WEBINAR

Financing sustainable mountain tourism
Towards innovative financial solutions for green, inclusive, and resilient tourism

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10:00–15:00 Nepal Standard Time
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Context

How mountain communities and enterprises manage risk?

How banks and financial institutions seek innovative financial solutions for a greener, inclusive, resilient and sustainable tourism?

What are the impacts of climate change and COVID-19 on mountain tourism, challenges, and opportunities in the region?
The Hindu Kush Karakoram Pamir Landscape (HKPL) Initiative is a transboundary initiative implemented by the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD). It aims to promote conservation and development in the landscape with particular emphasis on biodiversity conservation, ecosystem restoration, and regional cooperation.
A transboundary landscape

The Hindu Kush Karakoram Pamir Landscape is a highly fragile alpine ecosystem at the junction of three mountain ranges – the Karakoram, the Hindu Kush, and the Himalaya – along the China–Pakistan–Afghanistan–Tajikistan border area.
Socio-ecological treasure

The landscape supports a striking mosaic of plant communities, including different species of medicinal and endemic plants. The landscape is also home to a considerable number of globally threatened mammal species.

Key habitat for flagship species
- Snow leopard and Marco Polo sheep

Endemic species
- Astragalus chitraniensis
- Gallonia chitraniensis
- Betula schugnanica

5 Important Bird Areas

611 bird species in Protected Areas
- Broghil National Park: 87
- Khunjerab National Park: 45
- Qurumbar National Park: 82
- Taxkorgan Nature Reserve: 157
- Wakhan National Park: 183
- Zorkul National Reserve: 57

1 MILLION
people live in the Hindu Kush Karakoram Pamir Landscape and its adjacent areas
Objectives & expectations

Rich exchanges and cross-learning of ideas, experiences, challenges, and opportunities for tourism tailored financial and policy solutions

Enhance understanding of the impacts of climate change and COVID-19 on mountain tourism, challenges, and opportunities in the region

Enhance collaborations and partnerships for sustainable mountain tourism and financial solutions

Agreed way forward actions