Objectives of the meeting and overview of the last RSC meeting
The Journey

2012: UIIB Monitoring Working Group (MWG) formed by national and international partners for “Building Resilience to Climate Change Impacts on Water Resources of the UIB.”

2014: A group of government, non-government, and international experts visit Gilgit-Baltistan. Based on field observations, six TWGs are formed, and the MWG renamed as the Upper Indus Basin Network (UIBN).

2017: UIBN begins collaboration with the Indus Forum and co-organizes international events like the Indus Basin Knowledge Forum (IBKF).

2019: UIBN governance framework is agreed on. The network and each of the country chapters start discussions on Theory of Change frameworks. India and China country chapter formed.

2018: UIBN members decide to expand the network to all basin countries and establish country chapters in Afghanistan and Pakistan.
Collaborative and multidisciplinary research focused on thematic topics

Development of climate profile of the IB region using standard methods

Strong communication between TWGs

Support to young scientists and young career professionals

Documentation and joint knowledge products

Clear timeline and strategy for working group activities

Training offerings and seeking by the UIBN member countries

Theory of Change

2nd RSC
26–27 August 2019
Follow up from last RSC

Prepare the advisors ToR
The RUAM will be held in the second half of January 2020 in Kabul or Kunming
Transfer of UIBN Chair to Afghanistan
An event brief is to be issued about the RSC-UIBN
Develop a climate profile of the region by adopting a uniform method. Start with small documentation (with contribution by all), followed by ambitious collaboration within and among countries.
Joint research: Impact of climate change on water resources
An “UIBN Book” is to be prepared by ICIMOD in order to consolidate the network’s vision, mission, and the key progress.

- ToR prepared shared and finalized
- Could not happen due to COVID 19 pandemic
- Pending
- Prepared and shared
- Pending
- CN prepared and to be present in this RSC
- Discussed within the Secretariat, proposal is to go for a journal article, TBD in this RSC
Objectives

Maintain the momentum
Assess country chapters’ progress
Share recent updates on scientific findings in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic related to the upper Indus basin
Set strategic guidelines for the UIBN to function through its country chapters at the national and regional levels
Discuss on the follow-up points from last RSC
Decide the next RUAM’s outline, date, and venue

Ladakh - Gligit Baltistan joint Study
Thank you