# REGIONAL CONSULTATION WORKSHOP

**Accelerating locally-led responsible rural tourism entrepreneurship for gender equality and sustainable development in Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, and Nepal**

12 May 2024 | Hotel Himalaya, Kathmandu, Nepal  
**Event moderator: Pinky Singh Rana, ICIMOD**

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| 9:15 – 9:30 | • Welcome remarks:  
- Izabella Koziell – Deputy Director General, ICIMOD  
- Prof. Veena Sikri – Ambassador, Founding Trustee, SWAN  
• Workshop objectives and agenda:  
- Anu Kumari Lama - Tourism Specialist, ICIMOD  
• Remarks:  
- Bangladesh  
- Bhutan  
- India  
- Nepal  
• Group Photo | |
| 9:30 – 10:30 | **Session I: Setting the Context**  
**Responsible Rural Tourism for Gender Equality and Sustainable Development in BBIN:** Anu Kumari Lama  
- Bangladesh  
- Bhutan  
- India  
- Nepal | Facilitated by Pinky Singh Rana, Anu Kumari Lama and Sonam Chuki, Gender Specialist, ICIMOD  
Country-based group work |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | **Session II: Identifying Opportunities**  
**The Responsible Rural Tourism Entrepreneurial Ecosystem for Gender Equality and Sustainable Development in BBIN**  
- Bangladesh  
- Bhutan  
- India  
- Nepal | Facilitated by Pinky Singh Rana  
Country-based group work |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | Tea break | |
| 11:45 – 12:45 | **Session III: Spurring Innovative Partnership and Investment**  
**Accelerating Actions and Partnerships for Co-designing and Co-developing Pilot Intervention:**  
- Bangladesh  
- Bhutan  
- India  
- Nepal | Facilitated by Anu Kumari Lama, Pinky Singh Rana, Sonam Chuki, and Udayan Mishra, Partnerships Specialist  
Country-based group work  
Group lead presents the overall case |
| 12:45 – 13:00 | **Closing session followed by Lunch**  
• Key takeaways and summary – Pinky Singh Rana  
• Next step – Anu Kumari Lama  
• Vote of thanks – Abid Hussain, Action Area Coordinator, ICIMOD | |