

**Catalysing sustainable finance and investments in the Hindu Kush Himalaya:
Advisory Working Group consultation-workshop**

26-27 May 2025, ICIMOD Headquarters, Lalitpur, Kathmandu, Nepal

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Day 1 - 26 May 2025	
Time (NPT)	Programme
09:00–09:15	Registration and welcome
09:15-10:30	<p>Inaugural Session:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Round of introduction 2. Welcome remarks <p><i>Dr. Izabella Koziell, Deputy Director General – ICIMOD</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Significance of climate finance and investments for HKH region <p><i>Dr. David Thomas Potter, Strategic Group Lead – Regional action and global advocacy - ICIMOD</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Consultation objectives <p><i>Shivaranjani Venkatramani, Intervention Manager – Investments, ICIMOD</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Keynote speech (TBC) 6. Group photo
10:30-10:50	Tea break
Session 1: Advisory Working Group: Introduction and Purpose	
10:50-12:45	<p>Facilitated Plenary Session</p> <p>An interactive plenary session to discuss the AWG mechanism including its rationale and objectives, exchange perspectives, and setting the strategic direction for the AWG.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Detailed round of introduction from member organisations on priorities and perspectives on the AWG.

	<p>2. Building rationale, scope, and objectives</p> <p>3. Review and discussion of the draft Terms of Reference (ToR)</p>
12:45 to 13:45	Lunch
Session 2: Prioritising workstreams and actions for AWG	
13:45-15:15	<p>Plenary Discussion and Breakout Sessions</p> <p>Focused on identifying workstreams for the AWG based on interest of potential AWG members, relevance, and potential for leveraging partnerships and synergies.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to proposed workstreams 2. Plenary discussion 3. Facilitated breakout session and group work on proposed workstreams and key priorities
15:15-15:30	Tea break
15:30-16:45	<p>Group presentations and plenary discussion:</p> <p>The section concentrates on each workstream and explores key priorities within the proposed workstreams as well as opportunities for collaboration across workstreams.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentations from each of the proposed workstream groups including plenary discussion on key actions within each workstream. 2. Preliminary brainstorm and discussion on structure of the AWG.
16:45 – 17:00	Closing of day 1 and plan for Day 2
18:00 - 20:00	Reception dinner and networking

Day 2 – 27 May 2025	
Time (NPT)	Programme

09:15-09:30	Recap of day 1 and programme for day 2.
Session 3: Unlocking potential for scaling solutions and collaborations	
9:30-11:00	<p>Case review and brainstorming:</p> <p>Discussion of a few concrete potential solutions/business cases from ICIMOD as examples on how the AWG can collaborate on pipeline development, exchange knowledge and expert advice, and explore collaborative opportunities for leveraging and scaling resources, focused on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Donor streams and funding opportunities 2. Collaboration, networking, capacity building, best practices, and technology transfer 3. Innovative proposals and investment vehicles 4. Strategies for engaging the private sector 5. Policy support and the creation of enabling environments
11:00-11:20	Tea break
11:20-12:30	<p>Open floor on collaborative opportunities</p> <p>Facilitated discussion for potential AWG members to share their potential solutions/business cases, as well as ideas on cooperation and partnerships through the AWG.</p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch
Session 4: Way forward and closing	
13:30-15:30	<p>Plenary Discussion on the Way Forward:</p> <p>Session focused on formalising the AWG mechanism including brainstorming on structure and coordination mechanism, ToR, as well as follow-up agenda for the rest of 2025.</p>
15:30-16:00	Tea break

16:00-16:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing Session:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1. Summary note from two days and a way forward</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Shivaranjani Venkatramani</i>, <i>Intervention Manager – Leveraging Investments, Strategic Group: Regional action and global advocacy, ICIMOD</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">2. Participant remarks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3. Vote of thanks</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Kunzang</i>, <i>Global Lead, Strategic Group: Regional action and global advocacy, ICIMOD</i></p>
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