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| <p>Conservation and Sustainable Management of Wetlands in South Asia</p> <p>Roundtable Meeting of Ramsar National Focal Points of the South Asia Region</p> <p>Hotel Landmark, Pokhara, Nepal 13-15 December 2023</p> | | |
| <p>14 December 2023</p> | | |
| <p>Session I: Context Setting</p> | | |
| <p>08:30 – 09:00</p> | <p>Participants registration</p> | |
| <p>09:00 – 09:10</p> | <p>Opening Remarks <i>by</i> ICIMOD</p> | <p>Dr Yi Shaoliang Manager-Rangeland Intervention, ICIMOD</p> |
| <p>09:10 – 09:30</p> | <p>Introduction to South Asia Regional Platform and Workshop Purpose and Objectives</p> | <p>Dr Siddharth Kaul President, WISA</p> |
| <p>09:30 – 09:40</p> | <p>Introductions</p> | |
| <p>09:40 – 10:00</p> | <p>Workshop structure and roundtable sessions</p> | <p>Dr Ritesh Kumar Director, WISA</p> |
| <p>10:00 – 10:30</p> | <p>Tea Break and Group Photo</p> | |
| <p>Session II: Establishing the Regional Platform</p> | | |
| <p>10:30 – 11:30</p> | <p>Vision and Objective settings of the Regional Platform</p> | <p>Roundtable discussions <i>Chaired by</i> Dr Manjula Amarakathna, Ramsar National Focal Point/Director, Department of Wildlife Conservation, Sri Lanka</p> <p><i>Rapporteur:</i> Dr Asghar Nawab, WISA</p> |
| | <p>Proposed structure and governance framework of the Regional Platform</p> | <p>Roundtable discussions <i>Chaired by</i> Mr. Cheten Thinley, Ramsar National Focal Point, Department of Water Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, Bhutan</p> <p><i>Rapporteur:</i> Mr Sunil Thapa, ICIMOD</p> |

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| 11:30 – 12:30 | Identifying potential modalities for collaboration and resource mobilisation | Roundtable discussions <i>Chaired by</i> Dr Santosh Kumar, Scientist – E, Zoological Survey of India, Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, India <i>Rapporteur:</i> Mr. Samuel Thomas, ICIMOD |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch | |
| Session III: Action Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation | | |
| 13:30 – 15:30 | Develop an Action Plan for the Regional Platform Drafting of a Monitoring & Evaluation Framework | Roundtable discussions <i>Chaired by</i> Mr. Imran Ahmed, Conservator of Forests, Wildlife & Nature Conservation Circle, Bangladesh Forest Department, Bangladesh <i>Rapporteur:</i> Mr Ramesh Timilsina, ICIMOD |
| 15:30 - 16:00 | Tea Break | |
| Session IV: Closing | | |
| 16:00 – 17:30 | Key recommendations | <i>Session Chaired by</i> Mr Shiva Kumar Wagle, Ramsar National Focal Point/ Director General of the Department of Forests and Soil Conservation Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change, Nepal <i>Rapporteur:</i> Dr Asghar Nawab, WISA |
| 18:30 – 21:00 | Evening reception | |
| 15 December 2023 | | |
| Conservation of Wetlands in the Hindu Kush Himalayas | | |
| 08:30 – 8:40 | Opening remarks | Ms Srabani Roy Strategic Group Lead-2 : Shaping green and resilient mountain economies, ICIMOD |

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| <p>08:40 – 10:00</p> | <p>Status of wetlands inventory and mapping in Hindu Kush Himalayas</p> <p>Wetland mapping in HKH(15 min)</p> <p>Peatland mapping (20 min)</p> | <p>Sunil Thapa, Remote sensing and Geoinformation Analyst, ICIMOD</p> <p>Chen Huai, CIB CAS</p> <p>Facilitated Discussion Dr Srijana Joshi Rijal, Ecosystem Specialist, ICIMOD</p> <p>Dr Asghar Nawab Programme Head-Aquatic Ecology, WISA</p> |
| <p>10:00 – 10:15</p> | <p>Tea Break</p> | |
| <p>10:15 – 12:00</p> | <p>Regional review of Ramsar Sites and important wetlands: Priorities for collaborative action (10 mins)</p> | <p>Srijana Joshi, ICIMOD</p> <p>Facilitated Discussion Dr Yi Shaoliang Manager-Rangeland Intervention, ICIMOD</p> <p>Dr Ritesh Kumar Director, WISA</p> |
| <p>12:00 – 12:30</p> | <p>Closing</p> | |
| <p>12:30 – 13:30</p> | <p>Lunch</p> | |
| <p>13:30 – 17:00</p> | <p>Field visit to Ramsar site (Phewa and its watershed)</p> | <p>Led by Dr Srijana Joshi Rijal, Ecosystem Specialist, ICIMOD</p> |
| <p>17:30 – 18:00</p> | <p>Travel to Pokhara Airport from the field site Departure from Pokhara to Kathmandu</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">16 December 2023</p> <p>Departure of workshop participants from Kathmandu to respective countries</p> | | |