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13 November



Opening Ceremony of the **HINDU KUSH HIMALAYA SCIENCE-POLICY FORUM**

Host: Ms. Naina Shakya, Partnership and Private Sector Specialist, ICIMOD

HIGH LEVEL DIGNITARIES FROM HKH COUNTRIES TO GIVE OPENING REMARKS

H.E. Hashmatullah Ghafoori

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*Deputy Director General, Environmental Conservation Department, Ministry of
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Dr. Mohammad Shahid

Chairperson, Community of Evaluators, Pakistan

- 16:00 **Lighting of Panas** by Honourable Minister Mr. Shakti Bahadur Basnet, Ministry of Forests and Environment, Government of Nepal
- 16:05 **Welcome** by Dr. David Malden, Director General, ICIMOD
Key Findings of Hindu Kush Himalayan Assessment Report and the HKH Science-Policy Forum
- 16:25 **Welcome Address** by Dr. Bishwa Nath Oli, Secretary, Ministry of Forests and Environment, Government of Nepal
- 16:35 **Introduction of the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Capacity for the Himalayas (REEECH)** by Dr. Martin Ledolter, Managing Director, Austrian Development Agency (ADA)
- 16:45 **Opening Remarks** by High-Level Dignitaries from ICIMOD Regional Member Countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan
- 17:25 **Briefing on the HKH Call to Action** by Dr. Eklabya Sharma, Deputy Director General, ICIMOD
- 17:35 **Presentation of the HKH Assessment Report Chapter Briefs** by Dr. Philippus Wester, Regional Programme Manager, Mountain Knowledge and Action Networks, ICIMOD
- 17:40 **Address by the Chief Guest: Honourable Minister Mr. Shakti Bahadur Basnet, Ministry of Forests and Environment, Government of Nepal**
- 17:50 **Vote of Thanks** by Mr. Basanta Shrestha, Director of Strategic Cooperation, ICIMOD
- 17:55 **Group Photo**
- 18:00 **Tour of Poster Exhibit of HKH Assessment Chapter**
- 18:30 **End of Ceremony Followed by Reception**