

Investment dialogue for scaling climate-responsive solutions in the Hindu Kush Himalaya

26-27 November 2025
Venue: Bangkok, Thailand

Agenda

Day 1: Tuesday, November 26, 2025	
Time (Bangkok local time)	Programme
08:45–09:15	Registration and welcome
09:15-10:00	Opening session 1. Welcome and overview of forum objectives, ICIMOD 2. Keynote address: The urgency of investing in climate innovation and scaling solutions in the HKH. 3. Flow of sessions, Clara Neltoft, Intervention Manager, ICIMOD. 4. Group photo
10:00-11:00	Session I: Panel discussion: challenge funds as a catalyst for scaling innovation and solutions A panel of development partners and private investors with extensive experience working with challenge funds for climate-resilient solutions will discuss how challenge funds have driven innovation, what challenges remain, and how to measure success in scaling climate-responsive solutions.
11:00-11:15	Tea break
11:15-12:30	Session II: Beyond grants: building an effective entrepreneurial ecosystem This session will explore how to transform challenge funds from stand-alone interventions to a catalytic investment, looking at enabling factors beyond funding, such as mentorship, technical support, and policy frameworks, and how they can collectively create long-term conditions for sustainable enterprise growth. This session will feature group discussion, and expert insights based on case studies from the region.

12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-15:45	Session III: sharing learnings from the grant-to-investment journey Entrepreneurs supported through the HKH-ICE and IWG member organizations will share their journeys of moving from grants to securing scale-up capital, highlighting investor expectations, progress achieved, and key lessons learned. This session will showcase both individual experiences and collective reflections on how grant support can catalyse long-term enterprise growth.
15:45-16:00	Tea break
16:00-17:00	Session IV: Panel discussion: understanding investor priorities and financing mechanisms Investors, fund managers, and policymakers will share perspectives on the climate finance landscape, shedding light on financing mechanisms, concrete investor expectations, and strategies to attract larger-scale investments.
17:00-17:15	Closing of day 1
18:00 - 20:00	Reception dinner and networking

Day 2: Wednesday, November 27, 2025

Time (Bangkok local time)	Programme
09:15-09:30	Quick recap: reflections on day 1 and programme for day 2.
09:30-10:15	Session V: panel discussion: building a green, inclusive, and resilient investment ecosystem A multi-stakeholder panel of representatives from financial institutions, investors, development partners, and policy makers will discuss how

	policies, financial instruments, and technical support can work together to strengthen the regional environment for climate investment.
10:15-12:15	Session VI: business pitch session Selected entrepreneurs from the HKH-ICE and IWG network will present their business cases to investors and partners. This interactive session will allow participants to engage directly through Q&A and feedback.
12:15-13:15	Lunch
13:15-15:15	Marketplace exhibition Entrepreneurs and innovators will showcase products, prototypes, and scalable solutions from across the HKH region. Dedicated time for participants to explore potential business partnerships, investment interest, collaborations, and synergies.
15:15-16:00	Debriefing on business and investment partnerships A reflective plenary session to synthesize insights from the pitches and marketplace exhibition, with an emphasis on concrete potential business partnerships and next steps for strengthening collaborations.
16:00-16:15	Closing session 1. Dialogue summary and way forward 2. Vote of thanks 3. Closing