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Mountains of Opportunity

A framework to scale up investment in mountain-specific climate priorities in the Hindu Kush Himalaya

9 November 2021 | 10:00 – 11:30 UK Time
Cryosphere Pavilion, COP26, UK

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Event focus

In a consultative meeting held on 15 July 2021, delegates from the eight HKH countries, including [UNFCCC national focal points](#) and [HKH High-Level Task Force members](#) – along with representatives from the [COP26 Presidency](#) – met to articulate a collective mountain voice for more ambitious climate action in the HKH at the COP26.

To accelerate climate action, ICIMOD has developed the “Mountains of Opportunity” investment framework to help HKH countries mobilize resources for mountain-specific climate priorities. The event will introduce the framework, which will support creation of a “Friends of the HKH” group consisting of governments, private sectors, financial institutions, and development partners to raise awareness around the climate crisis in the HKH and opportunities to strengthen the resilience of mountain communities and economies.

Agenda

| Time | Programme |
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| 10:00–10:05 | Welcome – Pam Pearson , Director, International Cryosphere Climate Initiative (ICCI) Moderator: Deepshikha Sharma, Climate and Environment Specialist, ICIMOD |
| 10:05–10:08 | Welcome remarks – Pema Gyamtsho , Director General, ICIMOD |
| 10:08–10:10 | Screening of Sustainable Summits film (Trailers) – Udayan Mishra , Knowledge Management and Networking Officer, ICIMOD |
| 10:10–10:15 | Video message – Rt. Hon'ble Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba , Nepal |
| 10:15–10:30 | Introduction of the Mountains of Opportunity investment framework – Nanki Kaur , Regional Programme Manager, Adaptation and Resilience Building, ICIMOD |
| 10:30–11:00 | Remarks from the heads of delegation to COP26 from the HKH countries – Bangladesh: H.E. Md Shahab Uddin M. P. , Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change – Bhutan: H.E. Lyonpo Yeshey Penjor , Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Forests – Nepal: H.E. Ramsahay Prasad Yadav , Minister, Ministry of Forests and Environment – Pakistan: H.E. Malik Amin Aslam , Minister, Ministry of Climate Change – India: Shri Rameshwor Prasad Gupta , Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change – China: Sun Zhen , Deputy Director General of Climate Change Department, Ministry of Ecology and Environment, PRC |
| 11:00–11:05 | Remarks – Jonathan Pershing , Deputy Special Envoy, United States of America – Ken O'Flaherty , COP26 Regional Ambassador for Asia-Pacific and South Asia |
| 11:05–11:10 | Q&A |
| 11:10–11:15 | Closing remarks – Kewal Prasad Bhandari , Member Secretary, National Planning Commission, Nepal |
| 11:15–11:20 | Way forward and vote of thanks – Pema Gyamtsho , Director General, ICIMOD |

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