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Reducing emissions from the informal sector: Brick kilns in South Asia

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About the event

ICIMOD – in collaboration with the Climate & Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) and as lead partner of the CCAC’s Bricks Production Initiative – has been working towards mitigating black carbon and CO₂ emissions from brick production in the Hindu Kush Himalayan (HKH) region and South Asia. This collaboration aims to support informed strategies at the public policy level that catalyse the reduction of emissions and widespread regional adaptation of cost-effective and scalable technologies.

This event aims to provide national governments and decision-makers with an overview of existing clean and socially inclusive solutions in the brick sector. Participants will share the significant improvements made by the brick industries in South Asia and the HKH region. This dialogue will help establish a comprehensive understanding of the brick sector’s contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals and Nationally Determined Contributions.

Agenda

Time (Egypt)	Programme
Moderator: Mohammad Rabi Qazizada , Programme Officer, ICIMOD	
16:00–16:05	Opening remarks – Arun Bhakta Shrestha , Regional Programme Manager, River Basins and Cryosphere, ICIMOD
16:05–16:10	Overview of the brick sector in the HKH region – Bidya Banmali Pradhan , Regional Programme Manager, ICIMOD (joining online)
16:10–16:15	Remarks – Martina Otto , Head, CCAC Secretariat
16:15–16:20	Remarks – Pema Gyamtsho , Director General, ICIMOD (recorded message)
16:20–16:35	Introductory remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP)• Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Climate Change, India• Ministry of Climate Change, Pakistan
16:35–16:55	Remarks by representatives of brick kiln associations Transformation of the brick industry: Status, challenges, and opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asadur Rahman Khan, Bangladesh• Ashok Kumar Tiwari, India• Mahendra Bahadur Chitrakar, Nepal• Abdul Haq, Pakistan
16:55–17:00	Screening of a documentary on the brick sector
17:00–17:20	Remarks from government representatives Current policies on emission reduction and the need for investment and reformed brick industries <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Syed Nazmul Ahsan, Director, Air Quality, Department of Environment, Bangladesh• Jatinder Kaur Arora, Executive Director, Punjab State Council for Science & Technology• Ministry of Forest and Environment, Nepal• Ministry of Climate Change, Pakistan
17:20–17:25	The way forward: Future scope for a cleaner brick industry in South Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Catalina Etcheverry, Programme Manager, CCAC (joining online)• Bidya Banmali Pradhan, Regional Programme Manager, Atmosphere, ICIMOD (joining online)
17:25–17:30	Closing remarks – Deepshikha Sharma , Climate and Environment Specialist, ICIMOD

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