government of Bangladesh
- **Dasho Tenzin Dendup**, His Majesty's Secretariat, Tashichho Dzong Gardens, Government of Bhutan
- **Yanfen Wang**, Vice President, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, China
- **RS Rawal**, Director, GB Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and Sustainable Development, India
- **San Oo**, Deputy Director General, Environmental Conservation Department, Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry, Government of Myanmar
- **Ijaz Shafi Gilani**, Chairman, Gallup, Pakistan

Closing remarks (5 minutes each)

- **Peter Budd**, Ambassador, Embassy of Australia in Nepal, Government of Australia, and Chair ICIMOD Support Group
- **Shakti Bahadur Basnet**, Minister of Forest and Environment, Government of Nepal
- **David Molden**, Director General, ICIMOD