



WEBINAR ON

# HKH to Glasgow

Climate action in the Hindu Kush Himalaya

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## Climate action in the HKH

2020 is an important year for climate action. Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) will communicate their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to limit warming to 1.5 to 2°C above pre-industrial levels; increase their ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change; and make finance flows consistent with climate-resilient and low-carbon development pathways.

The Hindu Kush Himalayan (HKH) region, which spreads across Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Nepal, China, Bhutan, Myanmar, and Bangladesh, is particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. A 1.5°C increase in global temperature is likely to result in a **2.1°C increase in temperature** the HKH by the end of the century due to elevation-dependent warming. This will expose 240 million people who live in the mountains and hills and over 1.65 billion people downstream to climate-induced disasters, as well as large-scale environmental impacts on human health, food production systems, and biodiversity.

In a landmark event, the eight HKH countries signed the [Ministerial Declaration](#) and launched the [HKH Call to Action](#) during the [HKH Ministerial Mountain Summit 2020](#) – signalling their commitment to sustain mountain environments and improve livelihoods in the HKH.

This historic agreement highlights the need for regional collaboration and ambitious climate action to limit global temperature to 1.5°C and to adapt to the impacts of climate change.

## Objectives

The HKH to Glasgow webinar will provide a platform for stakeholders from the HKH to discuss how regional collaboration can deliver ambitious climate action in the region.

The dialogue will enable stakeholders to better understand transboundary climate risks – not only those that are shared across borders *within* the region, which have been long recognized (and where the HKH could offer best practice examples to the rest of the world), but also those that originate *beyond* the region and could nevertheless have critical implications for people's livelihoods and well-being. Furthermore, the webinar will provide a platform to share progress made on climate actions; identify mountain-specific climate actions to limit warming to 1.5°C and for climate change adaptation; and discuss ways to make finance flows consistent with climate-resilient and low-carbon development pathways.

The dialogue will be one of the many technical and political dialogues planned in the run-up to [COP26](#) in 2021.

# Agenda

Time (NPT)	Programme
14:30–15:00	<b>Check-in on MS Teams</b> Moderator: <a href="#">Nanki Kaur</a> , Regional Programme Manager, Adaptation and Resilience Building, ICIMOD Webinar production team: <a href="#">Udayan Mishra</a> , Knowledge Management and Networking Officer, ICIMOD <a href="#">Samita Sharma</a> , Programme Associate, ICIMOD
15:00–15:10	Welcome and introduction – <a href="#">Nanki Kaur</a> , ICIMOD
15:10–15:20	<b>The HKH and the climate emergency</b> – <a href="#">Pema Gyamtsho</a> , Director General, ICIMOD
15:20–15:30	<b>Transboundary climate risks in the HKH</b> – <a href="#">Rebecca Nadin</a> , Director of Global Risks and Resilience at Overseas Development Institute (ODI), and Steering committee member, <a href="#">Adaptation Without Borders</a>
15:30–15:40	Climate action in the HKH – <a href="#">Pradyumna JB Rana</a> , Climate Change Adaptation and Governance Analyst, ICIMOD
15:40–16:30	<b>Panel session: Regional cooperation for ambitious climate action in the HKH</b>  <b>Nature-based solutions for ambitious climate action in the HKH</b> – <a href="#">Nakul Chettri</a> , Regional Programme Manager, Transboundary Landscapes, ICIMOD  <b>Resilient mountain enterprises for ambitious climate action in the HKH</b> – <a href="#">Rigzin W Lachic</a> , Social entrepreneur, Co-Founder – Hatti Ladakh, and Founder – Dolkar  <b>Resilient infrastructure and jobs for climate resilient and low carbon development in the HKH</b> – <a href="#">Ashan Javed</a> , Research fellow (renewable energy), SAARC Energy Centre, Pakistan  <b>Climate responsive financial services for ambitious climate action in the HKH</b> – <a href="#">Manjeet Dhakal</a> , Head of LDC Support Team, Climate Analytics  <b>Concrete actions and mechanisms for regional collaboration</b> – <a href="#">Prabhakar SVRK</a> , Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)
16:30–16:45	Q&A with audience
16:45–17:00	From HKH to Glasgow – <a href="#">The Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP</a> , UK International Champion on Adaptation and Resilience for the COP26 Presidency

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