

## Agenda

**Day 1: August 20, Tuesday. Venue: Hotel Himalaya**

**Opening session.** Facilitator: **Chimi Seldon**, Communications Officer, ICIMOD

Time (NPT)	Activity	Facilitator/Speaker
09:00 – 09:30	Registration	<b>Prabesh Shrestha</b> Executive Associate, ICIMOD
09:30 – 10:00	Welcome remarks	<b>Izabella Koziell</b> Deputy Director General, ICIMOD
	Presentation on SG -1: Importance of hubs and networks in managing cryosphere and water	<b>Arun Bhakta Shrestha</b> , Strategic Group Lead, SG-1: Reducing Climate and Environmental Risks, ICIMOD
10:00 – 10:15	Group photo and tea/coffee break	
10:15 – 10:30	Meet your mates: Icebreaker bingo bonanza!	<b>Chimi Seldon</b> , ICIMOD
Time (NPT)	Activity	Session moderator/facilitator
<b>Session 1: 2025 – Global call for glacier preservation</b>		
10:30–11:25	Screen IYGP video (3:30 minutes) Remarks (5 minutes each) <b>Koen Verbist</b> , Programme Specialist, UNESCO <b>Sulagna Mishra</b> , Scientific Officer, Hydrology, Water and Cryosphere branch, WMO <b>International Year for Glacier Preservation 2025</b> (5 Minutes) – ICIMOD <b>Flash presentations (3 slides, 5 minutes each)</b> Tribute to Yala - <b>Chimi Seldon</b> , ICIMOD HKH Women on Ice – <b>Sunwi Maskey</b> , ICIMOD Save Our Snow: profiling HKH cryosphere issue – <b>Tenzing Chogyal Sherpa</b> , Cryosphere Analyst, ICIMOD Q&A (10 min) and closing of the session – <b>Miriam Jackson</b> , Senior Cryosphere Specialist, ICIMOD	<b>Paridhi Shrestha</b> , Intern-IYGP Support, ICIMOD
11:25 – 11:40	Exploring art to highlight glacier melt – <b>Lingam. K</b> , Research-based visual artist, Australia (15 Minutes)	
<b>Session 2: HKH CryoHub structure and thematic working groups</b> Expected outcome for this session: Finalised HKH CryoHub structure		
11: 40 –12:30	<b>Presentation:</b> Overview of HKH CryoHub structure - <b>Chimi Seldon</b> , ICIMOD  Discussion on proposed structure: <i>Guiding questions provided</i>	Facilitator: <b>Miriam Jackson</b> , Senior Cryosphere Specialist, ICIMOD  Rapporteur: <b>Sunwi Maskey</b> , Cryosphere Research Associate, ICIMOD
12: 30 – 13: 30	Lunch	

**13:30 – 13:35 Energizer**

**Session 2 continues**

<b>13:35 – 14:35</b>	Continue discussion on proposed structure  Presentation by the groups	Facilitator: <b>Miriam Jackson</b> , Senior Cryosphere Specialist, ICIMOD  Rapporteur: <b>Sunwi Maskey</b> , Cryosphere Research Associate, ICIMOD
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**14:35 – 14:50 Tea**

**Session 3: Thematic working Groups for the HKH CryoHub**

Expected outcome: Almost finalised and agreed upon Terms of Reference (ToR) and Thematic working Groups members

<b>14:50 – 16:00</b>	Presentation: Thematic working Groups (5 minutes) - <b>Miriam Jackson</b> , ICIMOD  Online live poll on how many thematic working groups  Forming groups and sorting members  Each group work on the ToR based on the proposed template provided	Facilitator: <b>Tenzing Chogyal Sherpa</b> , Cryosphere Analyst, ICIMOD  Rapporteur: Each group to assign one notetaker
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<b>16:00 – 17:00</b>	<b>Group discussion outcome presentations</b>	Group leads
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**17:00 - Session end and Reception dinner**

**Day 2: August 21, Wednesday**

**Venue: Hotel Himalaya**

Time (NPT)	Activity	Facilitator /Speaker
09:15 – 09:30	The musical	<b>Chimi Seldon</b> , ICIMOD
09:30 – 09:35	Reflections from the previous day and programme for today	<b>Sangya Mishra</b> , Intern, ICIMOD

