

**Mustang Field school: Climate proofing tourism in Varagung Muktichhetra Rural Municipality, Mustang**

**26 – 28 June 2025**

**Venue:** Kagbeni Community Hall, VMRM, Mustang

**Agenda**

**Day 1: (26 June 2025, Thursday)**

<b>Time (NST)</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
<b>Session I: Opening Session (Moderator, Mr. Krishna Gurung, Tourism Analyst, ICIMOD)</b>		
9:00 – 9:30	Arrive at event Venue and Registration with Tea	VMRM and ACAP Staff
9:30 – 9:45	Welcome remarks  <b>Mr. Rinzin Namgyal Gurung</b> , Mayor, VMRM <b>Mr. Rajesh Gupta</b> , Officer in Charge, NTNC-ACAP, Unit Conservation Office, Jomsom	ICIMOD
9:45 – 10:15	Mustang field school objectives and agenda (setting the stage for the 3-day Field school).  <b>Opening Remarks:</b>  Bhutan – <b>Mr. Tashi Tenzin</b> – Chief Tourism Officer, Department of Tourism, Bhutan (TBC).  Pakistan - <b>Mr. Habib Ullah Arif</b> , Director General, Culture and Tourism Authority, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan  NTNC - <b>Dr. Manish Raj Pandey</b> , Department Head, NTNC  NTB – <b>Mr. Mani Raj Lamichhaney</b> – Chief, Nepal Tourism Board, Gandaki Province  ICIMOD – <b>Mr. Abdul Kalam Azad</b> , Intervention Manager, Action Area Economies.  Gandaki Province – <b>Mr. Indra P Basyal</b> , Secretary MoITFE, Gandaki Province Secretary, MoIT (TBC)  MoCTCA – <b>Ms. Indu Ghimire</b> , Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, Nepal (TBC)	ICIMOD
10:15 – 11:00	Introduction of participants and group division	ICIMOD

	(15 min preparation, 5 min presentation)	
<b>Session II: Exchange: Technical session (Moderator, Mr. Rajesh Gupta, OIC NTNC-ACAP)</b>		
10:30 – 11:00	An overview of sustainable mountain development in Varagung Muktichhetra Rural Municipality (VMRM) - <b>Mr. Rinzing Namgyal Gurung</b> , Mayor, VMRM and <b>Dr. Rabin Kadariya</b> , Project Chief, NTNC-ACAP (20 min presentation, 10 min Q & A)	VMRM and NTNC-ACAP
11:00 – 11:40	Climate Proofing Tourism Development in VMRM, Mustang - <b>Dr. Anu K Lama</b> , ICIMOD and <b>Ms. Lina Chalise</b> , NTNC (30 min presentation, 10 min Q & A)	VMRM and NTNC-ACAP
11:40 – 12:00	Promoting green, inclusive and climate resilient Hindu Kush Himalaya: Resilient economies perspective - <b>Mr. Abul Kalam Azad</b> , Senior Intervention Manager, Economies, ICIMOD  (15 min presentation, 5 min Q & A)	VMRM and NTNC-ACAP
12:00 – 12:30	Overview of Gandaki Basin Climate Resilient Project - <b>Dr. Manish Raj Pandey</b> , Department Head, NTNC (15 min presentation, 10 min Q & A)	VMRM and NTNC-ACAP
<b>SESSION III: Observation (Field Excursion to Dhakarjhong)</b>		
12:30 – 16:30	Field observation, transect walk, information gathering, community interaction at Dhakarjhong	Lunch at Dhakarjhong
16:30 – 17:00	Wrapping of day 1	Travel back to Kagbeni

## Day 2: (27 June 2025, Friday)

Time (NST)	Topic	Remarks
<b>SESSIONS II: Exchange (Moderators: Lina Chalise, Anu Lama, Rajesh Gupta, Rajan Paudel)</b>		
9:30 – 10:00	Recap Day 1	
10:00 – 10:10	<b>Mr. Mani Raj Lamichhaney</b> , Chief, NTB, Gandaki Province (10 min presentation)	VMRM, NTNC-ACAP and ICIMOD
10:10 – 10:20	Promoting nature positive and climate resilient tourism in Gandaki Province, Nepal- <b>Mr. Indra P Basyal</b> , Secretary MoITFE, Gandaki Province (10 min presentation)	VMRM, NTNC-ACAP and ICIMOD
10:20 – 10:50	When disaster strikes: Kagbeni Flooding and Community Risks - <b>Dr. Narayan Gurung</b> , Kadorie Kadoorie Agricultural Aid Association Foundation	VMRM, NTNC-ACAP and ICIMOD

	(20 min presentation, 10 min Q &A)	
10:50 – 11:10	When disaster strikes: Kagbeni Flooding and Community Resilience - <b>Ms. Laxmi Gurung</b> , Yak Donald Hotel, Kagbeni (20 min presentation, 10 min Q & A)	VMRM, NTNC-ACAP and ICIMOD
11:10 – 11:30	Tea break	
<b>SESSION III: Observation (Field Excursion to Kagbeni)</b>		
11:30 – 13:00	Field observation of the disaster hit area in Kagbeni - <b>Dr. Narayan Gurung</b> , Kadorie Kadoorie Agricultural Aid Association Foundation	VMRM, NTNC-ACAP and ICIMOD
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:00 – 15:30	Field observation and interaction with Tourism Entrepreneurs - <b>Ms. Laxmi Gurung</b> , Yak Donald Hotel, Kagbeni	VMRM, NTNC-ACAP and ICIMOD
<b>SESSION IV: Action (Group Work)</b>		
16:00 – 17:00	Group work on co-developing the Case: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case 1: Community Resilience and Climate Proofing Tourism</li> <li>• Case 2: Ecosystem Resilience and Climate Proofing Tourism</li> <li>• Case 3: Climate governance and Climate Proofing Tourism</li> </ul>	ICIMOD and NTNC
17:00 – 17:30	Wrap up of day 2	

### Day 3: (28 June 2025, Saturday)

Time (NST)	Topic	Remarks
<b>Moderators: Krishna Gurung, Lina Chalise, Rajesh Gupta, Rajan Paudel, Mayor of VMRM</b>		
9:30 – 10:00	Recap Day 2	
10:00 – 11:00	Group work on co-developing the Case continues	ICIMOD and NTNC
11:00- 11:30	Tea break	
11:30 – 12:30	Group work on co-developing the Case continues	ICIMOD and NTNC
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 16:30	Group work on co-developing the Case continues (working Tea)	ICIMOD and NTNC
16:30 – 17:15	Group work presentation (15 min per group)	ICIMOD and NTNC
17:15 – 17:45	<b>SESSION V: Closing Session</b>	

	<p><b>Closing remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Bikal Sherchan</b>, MP of Gandaki Province</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Indra P Basyal</b>, Secretary, MoITFE, Gandaki Province</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Mani R Lamichhaney</b>, NTB,</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Abdul Kalam Azad</b>, ICIMOD</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Manish Raj Pandey</b>, NTNC,</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Rinzin Namgyal Gurung</b>, VMRM</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Rajesh Gupta</b>, OIC, NTNC-ACAP, Jomsom</li> </ul> <p><b>Key takeaways</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Lina Chalise</b>, NTNC</li> </ul> <p><b>Next steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Anu Kumari Lama</b>, ICIMOD</li> </ul> <p><b>Vote of Thanks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Krishna Gurung</b>, ICIMOD</li> </ul>	
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