SOTEN article on UIBN
Status update

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Background/status

RSC August 2019: proposal to publish a book on UIBN to consolidate the network’s vision, mission, and the key progress it has made thus far.

An outline of book is to be presented at the RUAM in January 2020

RSC June 2020

- Start with an article on article in journal
- Share the outline with the RSC

Shared the outline on 20 July

July-Dec: content developed, shared for inputs and feedback

January final draft prepared and language edit done

Finalisation and submission – next week
Experiences from developing a science-based policy network for the Upper Indus Basin

Introduction
Relevance of a Knowledge Network for regional cooperation
The context of the Upper Indus Basin
Evolution of the network
Network achievements
Conclusion and Way forward
Acknowledgements
Major content

Introduction

- Messerli and Ives (1989) – need for flexible and responsive policy process
- Role of science diplomacy – parallel with Antarctic and Arctic agreements

Relevance of knowledge network

- What is a knowledge network?
- Example of knowledge networks in the region and outside
- Example of Arctic Council
- ICIMOD’s experience with other networks

Context of UIB

- Biophysical and socioeconomic context
- Gap in scientific understand
- Vicious circle
A group of government, non-government and international experts visited Gilgit-Baltistan. Based on field observations the experts formed six TWGs and renamed the MWG as the Upper Indus Basin Network (UIBN). UIBN members decided to expand UIBN to all the riparian countries including Afghanistan, China, India and Pakistan through their country chapters. Endorsement of the new governance framework with regional and country structure January 2019 till date.
Network achievements

Operational mechanism
Common platforms at the country level
Common vision at regional level (ToC)
Pathways to regional cooperation
Trust building and collaboration
Conclusion and way forward

Sustainability

Potentials

Policy advocacy and government support

Partnership and capacity building

Outreach and knowledge generation

Representing in international fora