

DAY 1: VISION FOR A WATER-WISE HIMALAYA

9:30-10:00 REGISTRATION

Welcome remarks

Dr. Debolina Kundu, Director (Additional Charge), National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)

Context-setting and introduction

Dr. Mahreen Matto, Team Lead, NIUA

Keynote address

Dr. Ashok Khosla, Chairman, Development Alternatives

Mr. Nava Raj Pyakurel, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, Nepal

Mr. Rinzin Dorji, Chief, Jigme Dorji National Park, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, Bhutan

Ms. Sakshi Gudwani, Senior Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

10:00-11:00

Special address

Mr. Binay Kumar Jha (IRS), Director (SBM-III & PHE), MoHUA

Chief guest

Mr. Rajeev Kumar Mital (IAS), Director General, National Mission for Clean Ganga

Launch of knowledge products

11:00-11:30

Gallery walk: Exhibition and posters

11:30 -11:45 TEA BREAK

Session 1: Water and climate: The growing concern in mountain settlements

- **Moderator:** Mr. Nitin Bassi, Senior Programme Lead, Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW)
- **Panellists:** Mr. PD Rai, Sikkim, former Member of Parliament; Dr. GN Qasba, Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe) Mr. Anup Karanth, World Bank; Dr. Rajesh Thadani, Center for Ecology Development and Research (CEDAR), Ms. Sakshi Dasgupta, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)

11:45-13:15

13:15-14:00 LUNCH BREAK

Session 2: Integrated water resource management in hilly region

- **Moderator:** Mr. Rajiv Ranjan Mishra, Former IAS and Chief Advisor, NIUA
- **Presentation:** Ms. Erica Udas, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)
- **Panellists:** Ms. Laura Sustersic, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ); Dr. Victor Shinde, NIUA; Dr. Jagdish Krishnaswamy, Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS); Mr. Mitra Baral, Water and Energy Commission, Nepal; Mr. Deepak Bezbaruah, Director- UDD, Government of Assam

14:00-15:30

15:30-15:45 TEA BREAK

Session 3: Enabling, developing and sustaining an environment for equitable sanitation services (liquid waste management)

- **Moderator:** Mr. G Mathi Vathanan (IAS), Director General, Gopabandhu Academy of Administration, Government of Odisha
- **Panellists:** Mr. Dhruv Bhavsar, Center for Water and Sanitation (CWAS) - Centre for Environmental Planning and Technology (CEPT); Ms. Bhawana Sharma, Environment and Public Health Organization (ENPHO), Nepal; Mr. Shantanu Padhi and Mr. Manpreet Singh, NIUA

15:45-17:30

17:30-17:45

CLOSING REMARKS AND REFLECTIONS FROM THE DAY

19:30 DINNER

DAY 2: UNDERSTANDING SOLID AND LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR THE HILL CONTEXT

9:30-10:15 REGISTRATION AND TEA

10:15-10:45 Voice from the hills: Ms. Pragya Pradhan, UN-Habitat Nepal
Mr. Surender Chauhan, Mayor, Shimla

Session 4: Strengthening municipal finance for sustainable service delivery in hilly regions

- 10:45-12:30
- **Moderator:** Dr. Debolina Kundu, Director (Additional Charge), NIUA
 - **Panellists:** Mr. Milind Mhaske, Praja Foundation; Mr. Tikender Singh, Former Deputy Mayor, Shimla; Mr. Kalanidhi Devakota, Municipal Association of Nepal (MuAN); Mr. Arvind Mehta, Former IAS; Mr. V. R. Raman, Centre for Budget and Governance Accountability (CBGA); Mr. Tenzin, Thimpu District Administration, Government of Bhutan; Ms. Shrestha Saraswat Janaagraha

12:30-13:00 Gallery walk: Exhibition and posters

13:00-13:45 LUNCH BREAK

Session 5: Solid and legacy waste management in hilly regions with a climate lens

- 13:45-15:30
- Moderator: Mr. Rohit Kakkar, Deputy Advisor, Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organisation (CPHEEO)
 - Case Study Presentation: Mr. Tshering Sherpa, Sagarmatha Pollution Control Committee, Nepal; Mr. Stanzin Rabgais, Municipal Committee of Leh; Mr. Jigme Gembo, Department of Environment and Climate Change, Bhutan
 - Panellists: Mr. Atin Biswas, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE); Mr. Roshan Rai, Integrated Mountain Initiative (IMI); Paramita Dutta Dey, NIUA; Mr. Pradeep Sangwan, Healing Himalayas; Ms. Kiranmayee, BORDA-SA

15:30-15:45 TEA BREAK

Session 6: Decentralised liquid waste management technologies in the hill regions

- 15:45-17:30
- Moderator: Mr. Manas Rath, Senior Advisor, BORDA-South Asia
 - Case Study Presentation: Dr. A Kalimuthu, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Institute (WASH Institute); Mr. Harsh Vardhan, Consortium for DEWATS Dissemination (CDD) India; Ms. Chhavi Sharda, GIZ; Mr. Deepak Malik, Peyjal Nigam, Uttarakhand
 - Fireside Chat: Mr. Prasanta Mohapatra, CPHEEO; Prof. Mona Iyer, CEPT University

17:30-18:00 **CONCLUSION AND WAY FORWARD**

19:30 DINNER

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