

AGENDA

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Enabling resilient and sustainable food systems in the Hindu Kush Himalaya

Day 1 – 06 December 2023

Registration: 8:30 – 9:00

Time (NPT)	Sessions
09:00- 10:30	Opening session Host: Barsha Rani Gurung , Communications Officer, ICIMOD
	Welcome remarks – Pema Gyamtsho , Director General, ICIMOD Formal inauguration by the Chief Guest (Watering the plants): Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Livestock Department Nepal, Bedu Ram Bhusal Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Md. Habibur Rahman Hosaini, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Food, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh▪ Kinlay Tshering, Director General, Department of Agricultural Marketing and Co-operatives, Bhutan▪ Gyan Prakash Upadhyaya, IAS, Cabinet Secretary, Government of Sikkim▪ Yousaf Zafar, Former Chairman, Pakistan Agriculture Research Council, Pakistan▪ Teresa Christina Fogelberg, Chairperson PAC and Vice Chairperson ICIMOD Board of Governors Launch of knowledge products - Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Livestock Department Nepal, Bedu Ram Bhusal and Pema Gyamtsho , Director General, ICIMOD <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Policy brief: Revitalising millets for rural transformation in Nepal▪ Issue brief: Agroecology for climate resilience and agricultural sustainability: A case for western Nepal▪ Relaunch of book: 'Resilient Mountain Solutions' Inaugural address by the Chief Guest , Shri Bedu Ram Bhusal Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Livestock Department Nepal Vote of thanks – Srabani Roy , Strategic Group Lead, Resilient Mountain economies and Landscapes
10:30- 11:00	Tea/coffee and group photo

