

Provisional Programme

Day I: 18th August 2025, Monday		
08.30 - 09.15	Registration and seating (<i>Megha Malhar Hall</i>)	
09.30 - 10.40	Opening Session <i>Emcee by Shivani Chemjong</i>	
	Programme commences with the national anthem of Nepal	
09.30 – 09.35	Welcome note	Hon. Kusum Devi Thapa <i>Chairperson, Agriculture, Cooperatives and Natural Resources Committee, Federal Parliament of Nepal</i>
09.35 – 09.40	Inaugural of the meet – watering the Peepal tree	Rt. Hon. Ramchandra Paudel <i>President of Nepal</i>
09.40 - 09.45	Video presentation Hindu Kush Himalaya Parliamentarians’ Meet 2025: Sustaining nature, empowering people	
09.45 - 09.50	Remarks	Pema Gyamtsho <i>Director General, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development</i>
09.50 – 10.15	Remarks by the Heads of the Delegations	Hon. Supradip Chakma <i>Adviser, Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs, Bangladesh</i> Hon Phuntsho Rapten <i>Member, Good Governance Committee and Public Accounts Committee, Bhutan</i> Dr. Thaung Naing Oo <i>Director General, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Myanmar</i> Hon. Munaza Hassan <i>Chairperson, Standing Committee on Climate Change, Pakistan</i>
10.15 – 10.20	Remarks	Hon. Ain Bahadur Shahi Thakuri <i>Minister, Ministry of Forests and Environment,</i>

		<i>Nepal</i>
10.20 - 10.25	Remarks	Hon. Arzu Rana Deuba <i>Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nepal</i>
10.25 - 10.30	Address by the Chief Guest	Rt. Hon. Ramchandra Poudel <i>President of Nepal</i>
10.30 - 11.10	Group photo followed by tea break	
10.30 - 11.10	Media briefing at Marva Hall	
11.10 – 13.10	Technical Session I: Tackling the climate crisis in the HKH – Opportunities for actions Moderator: Manjeet Dhakal , <i>Head of LDC Support team and Director, Climate Analytics South Asia</i> Chair: Hon. Gagan Kumar Thapa , <i>Member of Parliament, House of Representatives, Nepal</i>	
11.10 - 11.15	An introduction to the session	Manjeet Dhakal <i>Climate Analytics</i>
11.15 – 11.30	Scene Setting: The melting mountains: Climate change, disaster risks, and the future of HKH	Izabella Koziell <i>Deputy Director General, ICIMOD</i>
11.30 – 12.50	High-Level Panel Discussion Impacts of climate change, disaster risks, and the role of Parliamentarians	Panellists H.E. Debapriya Bhattacharya <i>Former Ambassador/ Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN in Geneva, Bangladesh</i> Hon. Tashi Tenzin <i>Chairperson, Environment and Climate Change Committee, Bhutan</i> Representative <i>China</i> Anil Kumar Gupta <i>Principal Investigator & Full Professor, Integrated Centre for Adaptation, DRR & Sustainability, India</i> Hon. Yangkila Sherpa <i>Member, Bagmati Province</i> Hon. Munaza Hassan <i>Chairperson, Standing Committee on Climate Change, Pakistan</i>