**Session 4: Cryosphere monitoring and analysis across the region**

Expected outcome: Shared understanding of regional cryosphere dynamics

<b>09:35 – 10:50</b>	<b>Partners presentation:</b>  Cryosphere monitoring and analysis in Bhutan - <b>Karma</b> , Cryosphere Specialist, National Centre for Hydrology and Meteorology, Bhutan  The current situation and progress in cryosphere research - <b>Qianggong Zhang</b> , Institute of Tibetan Plateau Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China  Cryosphere monitoring and analysis in India - <b>Mohd Farooq Azam</b> , Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Technology Indore, India  Cryosphere Monitoring Activities by DHM in Nepal- <b>Dinkar Kayastha</b> , Senior Divisional Hydrologist, Department of Hydrology and Meteorology, Nepal  Recent Trends in the State of Cryosphere in Pakistan - <b>Furrukh Bashir</b> , Director, Pakistan Meteorology Division	Facilitator: <b>Sharad Joshi</b> , Cryosphere Analyst, ICIMOD  Rapporteur: <b>Prashant Baral</b> , Cryosphere Analyst, ICIMOD
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**10:50 – 11:05 Tea**

### Session 5: Regional co-operation - cryosphere syntheses; cryosphere strategy

Expected outcome: Identified topic/issue for each TwGs and potential collaboration across TwGs

<b>11:05 – 12:45</b>	<b>Presentations (5 -10 minutes):</b> Regional cryosphere strategy - <b>Miriam Jackson</b> , ICIMOD Present progress on HKH decadal glacier work - <b>Sudan Bikash Maharjan</b> , Remote Sensing Analyst, ICIMOD Mapping permafrost in the HKH region – <b>Sonam Wangchuk</b> , ICIMOD Permafrost issue brief and regional permafrost synthesis – <b>Prashant Baral</b> , ICIMOD Snow update - <b>Sher Muhammad</b> , ICIMOD Group discussion and present final topics	Facilitator: <b>Sonam Wangchuk</b> , Cryosphere Specialist, ICIMOD  Rapporteur: <b>Sangya Mishra</b> , ICIMOD
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**12:45 – 13:30 Lunch**

**13: 30 – 13: 35 Energizer**

### Continue session 5

<b>13:35 – 14:15</b>	<b>Presentations:</b> Society and ecosystems - <b>Sunita Chaudhary</b> , Ecosystem Services Specialist, ICIMOD Gender Equality and Social Inclusion consideration – <b>Kamala Gurung</b> , Gender and Natural Resource Management Specialist, ICIMOD Group discussion and present final topics	Facilitator: <b>Sonam Wangchuk</b> , Cryosphere Specialist, ICIMOD  Rapporteur: <b>Sangya Mishra</b> , ICIMOD
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### Session 6: Collaborative research topics and Funding mechanism for hub activities

Facilitator: Stations hosts

**14:15 – 15:15 Café format**

**Four stations (10 minutes each station):**

- Common topics/issues on HKH cryosphere to collaborate on by TwGs.
- Funding source and funding mechanism for the HKH CryoHub and TwGs
- Mapping cryosphere capacity in the HKH
- Communicating cryosphere issues to policymakers

**Host:**

**Prashant Baral**, ICIMOD  
**Rongkun Liu**, ICIMOD  
**Sonam Wangchuk**, ICIMOD  
**Miriam Jackson**, ICIMOD

Host presentation 5' minutes each

**15:15–15:30 Tea**

### Session 7: Linking regional platforms to global platforms

Facilitator: **Annie Dare**, Head, Communications Unit, ICIMOD

<b>15:30 – 16:30</b>	<b>TED talk format:</b> Profiling regional issues in Global platforms - <b>Arun Bhakta Shrestha</b> , ICIMOD Increasing regional access to global platforms – <b>Susana Hancock</b> , Global Mountains Director, International Cryosphere Climate Initiative (ICCI) <b>Q&amp;A</b>	Rapporteur: <b>Chimi Seldon</b> , ICIMOD
<b>16:30-16:50</b>	Way forward and vote of thanks – <b>Arun Bhakta Shrestha</b> , ICIMOD	

**17:00** End day two and end of 2024 annual dialogue

Thank you