



Programme schedule

Regional science-policy investment dialogue on mountain biodiversity

Subforum at the Eco Forum Global Guiyang 2025: mountain biodiversity and our life

Moderator: Chen Huai, Deputy Director General, Department of Ecology and Environment, Guizhou, China

| Time (China Standard Time) | Sessions | Speakers/Moderators |
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| 09:00 – 10:35 | Opening session Remarks | <p>Li Jiatang, Director, Chengdu Institute of Biology, Chinese Academy of Sciences (CIB,CAS)</p> <p>Pema Gyamtsho, Director General, ICIMOD (video message)</p> <p>Fu Tao, Deputy Director General of the Department of Ecology and Environment, Guizhou, China</p> <p>Anthony Preston, British Consul General to Chongqing and Southwest China</p> |

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| | Keynote speeches | |
| | Linking people and biodiversity – management focused research in the Hindu Kush Himalaya (HKH) region | Ashiq Ahmad Khan, Executive Advisor, Human Welfare & Development Organisation and Raza Foundation (UK) / Former Advisor to the Ministry of Climate Change (Pakistan) |
| | Status and challenges of biodiversity in southwest China’s mountain regions | Wu Ning, Researcher, Chengdu Institute of Biology, Chinese Academy of Sciences |
| | Status and challenges of mountain biodiversity in the Hindu Kush Himalaya (HKH) region | Sunita Chaudhary, Biodiversity Lead, ICIMOD |
| | UK National Parks: Restoring nature for people and planet | Gordon Watson, Chief Executive Officer at Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority, Glasgow |
| 10:30-11:00 | Group photo and Break | |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | Technical session 1: Biodiversity conservation practices in China | Moderator: Avash Pandey, Policy Specialist, Regional cooperation, ICIMOD |

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| | | Rapporteur: Feng Yuan, ICIMOD |
| | Chinese eco-civilisation approach to mountain biodiversity conservation and sustainable utilisation | Hao Haiguang, Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences |
| | Biodiversity conservation practices in Caohai Lake, China | Xia Pinhua, Guizhou Normal University |
| | Biodiversity conservation practices in Maolan National Nature Reserve | Yu Dengli, Director, Maolan Nature Reserve Management Bureau |
| | Biodiversity conservation practices in Sichuan Giant Panda Nature Reserve | Li Shengzhi, Institute of Ecological Civilization, Sichuan Academy of Social Sciences |
| | Discussion, Q&A and conclusion | |
| 12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch break | |
| 13:30-15:00 | Technical Session 2: Conservation of mountain biodiversity: learnings from the HKH region (Case studies) | Moderator: Sunita Chaudhary, Biodiversity Lead, ICIMOD Rapporteur: Avash Pandey, ICIMOD |
| | Contribution of ethnic community for mountain biodiversity conservation in Bangladesh | Md Mahmudul Hassan Assistant Chief Conservator, Forest Department, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bangladesh |

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| | Community-led biodiversity conservation: Royal Society for Protection of Nature's (RSPN) experiences from Bhutan | Karma Lodhen Wangmo Head, Black Neck Crane Education Centre of the Royal Society for Protection of Nature (RSPN), Bhutan |
| | Community conservation areas in Nagaland – integrating conservation with development in mountain areas | Supongnukshi Ao Chief Conservator of Forests, (CCF) Member Secretary, Nagaland State Biodiversity Board, Government of Nagaland, India |
| | Nepal's efforts on mountain biodiversity conservation with focus on protected area system | Mohan Raj Kafle Joint Secretary (Biodiversity and Environment Division) Ministry of Forests and Environment, Government of Nepal |
| | Discussion, Q&A and conclusion | |
| 15:00 – 16:45 | Expert panel discussion: Biodiversity-climate-development nexus in mountain areas – challenges and opportunities | Moderator: Babar Khan, Regional Lead and Senior Ecosystem Management Specialist, ICIMOD Rapporteurs: Avash Pandey and Feng Yuan, ICIMOD |
| | | Chen Sheng, Vice President, CRAES |

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| | Discussion, Q&A | <p>Yang Yongping, Deputy Director General, Xixiangma Tropical Botanical Garden, China</p> <p>Wang Ye, Director, Foreign Environmental Cooperation Centre, Ministry of Environment and Ecology, China</p> <p>Supongnukshi Ao, Chief Conservator of Forests, (CCF) Nagaland</p> <p>Hou Wei, Deputy Director of the Department of Ecology and Environment, Guizhou, China</p> <p>Heidi Ma, Conservation Researcher, Hainan Gibbon Project Coordinator, Zoological Society of London</p> |
| 16:45-17:30 | Recommendations and way forward Vote of thanks, and closing | <p>Moderator: Avash Pandey, ICIMOD Rapporteur: Feng Yuan, ICIMOD</p> <p>Ashiq Ahmad Khan, Executive Advisor, Human Welfare & Development Organisation and Raza Foundation (UK)/ Former Advisor to the Ministry of Climate Change, Pakistan</p> |

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