12.50 - 13.00	Q&A session	Hon. Gagan Kumar Thapa <i>Nepal</i>
13.00 - 13.10	Closing of the session	
13.10 – 14.10	Lunch Break	
14.10 - 16.10	Technical Session II: Nature and People - Harmonizing Biodiversity Conservation with Human Well-being in the Hindu Kush Himalaya Moderator: Sarala Khaling , <i>Head of Resilient Economies and Landscapes, ICIMOD</i> Chair: Hon. Jamyang Namgyal , <i>Member, Economic Affairs Committee, Bhutan</i>	
14.10 - 14.15	Introduction of the session	Sarala Khaling <i>ICIMOD</i>
14.15 – 14.30	Scene Setting: Biodiversity conservation in the Hindu Kush Himalaya from regional cooperation and political commitment perspectives	Ram Prasad Chaudhary <i>Professor Emeritus, Tribhuvan University, Nepal</i>
14.30 -15.50	High-Level Panel Discussion Parliamentarians’ role in balancing biodiversity conservation and human well-being in the HKH region	Panellists Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury <i>Former Minister of Commerce and Member of Parliament, Bangladesh</i> Hon. Kelzang Lhundup <i>Chairperson Natural Resources and Environmental Committee, Bhutan</i> Thaung Naing Oo , <i>Director General, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Myanmar</i> Hon. Rupa B.K. <i>State Minister, Ministry of Forests and Environment, Nepal</i> Hon. Shiva Raj Adhikari <i>Vice-Chair, National Planning Commission, Nepal</i> Hon. Syed Masroor Ahsan ,

15.50 – 16.00	Q&A session Closing of the session	Pakistan
16.00 – 16.10		Hon. Jamyang Namgyal, Bhutan
18.30 onwards		Welcome Dinner hosted by the Chairperson of Agriculture, Cooperatives and Natural Resources Committee Venue: Manjari, The Soaltee, Kathmandu
Day II: 19th August 2025		
09.00 - 09.10	Welcome to Day II	Lok Bahadur Poudel Chhetri <i>Joint-Secretary</i> <i>Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nepal</i>
09.10 - 11.10	Technical Session III: Actions for clean air Moderator: Bhusan Tuladhar , <i>Environment Expert, FHI 360</i> Chair: Hon. Supradip Chakma , <i>Adviser, Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh</i>	
09.10 - 09.15	Opening of the session	Bhusan Tuladhar FHI 360
09.15 - 09.30	Scene setting: Air quality – Status, challenges and pathways for clean air in the HKH Region	Ashish Tiwari <i>Air Lead</i> <i>ICIMOD</i>
09.30 - 10.50	High-Level Panel Discussion Striving together for clean air and blue skies in the HKH region	Panellists Tasnim Jara Senior Joint Member Secretary, National Citizen Party, <i>Bangladesh</i> Hon. Sonam Tashi <i>Chairperson,</i> <i>The Public Accounts Committee,</i> <i>Bhutan</i> Hon. Madhav Sapkota <i>Member of Parliament, Nepal</i> Hon. Suriya Bibi <i>Deputy Speaker, Khyber</i> <i>Pakhtunkhwa Provincial</i> <i>Assembly, Pakistan</i>

10.50 - 11.00	Questions from the audience	Hon. Supradip Chakma, <i>Bangladesh</i>
11.00 - 11.10	Closing of the session	
11.10 – 11.30	Tea Break	
11.10 - 12.40	HKH Parliamentary Round Table: Setting the Future Paths	<p>Chair Hon. Bimala Ghimire <i>Vice-Chair, National Assembly of Nepal</i></p> <p>Moderator Durga Prasad Bhattarai <i>Former Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations</i></p> <p>Speakers Hon. Parliamentarians <i>From the HKH and other countries</i></p>
12.40 - 13.00	Open consultation session	
13.00 - 13.15	Closing Session Emcee by Shivani Chemjong	
13.00 – 13.05	Recap and conclusions	Hon. Kusum Devi Thapa <i>Chairperson Agriculture, Cooperatives and Natural Resources Committee, Nepal</i>
13.05 - 13.10	Key takeaways	Hon. Bir Bahadur Balayar <i>Member Agriculture, Cooperatives and Natural Resources Committee and Coordinator, Organising Committee, Nepal</i>
13.10 - 13.15	Vote of thanks	Representative , HKH Countries
13.15 - 13.20	Closing Remarks	Rt. Hon. Devraj Ghimire

		<i>Speaker</i> <i>House of Representatives, Nepal</i>
13.15 - 14.15	Lunch	
	Post-event media briefing	