Investment Dialogue: catalysing investment for the mountains, people and nature in the Hindu Kush Himalaya region

OVERVIEW

1. On 4 December 2023, ICIMOD will hold an Investment Dialogue at COP28. This event, to be held within the GASP pavilion, is intended to bring together ICIMOD's regional member country representatives, global knowledge partners, investment actors, donors and other relevant stakeholders for a focused conversation on investment in the HKH.

2. Built around a central theme of “Investment pathways for the HKH,” the dialogue will allow an exchange of knowledge on climate-related investment needs, and the potential for transformative collaborations to catalyse investment, particularly for adaptation, resilience, and nature, in the HKH. It will also serve as a platform for fostering collaboration and sharing ICIMOD’s developing role in enabling investment in the HKH region.

3. Through this dialogue, we seek the following outcomes:
   a. Pathways for investment in the HKH better understood. Attention drawn to investment barriers, challenges and opportunities in the HKH.
   b. A deeper understanding about the ways investment can be achieved and enabled through collaboration.
   c. Strengthened relationships in pursuit of future opportunities for collaboration.

THE EVENT

4. Format
A facilitated dialogue, featuring expert views from the panel, followed by an interactive conversation with audience members.

5. Participants & guests. This dialogue will suit any individual or organisation that seeks to contribute to the sustainable development of the HKH region, including:
   - Development partners and ICIMOD donors.
   - Public sector investors (MDBs, dev banks, global funds).
   - Private sector investors (impact investors, foundations).
   - Private companies connected to solutions, looking for investment.
   - Member country representatives.
   - Executing agencies / implementers.

6. Panel
The panel will be chaired by Dr Carolina Adler, Executive Director, Mountain Research Initiative. The 4-person panel will be made up of the following:
   - Mark Gough, CEO, Capitals Coalition.
Satya Tripathi, Secretary-General, Global Alliance for a Sustainable Planet
Apoorva Oza, Global Programme Lead, Agriculture and Climate Change, Aga Khan Foundation

7. Running order

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<td>Welcome participants and audience; scene setter</td>
<td>Mark Perrin ICIMOD</td>
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<td>HKH, ICIMOD and Investment</td>
<td>The HKH climate context. The need for investment. The part ICIMOD is playing in the investment space.</td>
<td>Izabella Koziell Deputy Director General, ICIMOD</td>
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<td>Panel discussion</td>
<td>The chair will intro the panel in full. Sharing insights on the investment potential of the region. Panel to incorporate wide array of investment perspectives including from within the region.</td>
<td>Dr Carolina Adler Executive Director, Mountain Research Initiative</td>
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<td>Facilitated dialogue</td>
<td>Short inputs and questions from the audience on specific investment pathways, strategies, best practices, and innovative approaches to address the region's challenges.</td>
<td>Mark Perrin (facilitation)</td>
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<td>Thankyous and close</td>
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