

Regional Collaboration for Sustainable Mountain Tourism in Bhutan, Nepal and Pakistan: Policy Writeshop

Agenda

Day 1: 30 June 2025 – POLICY BRIEF DEVELOPMENT

Time	Programme	Responsible
09:00-09:15	Registration	
09:15–10:30	<p>Moderation: Ms. Sunayana Basnet, Livelihoods Associate, ICIMOD</p> <p>Welcome remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Abul Kalam Azad, Senior Resilient Livelihoods Specialist, ICIMOD • Mr. Mani Raj Lamichhaney – Chief, Nepal Tourism Board, Gandaki Province <p>Opening Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Tshering Choki, Founder, Athang Pvt. Ltd, Bhutan • Ms. Sangita Ojha, ED, Nepal Academy of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Nepal • Mr. Habib Ullah Arif, Director General, Culture and Tourism Authority, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan • Mr. Rabin Kadariya, Chief, Annapurna Conservation Area Project, ACAP • Private sector representative • Mr. Indra P Basyal, Secretary MoITFE, Gandaki Province Secretary, MoIT • Ms. Indu Ghimire, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, Nepal (TBC) <p>Remarks by Chief Guest, Honorable Minister, Badri Prasad Pandey, Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, Nepal (TBC)</p>	
10:30 – 10:50	Tea break and group photo	
10:50–11:20	<p>Context setting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridging the Knowledge Action Gap in Sustainable Mountain Tourism: Policy Perspectives • Overview of the policy write shop 	Dr. Anu Kumari Lama , Tourism Specialist, ICIMOD and

		Dr. Adnan Dogar, Chairperson, Koshar University Murree, Pakistan
11:20 – 12:00	Country Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pakistan: Key highlights from provincial policy briefs (15 min presentation, 10 min Q & A) • Nepal: Key highlights from policy brief (15 mins presentation, 10 min Q & A) 	Dr. Zia Ullah/Dr. Rehmat Karim/Dr. Adnan Dr. Smritte Kala Pant and Mr. Mani Raj Lamichhaney
12:00-12:30	Advancing Regional Cooperation in Tourism: Science-Policy-Practice Perspectives (15 min presentation, 15 min Q & A)	Dr. Babar Khan, Regional Lead, Regional, ICIMOD
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-16:30	Facilitated Group Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying gaps in the policy briefs developed and exploring scope for regional cooperation • Policy implementation: challenges and opportunities <i>(working tea between the group work)</i>	
16:30-17:00	Check in day 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 min presentation by each group on their progress • Feedback by participants <i>Overview of day 2 activity</i>	
18:00-20:00	Reception Dinner	

Day 2: 1 July 2025

Time	Programme	
09:00–09:15	Day 1 Recap	Dr. Anu Kumari Lama

		and Dr. Adnan Dogar
09:15–12:30	Country Group Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy brief drafting continuation <i>(working tea between the group work)</i> 	
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-15:00	Country Group Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy brief drafting continuation 	
15:00-15:30	Tea Break	
15:30-16:00	Country Group Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy brief drafting continuation 	
16:00-17:00	Check in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 min presentation by each group on their progress Feedback by participants Way forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action plan for finalizing and publishing policy briefs by respective lead - Nepal and Pakistan <i>Overview of day 3 activity (Training Curriculum Development)</i>	

Day 3: 2 July 2025 – TRAINING CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Time	Programme	
09:15 – 09:45	Bhutan: Key findings from policy (training curriculum review, gaps and best practices) (15 min presentation, 10 min Q & A)	Ms. Tshering Choki, Athang Pvt Ltd
09:45 – 10:15	Nepal: Key findings from policy (training curriculum review, gaps and best practices) (15 min presentation, 10 min Q & A)	Mr. Krishna Gurung and Mr. Matthieu Giroud, ICIMOD
10:15 – 10:45	Pakistan: Key findings from policy (training curriculum review, gaps and best practices) (15 min presentation, 10 min Q & A)	Dr. Adnan Dogar
10:45 – 11:00	Tea break	
11:00 - 12:30	Country Group Work	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum framework for training manual development 	
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-16:30	Country Group Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum for training manual development <i>(working tea between the group work)</i> 	
16:30-17:00	Check in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 min presentation by each group on their progress Feedback by participants <i>Overview of day 4 activity</i>	

Day 4: 3 July 2025

Time	Programme	
09:15-12:30	Curriculum for training manual development continues	
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 14:30	Check in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 min presentation by each group on their progress Feedback by participants Way forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action plan on finalising curriculum for training manual by respective lead - Bhutan, Nepal and Pakistan 	
14:30-15:00	Closing Session Closing Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remarks Bhutan Remarks Nepal Remarks Pakistan Way forward – Dr. Anu K Lama Vote of Thanks – Mr. Mani Raj Lamichhaney	
	Travel back to Kathmandu	