<p>11:00- 12:30</p>	<p>P1: Mountain food systems in a rapidly changing climate and socio-environmental context</p> <p>Moderator: Nand Kishor Agrawal, Senior Specialist, Adaptation and Green Economies, ICIMOD</p> <p>Session host: Anu Joshi Shrestha, Rural Enterprise and Value Chain Specialist, ICIMOD</p>					
<p>Panellists</p>	<p>Keynote: The state of mountain food systems in changing climatic and non-climatic conditions in the Hindu Kush Himalaya – Abid Hussain, Senior Economist and Food Systems Specialist, Action Area Coordinator, ICIMOD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Md. Habibur Rahman Hosaini, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Food, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh ▪ Ramesh Poudel, Member, National Planning Commission, Nepal ▪ Xuan Li, Senior Policy Officer, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (FAO) (Virtual) ▪ Amina Maharjan, Intervention Manager, Foresight and Policy Options, ICIMOD ▪ Lennart Bage, Member, PAC ICIMOD/Acting Chairperson of SEI, Stockholm Environment Institute 					
<p>12:30 – 13:30</p>	<p>Lunch break</p>					
<p>13:30 – 15:00</p>	<p>TS1: Future-fit solutions to enhance sustainability of food systems</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="410 1003 1432 1845"> <tr> <td data-bbox="410 1003 748 1845"> <p>A: Agroecological and nature positive solutions in food systems</p> <p>Session Chair : Gyan Prakash Upadhyaya, IAS, Cabinet Secretary, Government of Sikkim</p> <p>Session hosts : Kamal Aryal and Binija Nepal</p> <p>Session Hall : Kailash Hall</p> <p>Panelists : Keynote speaker: Nature positive adaptation solutions in the HKH – Surendra Raj Joshi, Head, Living Mountain Lab, ICIMOD</p> </td> <td data-bbox="748 1003 1071 1845"> <p>B. Digital solutions and inclusiveness in food systems</p> <p>Session Chair: Tej Partap, Senior expert, Mountain agriculture, India</p> <p>Session host: Faisal Mueen Qamer</p> <p>Session Hall: Nanda Devi Hall</p> <p>Panelists: Keynote speaker: Digital solutions for resilient food systems – Radip Tandukar, Program Director, Geo Krishi</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1071 1003 1432 1845"> <p>C: Market, value addition and trade of mountain products</p> <p>Session Chair: Renate U. Christ, Member PAC ICIMOD</p> <p>Session hosts: Krishna Dhakal and Kalyan Gauli</p> <p>Session Hall: Kanchenjunga Hall</p> <p>Panelists: Keynote speaker: Opportunities and challenges for green and inclusive mountain enterprises – Anu Joshi Shrestha, ICIMOD</p> </td> </tr> </table>			<p>A: Agroecological and nature positive solutions in food systems</p> <p>Session Chair : Gyan Prakash Upadhyaya, IAS, Cabinet Secretary, Government of Sikkim</p> <p>Session hosts : Kamal Aryal and Binija Nepal</p> <p>Session Hall : Kailash Hall</p> <p>Panelists : Keynote speaker: Nature positive adaptation solutions in the HKH – Surendra Raj Joshi, Head, Living Mountain Lab, ICIMOD</p>	<p>B. Digital solutions and inclusiveness in food systems</p> <p>Session Chair: Tej Partap, Senior expert, Mountain agriculture, India</p> <p>Session host: Faisal Mueen Qamer</p> <p>Session Hall: Nanda Devi Hall</p> <p>Panelists: Keynote speaker: Digital solutions for resilient food systems – Radip Tandukar, Program Director, Geo Krishi</p>	<p>C: Market, value addition and trade of mountain products</p> <p>Session Chair: Renate U. Christ, Member PAC ICIMOD</p> <p>Session hosts: Krishna Dhakal and Kalyan Gauli</p> <p>Session Hall: Kanchenjunga Hall</p> <p>Panelists: Keynote speaker: Opportunities and challenges for green and inclusive mountain enterprises – Anu Joshi Shrestha, ICIMOD</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uttam Babu Shrestha, GIIS, Nepal • Sanjeev Bhuchar, Senior Watershed Management Specialist, ICIMOD • Tulsi Gurung, Associate Professor, Royal University of Bhutan, College of Natural Resources • Bharat Bhandari, Executive Director, LIBIRD • Su Yufang, Head of the Living Mountain Lab, ICIMOD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suman Ghimire, Founder, Seed Innovation- • Mandira Shrestha, Senior Water Resources Specialist, ICIMOD • Sudip Thakuri, Mid-West University, Dean • Aamer Hayat Bhandara, Farmer & Co-founder, Agriculture Republic • Aradhana Gurung, CEO, Impact 447 Pvt. Ltd. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Md. Jahangir Alam, Joint Secretary, Bangladesh, Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs • Pushpa Lal Ghimire, Program Director, ANSAB • Shiva Kumar Shrestha, National Project Manager, UNDP • Yam Kumari Khatiwada, Former Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies, Government of Nepal • Valeria Barchiesi, Project Specialist Mountain Partnership, Rome, Italy
15:00 – 15:20	Tea/coffee break		
15:20 – 15:50	Digital story showcase Two success stories from food systems in the Hindu Kush Himalaya Session host: Barsha Rani Gurung , ICIMOD		
15:50 – 17:20	P2: Integrated approaches and actions for sustainability in food systems Moderator: David Molden , Former Director General, ICIMOD Session Host: Surendra Raj Joshi, ICIMOD Session Hall: Kailash Hall		
Panellists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yamuna Ghale, Research Lead, Nepal Center for Contemporary Research • Golam Rasul, Professor, International University of Business Agriculture and Technology, Bangladesh • Stephen Weiss, Managing Director for Asia, Alliance of biodiversity International and CIAT • Bandana Shakya, Action Area Coordinator, Restoring and Regenerating Landscapes, ICIMOD 		

Day 2 – 07 December 2023

Time (NPT)	Sessions		
9:00 – 9:15	Recap of Day 1 – Abid Hussain , ICIMOD (Kailash Hall)		
9:20 – 10:50	TS2: Enabling environment for green and resilient mountain food system. (Interactive parallel sessions)		
	E. Role of research, policies, and infrastructure for agroecological and	F. Role of public and private sectors in investments and scaling of nature positive approaches	G. Changing consumers' behaviour for agroecological or nature positive products.

