

Official Handover Ceremony

HUC's Transition: From ICIMOD to Kathmandu University

A dedicated event marking the transfer of the HUC Secretariat to KU on the eve of the International Mountain Day 2025

10 December 2025 [16.30 – 18.15 hrs Nepal Time]

ICIMOD Headquarters, Kathmandu

Proposed Program

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Time	Activity	Speakers and facilitators
16:15 – 16.30	Guest arrival and seating	Guests
16:30 – 16.35	Welcome note	Pema Gyamtsho Director General, ICIMOD
16:35 – 16.40	Opening remarks	Dr. Teresa Fogelberg, Chair of ICIMOD's Programme Advisory Committee (PAC) Vice Chair of ICIMOD Board of Governors Vice Chair of The Netherlands Foundation of the World Connectors
16.40 – 17.05	Relaunch and Handover Ceremony of the Himalayan University Consortium	
16.40 – 16.45	Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ICIMOD and KU	Pema Gyamtsho, ICIMOD Prof. Dr. Achyut Wagle, Vice Chancellor, Kathmandu University (KU)
16.45 – 16.50	Remarks from the VC of KU	Prof. Dr. Achyut Wagle, KU
16.50 – 16.55	HUC's Journey: From ICIMOD to KU	Prof. Bim Prasad Shrestha, Director, Nepal Technology Innovation Centre (NTIC), KU
16.55 – 17.00	Reflection from the Chair of the HUC Interim Steering Committee	Prof. Dr. Attaullah Shah, Vice Chancellor, Karakoram International University, Pakistan
17.00 – 17.05	Photo: HUC, KU, and VCs from HUC member universities	Jitendra Bajracharya, ICIMOD
17.15 - 18.30	Announcement and awarding of the Dr. Andreas Schild Memorial Mountain Prize 2025	
17.15 – 17.25	Introduction: Dr. Andreas Schild Memorial Mountain Prize 2025	Shivani Chemjong, ICIMOD ICIMOD Jury – criteria, assessment, and results
17.25 – 17.35	Awarding of winners	ICIMOD
17.35 – 18.00	Response from winners	Winners
18.00 – 18.10	Closing remarks	Izabella Koziel, Deputy Director General, ICIMOD
18.10 – 18.15	Photo-taking	Winners, ICIMOD, PAC

Dinner: 18.15 hrs onwards