Agenda

Day 1, Monday, 23 November 2026	
Time (NPT)	**Programme**
9:00 - 9:20	Registration
09:20 - 10:00	**Opening Session:** 1. Welcome remarks by Pema Gyamtsho, Director General, ICIMOD 2. Overview of the workshop, objectives, and participants by David Thomas Potter, Head of Regional Action and Global Advocacy 3. Keynote speech
10:00 - 10:10	**Group Photo**
10:10 - 10:20	**Tea Break**
10:30 - 11:45	**Session 1: Financing Green, Resilient and Inclusive Development in the HKH: From the Financial system to capital mobilisation.** This scene-setting session will outline the HKH's climate vulnerabilities and investment needs, and examine how regulators, financial institutions and investors can translate climate and environmental risk into investment priorities. It will explore how taxonomies can support stronger pipelines and investor confidence, and what financing approaches, including blended finance and risk-transfer instruments for residual risk, are needed to direct capital towards green and resilient mountain economies. Moderator: David Thomas Potter, Head of Regional Action and Global Advocacy Proposed Panellists: - Joseph Silvanus, managing Director, Dolma Consulting - Md Enamul Karim Khan, Executive Director, Bangladesh bank - Pragyaan Joshi, Programme officer, UNCDF Nepal - Khushbu Thapa Magar, Team Lead – Green Unit, Nepal Investment Mega bank - TBC
11:45 - 13:00	**Session 2: Understanding Green in Practice: Perspectives from Financial Institutions** This session will bring financial institutions' perspectives on green investment in practice, including current investment portfolios, approaches to defining and assessing green investments, and emerging opportunities. It will explore what makes investments green and financeable, as well as the practical barriers financial institutions face in scaling green and sustainable finance in the HKH. Moderator: Royston Braganza, CEO, Grameen capital India Proposed Panellists:

	- Gorakh Rana, CEO, Standard Chartered Nepal - Zulfiquar Hussain Kazmi, Head of Investment Banking, JS Bank, Pakistan - Manish Kumar, Lead- ESG and CSR, ICICI Bank - Yeshey Peldon, Investment Management Officer - Atiqullah Khan, Assistant Director, Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) -
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	**Session 3: Green Investments Landscape Across the HKH: Country Perspectives and Regional Learning** This session will provide a comparative overview of the policy, regulatory and taxonomy landscape for green investment and sustainable finance across HKH countries. It will support peer learning and experience sharing on key policy measures, recent developments, challenges, gaps and good practices across countries, and help identify areas for regional learning and collaboration. Moderator: Nand Kishor Agrawal Proposed Panellists: - Mohammad Abdur Rouf, Additional Director, Bank Supervision Department, Bangladesh Bank - Nidup Tshering Dorji, Analyst, Department of Financial Regulation and Supervision, Royal Monetary Authority of Bhutan - Dr. Hu Tao, President , Lakestone Institute for Sustainable Development (LISD), China - Sriram Appulingam, General Manager / Joint Director, BIRD/NABARD, India - Asmita Gorkhali, Deputy Director, Nepal Rastra Bank
15:30 - 15:45	Tea Break
15:45 - 16:55	**Session 4: Using Evidence to Inform Climate Resilient Investments in the HKH Region** This session will explore how climate science, information, and GESI considerations can inform investment decision-making and build resilience across the HKH. It will look beyond the conventional approach of assessing how an investment affects the environment to also examine how climate and environmental risks facing the HKH region can impact investments. It will explore how hazards, exposure, and risk hotspots can affect the resilience and viability of investments while exacerbating vulnerabilities for communities. Moderator: Avash Pandey, Intervention Manager, regional Cooperation Presenters: - Bipin Dulal, DRR Analyst - Shiba Satyal Banskota, GESI lead - Birendra Bajracharya, RIS

16:55 - 17:00	**Closing Day 1**

Day 2, Tuesday, 24 November 2026	
09:00 - 09:15	Registration
09:15 - 09:30	**Recap of Day 1 and Day 2 Agenda**
09:30 - 11:00	**Session 5: Applying Green Taxonomy in Practice: From Criteria to Investment Decisions** This session will explore how green and sustainable finance taxonomies can move to practical application. It will cover the fundamentals for interpreting and applying common taxonomy principles and criteria across HKH countries, including activity classification, adaptation and climate resilience, transition activities, Do No Significant Harm (DNSH), and social safeguards. It will also take a deep dive into how taxonomies can address adaptation and co-benefits, with a particular focus on their relevance to the HKH context. Lead and Moderator: Umang Vats, Regional Analyst – Asia Pacific and India Representative for PRB
11:00 - 11:15	**Tea Break**
11:15 - 12:30	**Session 6: Taxonomies Around the World: Strengthening Interoperability Across HKH Countries** This session will draw on regional experiences, such as ASEAN and China, to explore how green and sustainable finance taxonomies have evolved from development to implementation and interoperability. It will identify lessons, good practices, and practical approaches for strengthening interoperability across HKH countries, while also reflecting country-specific and mountain contexts. Moderator: Karanraj Chaudri, Regional Specialist, UNDP Regional Hub for Asia- Pacific Proposed Panellists: - Lionel Mok, Sustainable Finance Program lead, Civic Exchange - Eugene Wong, CEO, Sustainable Finance Institute Asia Limited - Neha Kumar, Head South India Programme, Climate Bonds Initiative
12:30 - 13:30	**Lunch**
13:30 – 15:00	**Session 7: From Green to Resilient and Bankable: Assessing Investment Opportunities in the HKH** This session will explore green, resilient, and bankable investment opportunities across the HKH region. Using case examples from priority sectors in the HKH, it will examine how investment opportunities can be assessed against environmental and climate considerations, financing needs, and investment readiness. The session will identify key gaps, risks,

	enabling conditions, and financing approaches that need to be addressed to turn promising green opportunities into resilient and bankable projects and investable pipelines. Moderator: Ghulam Ali (TBC)
15:00 - 15:15	**Tea Break**
15:15 - 16:30	**Session 8: Bridging the Missing Middle: Investment Readiness and Financing Pathways for HKH Enterprises** This session will examine how green taxonomies, investment readiness support and financing instruments can together enable capital to reach mountain adaptation enterprises in the "missing middle", and to gather perspectives from enterprises, financial institutions, regulators and investors to inform adaptation finance approaches in the HKH. Moderator: Neha Rai, Head of Strategic Results, Partnerships and Business development Proposed Panellists: - Tiffany Tong, Co-Founder, ALOI - Nilotpal Pathak, Partner, Sagacia Growth partners LLP - Anu Joshi Shrestha, Rural Enterprise and Value chain Specialist, ICIMOD - Dr. Aakriti Wanchoo, Senior Vice President & Head, Nature and Climate - Lenneke Braam, Country Director Nepal and Bhutan
16:30 – 17:00	**Closing remarks**