

Solutions to scale up climate action in the Hindu Kush Himalaya

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Hall 8, Cryosphere Pavilion
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14:30–16:00

An event organized by the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) at COP25 as part of the Hindu Kush Himalaya Focus Day on 11 December

Objective

This interactive session will provide a platform for the dissemination of high-impact solutions that can deliver climate action in the Hindu Kush Himalayan (HKH) region at the speed and scale necessary.

Context

The need for ambitious climate action in the HKH is urgent. Stretching across the mountain regions of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar, Nepal, and Pakistan, the region provides essential ecosystem services that support 1.9 billion people.

A 1.5°C world will result in the loss of one-third of the HKH region's glacier volume by the end of the century. At current emission trends, two-thirds of glacier volume will be lost. An increase in temperature along with greater climate variability and extreme weather events will have adverse impacts on mountain livelihoods and economy.

Ambitious climate action plans to address these impacts need to be reflected in the Nationally Determined Contributions that will be presented by countries next year. Ways to deliver these actions at speed and scale need to be promoted.

Agenda

Time	Programme
14:30–14:50	<p>Overview of the HKH region, climate impacts, and solutions</p> <p>Nanki Kaur, Regional Programme Manager – Adaptation and Resilience Building International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)</p> <p>Climate action through the Paris Agreement</p> <p>Tenzin Wangmo, Head, Climate Change Division National Environment Commission Bhutan, and Co-chair Least Developed Countries Group</p> <p>Policy landscape for adaptation action in the HKH</p> <p>Michal Nachmany, Policy Fellow Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, London School of Economics</p> <p>Discussion</p>
14:50–15:20	<p>Evidence and networks for climate action</p> <p>Santiago Alba-Corral, Interim Director Agriculture and Environment, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)</p> <p>Renewable energy and energy-efficient solutions for climate action</p> <p>Gurbuz Gonul, Director, Country Support and Partnerships International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)</p> <p>Nature-based solutions for climate action</p> <p>Manohara Khadka, Country Representative – Nepal International Water Management Institute (IWMI)</p> <p>Seed and food systems</p> <p>Yiching Song, Centre for Agricultural Policy, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)</p> <p>Discussion</p>
15:20–15:40	<p>Local networks for climate action</p> <p>Aisha Khan, Chief Executive, Civil Society Coalition for Climate Change (CSCCC), Pakistan</p> <p>Climate finance</p> <p>Clare Shakya, Director, Climate Change Group International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)</p> <p>Discussion</p>
15:40–16:00	<p>Loss and damage</p> <p>Fahad Saeed, Regional Climate Scientist, Climate Analytics</p> <p>Regional collaboration</p> <p>Brij Rathore, Chief Policy Adviser, ICIMOD</p> <p>Discussion and wrap up</p>

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