	<p>nature positive production</p> <p>Session chair: Srabani Roy, ICIMOD</p> <p>Session hosts: Bandana Shakya and Bibek Sharma</p> <p>Session hall: Kailash</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ingrid Fritsche, Project Manager – Scaling up Agroecology World Future Council • Arjun Shrestha, Dean, Agriculture and Forestry University • Sabnam Shivakoti, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development • Raksha Sharma, Assistant Professor, Far west University • Bal Krishna Joshi, Chief, National Agriculture Genetic Resource Centre (Genebank) 	<p>Session chair: Izhar Hunzai, Head Soni Jawari Centre for Public Policy, GB, Pakistan</p> <p>Session host: Ghulam Ali</p> <p>Session Hall: Nanda Devi</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samir Newa, Managing Director, The organic valley • Rinzin Dorji, Chief Executive, BAIL • Juna Mathema, Chairperson, FNCCI • Sofia Olsson, Country Director, Finn Church Aid • Bhaskar Karki, Resource Economist and Carbon Finance Specialist, ICIMOD 	<p>Session Chair: Manisha Kairaly, Director, Arugu/Timbaktu Collective, India</p> <p>Session hosts: Rajendra Dhakal & Oshin Sharma</p> <p>Session Hall: Kanchenjunga</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jyoti Baniya, Chairperson, Forum for Protection of Consumer Rights • Chubbamenla Jamir, Environment Researcher • Shakeb Nabi, Country Director, Welthungerhilfe • Ram Krishna Shrestha, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Nepal • Aruna Upreti, Executive Director, Rural Health Education Service Trust, Nepal
10:50 – 11:10	Tea/coffee break		

<p>11:10 – 12:40</p>	<p>P3: Futuristic thinking for anticipatory and just adaptation in mountain food systems</p> <p>Session chair: Juergen P. Kropp, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research</p> <p>Session host: Amina Maharjan, ICIMOD</p> <p>Session hall: Kailash</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedro Andres Garzon Delvaux, Food System Policy Economist, Food and Agriculture Organization, Bangladesh • Owan Duncan, Project Leader CSSIA MEA, CIMMYT • Nitya Rao, Professor, University of East Anglia UK • Sabarnee Tuladhar, Research Associate, ICIMOD • Rene Van Berkel, Senior Expert (Circular Economy), Swtich Asia-(Virtual) • Arun GC, Program Specialist, Food and Agriculture Organization Nepal
<p>12:40 – 13:30</p>	<p>Lunch break</p>
<p>13:30 – 15:00</p>	<p>P 4: Regional cooperation for managing risks to food systems in the HKH</p> <p>Chairperson and Moderator: Brij Rathore- Confirmed</p> <p>Session Host: Abid Hussain, ICIMOD</p> <p>Session Hall: Kailash Hall</p>
<p>Panellists</p>	<p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neera Pradhan Shrestha, Senior Water and Adaptation Specialist, Action Area Coordinator, ICIMOD • Pius Rane, Executive Director, North East Society for Agroecology Support • Shiba Satyal Banskota, GESI Lead, ICIMOD • Yousaf Zafar, Senior Advisor, CABI, Pakistan • Prakash C. Tiwari, Professor, Kumaun University, India
<p>15:00 – 15:30</p>	<p>Tea/coffee break</p>
<p>15:30 – 16:15</p>	<p>Closing session: Concluding remarks and a way forward</p> <p>Moderator: Rasmi Dangol, Programme Associate, ICIMOD</p> <p>Session hall: Kailash</p> <p>Key takeaways – Srabani Roy, ICIMOD</p> <p>Remarks – Krishna Prasad Sapkota, Joint Secretary, MoLCPA</p> <p>Remarks – Paulina Campos Monteros, Representative, GIZ</p> <p>Closing remarks – Shekhar Ghimire, Director Administration, Finance and Operations, ICIMOD</p> <p>Vote of thanks – Kamal Aryal, Project Coordinator, ICIMOD</p>

Day 3 – 08 December 2023

Optional half day exposure visits to Living Mountain Lab (upon registration)

Time (NPT)	Sessions
Responsible: Surendra Raj Joshi	
9:00 – 9:40	Commute to the Living Mountain Lab (LML), ICIMOD
9:40 – 10:05	Presentation on LML
10:10 – 12:30	Exposure walks in LML to witness nature positive solutions in agriculture and associated sectors
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 –14:10	Return to hotel