

4th Regional Annual Meeting and 7th Strategic Committee Meeting of the Upper Indus Basin Network

Agenda

Day 1: 20 December 2023

4th Regional UIBN Annual Meeting

Time	Activity
09:30–10:30	<p>Opening session</p> <p>Welcome remarks – Pema Gyamtsho, Director General, ICIMOD Welcome remarks – Mohammad Naim Eqrar, UIBN RSC Chair Background, objectives, and review (of last meetings) – Arun Bhakta Shrestha, SG1 Lead, ICIMOD</p> <p>Opening remarks – Country chapter advisers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afghanistan – Fayezurahaman Azizi • China – Ni Guangheng, Professor, Tsinghua University, China • India – Anand Kumar Pandey • Pakistan – Ahmad Kamal (TBC)
10:30–10:45	Group photo and tea break
10:45–11:30	<p>Session 1: Country chapter’s experiences, progress, and plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UIBN Afghanistan Chapter – Naim Eqrar, Country Chapter Coordinator • UIBN China Chapter – Shiyin Liu, Institute of International Rivers and Eco-security, Yunnan University, China • UIBN India Chapter – A.P. Dimri, Country Chapter Coordinator • UIBN Pakistan Chapter – Muhammad Ashraf, Country Chapter Coordinator
11:30–12:30	<p>Session 2: Scientific presentations Experiences and new research findings from the Indus Basin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Adnan Ahmad Tahir, COMSAT University, Pakistan, WG 2 member • Presentation by Mahwish Afridi, Hashoo Foundation, Pakistan, WG 6 lead • “The challenge of glacial outburst flood in CPEC under the global warming” – Shangguan Donghui, NIEER-CAS, glacier-related hazards • Presentation by Zhang Yinsheng, ITP-CAS, WG 3 lead, Cryosphere monitoring and modelling • “Understanding and managing hazards and risks” - Chen Ningsheng, IMHE-CAS, WG 5 Lead • “Proposal on collaborative work on developing a gridded dataset for the mountainous part of HKH”, A. P. Dimri, Director, Institute of Geomagnetism

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Asadullah Farahmand, National Water Affairs Regulation Authority (NWARA), Afghanistan
12:30–13:30	Lunch break
13:30–15:00	<p>Session 3: ICIMOD Strategy and Resilient River Basin Intervention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the ICIMOD Strategy and Action Area A – Neera Shrestha Pradhan, AAA Coordinator, ICIMOD • RRB Intervention – Faisal Qamer, RRB Intervention Manager, ICIMOD • SustaIndus – Sanita Dhaubanjari, Hydrologist, Danis Meteorological Society • Proposed projects for NSFC with ICIMOD in Indus Basin – Rongkun Liu, Indus Koshi China Focal Point, ICIMOD • Learning from UIBN for establishing Brahmaputra Basin Network
15:00–15:20	Tea break
15:20–16:00	Closing and way forward

Day 2: December 21, 2023

7th Regional Strategic Committee Meeting

Time (in NPT)	Activity
9:30–10:00	Registration
10:00–10:30	<p>Opening session</p> <p>Recap of the decisions and actions of last RSC meeting – Arun Bhakta Shrestha, ICIMOD</p> <p>Remarks: Basin-scale cooperation in context of climate crisis – Pema Gyamtsho, Director General, ICIMOD</p> <p>The importance of UIBN to promote regional cooperation in the riparian countries – Mohammad Naim Eqrar, UIBN RSC Chair</p> <p>Objectives of meeting</p>
10:30–10:50	<p>Revisiting network and hubs – Rongkun Liu, ICIMOD</p> <p>SWOT analysis guideline - Faisal M. Qamer, ICIMOD</p>
10:50 – 11:00	Tea Break
11:00 – 11:50	<p>SWOT analysis and reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key challenges, gaps, and opportunities to take UIBN forward
11:50 – 12:20	<p>Discussion session</p> <p>Country chapters on respective achievements, challenges and lessons learnt, and possible way out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restructuring TWGs based on past learnings: How can we optimize TWGs effectively? Positioning country chapters as advisory forums: How to contribute to national policies in respective countries?

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensuring sustainability of country chapters: What strategies can make country chapters sustainable?• UIBN's role at country and regional levels: How should UIBN position itself to achieve defined objectives?• Platform's key focus in the next five years: What should be the primary areas of focus for the next five years?• Next RSC meeting and RUAM's agenda: Decide on the next RSC meeting, and discuss RUAM's agenda, dates, and venue.• AOB |
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Transfer of RSC Chair