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# Integrated river basin management in the Hindu Kush Himalaya

9 November 2022 | 16:00–17:30 Egypt time | Cryosphere Pavilion, COP27 Blue Zone

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## Background

The Australian Water Partnership (AWP) and ICIMOD have partnered to strengthen cooperation between Australia and countries of the Hindu Kush Himalayan (HKH) region on river basin governance through two initiatives:

- **Elevating river basin governance in the HKH region:** This initiative is preparing focused basin reports on three river basins – Indus, Ganges, and Brahmaputra – to provide recommendations for elevating river basin governance in the HKH.
- **Integrated river basin management (IRBM) training:** This initiative is building the capacity of professionals on IRBM to improve understanding of river systems from an integrated perspective and address challenges, especially those related to climate change.

This session aims to highlight the importance of transboundary river basin management through these initiatives and will also include the screening of a short video on integrated river basin management for water, energy, food, and ecosystem security.

## Agenda

Time (Egypt)	Programme
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Moderator: **Arun Bhakta Shrestha**, Regional Programme Manager, River Basins and Cryosphere, ICIMOD

Session Chair: **K.P. Oli**, Chairperson, National Trust for Nature Conservation (NTNC)

16:00–16:05	Opening remarks – <b>Lucia Gamarra</b> , Senior Partnerships and Impact Officer, AWP
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16:05–16:10	Setting the context – <b>Arun Bhakta Shrestha</b> , ICIMOD
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16:10–16:15	Short video screening on Adapting to climate impact in the Himalayan river basins
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16:15–17:10	Panel discussion
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- **Aisha Khan**, Chief Executive, Civil Society Coalition for Climate Change, Pakistan
- **Nameeta Prasad**, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, India
- **Kewal Prasad Bhandari**, Secretary, National Planning Commission, Nepal

Q&A

17:10–17:20	Closing remarks – <b>K.P. Oli</b> , Chairperson, National Trust for Nature Conservation (NTNC)
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17:20–17:30	Vote of thanks – <b>Arun Bhakta Shrestha</b> , ICIMOD
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