Kailash CAFE: Sharing knowledge of a sacred landscape

The Kailash Consortium of Academics and Researchers for Experience-sharing

20–23 April 2021 | Microsoft Teams

Background

The Kailash Sacred Landscape Conservation and Development Initiative (KSLCDI) promotes transboundary cooperation and sustainable development in the Kailash landscape. This landscape is spread over 31,000 sq.km across parts of China, India, and Nepal, around the sacred Mt Kailash.

KSLCDI is currently in its second phase of implementation with a focus on three components: 1) transboundary cooperation, 2) ecosystems management at scale, and 3) resilient livelihoods.

The Kailash CAFE

The COVID-19 pandemic has proven that physical distancing is no obstacle to interacting – exchange of information and ideas can be effectively achieved through digital platforms. These innovative platforms are low-cost, time saving, and have a low carbon footprint.

The Kailash Consortium of Academics and Researchers for Experience-sharing (Kailash CAFE) is a digital platform that will bring together researchers working across multiple disciplines within the Kailash Sacred Landscape. It will

provide them an opportunity to share their findings with peers and other interested stakeholders, exchange ideas and methodologies, and explore research collaboration and networking opportunities. Researchers will also be able to assess ongoing research in the landscape, avoid duplication, and explore possibilities for joint research.

Objectives

The Kailash CAFE 2021 aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Share knowledge, research findings, and expertise
- Establish a platform for people-to-people exchange
- Identify regional research gaps to determine areas for future interventions

Research sites

The Kailash CAFE is open to all researchers working in the Kailash Sacred Landscape. Research can be conducted in the landscape as an entity, or a combination of the following sites: Pulan County in the Tibet Autonomous Region of China, Pithoragarh District in Uttarakhand State, India, and Baitadi, Bajhang, Darchula and Humla districts of Nepal.

Expected outputs

Bringing together individuals conducting a variety of research in the landscape, Kailash CAFE 2021 is expected to:

- Increase understanding of the diversity of research conducted in the landscape
- Foster research collaboration among academics and researchers
- Publish a special issue of research papers from the landscape
- Organize annual editions of the Kailash CAFÉ for sharing of research findings and experiences

The research can collectively be applied for the preparation of relevant policy briefs to influence the sphere of policy, while also affect actions on the ground and hence influence the sphere of practice.

Timeline

19 February 2021	Call for abstracts for oral and poster presentations
19 March 2021	Deadline for abstract submission
29 March 2021	Notice of abstract acceptance
09 April 2021	Registration deadline for Kailash CAFE
20-23 April 2021:	Kailash CAFE operation
31 May 2021	Deadline for full paper submission

Agenda (Tentative)

20-23 April 2021. All timestamps are in Nepal Standard Time (NPT, UTC+05:45)

(Tuesday and Thursday morning + Wednesday and Friday afternoon)

Day 1 – Tuesday, 20 April 2021 (10:00–12:30)

Time	Programme
10:00–11:00	Kailash CAFE opening
11:00–12:15	**Session I: Landscapes, biodiversity, and ecosystem services** 3 presentations (15 minutes each) Q&A session Closing by session moderator

12:15–12:30	Menu for Day 2
12:30	CAFE closes for the day

Day 2 – Wednesday, 21 April 2021 (14:00–17:00)

14:00	Kailash CAFE re-opens
14:10–15:25	**Session II: Sustainable livelihoods** 3 presentations of (15 minutes each) Q&A session Closing by session moderator
15:25–15:40	Coffee break
15:40–16:40	**Session III: Poster sessions** In breakout rooms
16:40–17:00	Feedback on Days 1 & 2 Menu for Day 3
17:00	CAFE closes for the day

Day 3 – Thursday, 22 April 2021 (10:00–12:30)

10:00	Kailash CAFE reopens
10:10–11:25	**Session IV: Climate change and adaptation** 3 presentations (15 minutes each) Q&A session Closing by session moderator
11:25–11:35	Coffee break
11:35–12:50	**Session V: Culture and heritage** 3 presentations (15 minutes each) Q&A session Closing by session moderator
12:50–13:00	Feedback on Day 3 Menu for Day 4
13:00	CAFE closes for the day

Day 4 – Friday, 23 April 2021 (14:00–16:30)

14:00	Kailash CAFE re-opens
14:10–15:25	**Session VI: Gender and governance** 3 presentations (15 minutes each) Q&A session Closing by session moderator
15:25–15:40	*Coffee break*
15:40–16:30	Closing remarks