

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

OVERVIEW

1. On 4 December 2023, 1530-1700, [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.
- Noelle O'Brien, Director, Climate Change, Asian Development Bank.

- 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

Section	Detail	Lead	Time
Opening Remarks	Welcome participants and audience; scene setter	Mark Perrin <i>ICIMOD</i>	3-4 mins
HKH, ICIMOD and Investment	The HKH climate context. The need for investment. The part ICIMOD is playing in the investment space.	Izabella Koziell <i>Deputy Director General, ICIMOD</i>	10 mins
Panel discussion	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.	Dr Carolina Adler <i>Executive Director, Mountain Research Initiative</i>	45 mins
Facilitated dialogue	Short inputs and questions from the audience on specific investment pathways, strategies, best practices, and innovative approaches to address the region's challenges.	Mark Perrin (facilitation)	15-20 mins
Closing Remarks	Thankyous and close	Mark Perrin	2 mins