



PROGRAMME

THE FIRST

**HINDU KUSH HIMALAYA  
SCIENCE-POLICY FORUM**

Actions to Sustain  
a Global Asset

ICIMOD Main Conference Hall,  
Annex Building

14 November



DAY 2

# HINDU KUSH HIMALAYA SCIENCE-POLICY FORUM



09:00-10:30

## SESSION 1: KEY FINDINGS OF THE HKH ASSESSMENT

*Facilitator: Dr. Eklabya Sharma, Deputy Director General, ICIMOD*

30 minutes

### Presentation on Key Findings of the HKH Assessment

**Dr. Philippus Wester**

*Regional Programme Manager, Mountain Knowledge and Action Networks, ICIMOD*

60 minutes

### In-depth Interactions on the HKH Assessment Chapter Posters with their Chapter Coordinators

10:30-11:00

*Tea Break*

11:00-12:30

## SESSION 2: THE HKH CALL TO ACTION: ACHIEVING THE NINE MOUNTAIN PRIORITIES

*Facilitator: Dr. Philippus Wester, Regional Programme Manager,  
Mountain Knowledge and Action Networks, ICIMOD*

30 minutes

### Presentation on The HKH Call to Action: Achieving the Nine Mountain Priorities

**Dr. Arabinda Mishra**

*Theme Leader Livelihoods, ICIMOD*

**Dr. Aditi Mukherji**

*Theme Leader Water and Air, ICIMOD*

**Dr. Arun B. Shrestha**

*Regional Programme Manager,  
River Basins and Cryosphere*

30 minutes

### Facilitated Group Discussions on the Nine Mountain Priorities

30 minutes

### Plenary Report Back of the Group Discussion

12:30-13:30

*Lunch Break*

13:30-15:00

## SESSION 3: THE HKH CALL TO ACTION: SIX KEY ACTIONS

*Facilitator: Dr. Aditi Mukherji, Theme Leader Water and Air, ICIMOD*

30 minutes

### Presentation on the Six Key Actions

**Dr. Eklabya Sharma**

*Deputy Director General, ICIMOD*

30 minutes

### Breakout Groups Deliberate on the Six Key Actions

30 minutes

### Plenary Report Back on the Six Key Actions

15:00-15:30

*Tea Break*

15:30-17:00

## SESSION 4: A ROADMAP FOR MOVING TOWARDS MORE ROBUST REGIONAL COOPERATION TO SUSTAIN MOUNTAIN ENVIRONMENTS AND LIVELIHOODS IN THE HINDU KUSH HIMALAYA

*Facilitator: Mr. Brij Rathore, Chief Policy Advisor, ICIMOD*

15 minutes

### Learning from Other Regions: Presentations on the Alpine Convention and the Arctic Council

**Ms. Silvia Jost**

*Head of International Cooperation, Swiss Federal Office for Spatial Development, Switzerland*

**Dr. Lars-Otto Reiersen**

*Senior Advisor to the Rector of the University of Tromsø, the Arctic University of Norway and Former Executive Director, Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme (AMAP)*

60 minutes

### Plenary Panel Discussion on a Road Map for Moving Towards More Robust Regional Cooperation

*Moderator: Dr. David Molden, Director General, ICIMOD (with audience interaction)*

**Dr. V K Saraswat**

*Member, National Institute for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog, India*

**Mr. Mohammad Rafi Qazizada**

*Director General, Natural Resource Management; Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock, Afghanistan*

**Senator Nisar A Memon**

*Chairman, Water Environment Forum, Pakistan*

**Ms. Debra Tan**

*Director, China Water Risk, China*

**Prof. Wu Ning**

*Director General, Chengdu Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China*

17:00-18:00

## CONCLUDING SESSION

*Chair: Dr. Margaret Catley-Carlson, Chair, ICIMOD Programme Advisory Committee*

### Closing Remarks by High-Level Dignitaries from ICIMOD's Regional Member Countries *(5 minutes each)*

**H.E. Hashmatullah Ghafoori**

*Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock, Afghanistan*

**Prof. Yanfen Wang**

*Vice President, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, China*

**Dr. San Oo**

*Deputy Director General, Environmental Conservation Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Myanmar*

**H.E. Mashfee Binte Shams**

*Ambassador, Embassy of Bangladesh in Nepal, Bangladesh*

**Dr. RS Rawal**

*Director, GB Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and Sustainable Development, India*

**Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gilani**

*Chairman, Gallup, Pakistan*

**Dasho Tenzin Dhendup**

*His Majesty's Secretariat, Tashichho Dzong Gardens, Bhutan*

### Closing Remarks *(5 minutes each)*

**H.E. Peter Budd**

*Ambassador, Embassy of Australia in Nepal and Chair ICIMOD Support Group*

**Honourable Minister**

**Shakti Bahadur Basnet**

*Ministry of Forests and Environment, Government of Nepal*

**Dr. David Molden**

*Director General, ICIMOD*



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