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Investment for better climate action: Building synergies and partnerships for a resilient Hindu Kush Himalaya

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Event focus

The eight Hindu Kush Himalayan (HKH) countries signed a [Ministerial Declaration](#) and launched the [HKH Call to Action](#) during the landmark 2020 [HKH Ministerial Mountain Summit](#). This declaration focused on sustaining mountain environments and improving livelihoods in the HKH, a region particularly vulnerable to climate change impacts. The historic agreement highlights the need for regional collaboration and ambitious climate action to limit global warming to 1.5 °C and adapt to climate change impacts.

- 5 Following up on the conceptual introduction of the Mountains of Opportunity Investment Framework (MOIF) during COP26 in 2021, this event aims to address the need, challenges, and opportunities for climate and sustainability investments in the HKH region. These discussions will support the further development of the MOIF, bringing together an alliance of knowledge, development, and investor partners working in and for the HKH.

Agenda

Time (Egypt)	Programme
Moderator: Deepshikha Sharma , Climate and Environment Specialist, ICIMOD	
11:30–11:35	Opening remarks – Deepshikha Sharma , ICIMOD
11:35–11:40	Welcome remarks – Arun Bhakta Shrestha , Regional Programme Manager, River Basins and Cryosphere, ICIMOD
11:40–11:50	Screening of a visual story on climate change and mountain regions – Udayan Mishra , Knowledge Management and Networking Officer, ICIMOD
11:50–12:05	Overview of the MOIF – Deepshikha Sharma , Climate and Environment Specialist, ICIMOD
12:05–12:40	Panel discussion: Catalysing investments in climate action projects <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Xiaohong Yang, Chief Thematic Officer, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, Asian Development Bank- John Roome, Regional Director South Asia Sustainable Development/ Tom Kerr, Lead Climate Specialist, South Asia Region, World Bank- Hadi Husani, Director of Strategic Initiatives, AKAH- UNDP SDG Finance (TBC)- UNDP Small Grants Programme (TBC)
12:40–12:45	Closing remarks – Madhav Karky , Climate Change and Environment Advisor to the Prime Minister, Nepal

For further information

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