

**Government of Nepal  
Ministry of Environment**

**International Conference of Mountain Countries on Climate Change**

**April 5-6, 2012**

Hotel Hyatt Regency

Kathmandu Nepal

**Tentative Programme**

**4 April 2012, Wednesday**

1600 - 1800 Pre-registration

**Day 1: 5 April 2012, Thursday**

0800 - 0830 Arrival of the Participants and Registration

0830 - 0845 Participants will take their designated seats

0845 - 0855 Arrival of the Dignitaries

08:55 Arrival of the Right Honourable President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav

**Inaugural Session**

0900 - 0902 Right Honourable President at the dias

0902 - 0905 Sight and Sound of Mountains

0905 - 0912 Welcome remarks: Mr. Hemraj Tater, Honourable Minister for Environment, Government of Nepal

0913 - 0921 Messages: Ms. Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC Secretariat  
Mr. Apa Sherpa, 21 times Mount Everest Summiteer

0921 - 0936 Keynote Speech on the Science of Climate Change and Mountains: **Dr. R.K. Pachauri**, Chair, IPCC and DG, The Energy and Resources Institute

**0936 - 0943 Inauguration of the Conference (by lighting the auspicious lamp) and Address by Right Honourable President of Nepal, Dr. Ram Baran Yadav**

0943 - 0950 Vote of Thanks: Mr. Krishna Gyawali, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Government of Nepal

0950 -1015 Group Photographs with Right Honourable President and other dignitaries and  
1015 Right Honourable President departs from the Conference Venue

1005 - 1050 Tea/Coffee break

1050 - 1300

- SESSION 1: Ministerial Panel on the Climate Change Impacts, Vulnerability, Adaptation Options and Climate Financing in the Mountains**  
Moderator: Mr. Kul Chandra Gautam, former Assistant Secretary-General to the United Nations
- 1050 - 1100 Keynote Remarks: Honourable Lyonpo Pema Gyamtsho, Minister, Royal Government of Bhutan
- Panellists:**
- 1100 - 1240 Honourable George Khachidze, Georgia  
Honourable Tsogtbaatar Damdin, Mongolia  
Honourable Hemraj Tater, Nepal  
Honourable Gabriel Quijandria, Peru  
Honourable Talbak Orzuevich Salimov, Chairman, Committee on Environment Protection, Tajikistan  
Honourable Fatma A. Ferej, Tanzania  
Honourable Mufeed Abdo AL-HALEMI, Yemen  
Remarks: Dr. Rajendra Pachauri, Chair, IPCC  
Wrap-up by the Moderator
- 1240 - 1300 Launching of the Nepal Climate Change Support Programme and the National Framework for Local Adaptation Plan for Action
- 1300-1400 Lunch, Hyatt Hotel
- 1400 - 1530
- SESSION 2: Panel Discussion: Climate Change Impacts, Vulnerability, Adaptation Options and Climate Financing in the Mountains (contd ...)**  
Moderator: H.E. Gyan Chandra Acharya, Nepal's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, New York
- 1400 - 1410 Keynote Remarks: Mr. Philip Marker, UK Climate Change Envoy for Asia and Head, UK Climate Change and Energy Unit, Delhi
- 1410 - 1530 **Panellists:**  
Honourable MD. Sohrab Ali Sana, Member of Parliament, Bangladesh  
Honourable Ms. Lucky Sherpa, Member, Constituent Assembly, Nepal  
Honourable Haji Adeel, Member Senate, Pakistan  
Honourable Buddhika Pathirana, Member of Parliament, Sri Lanka  
H.E. Mr. Jose Luis Balmaceda, Chile  
Mr. Amir Hooshang Delju, Senior Scientific Coordinator, WMO  
Dr. Herbert Acquay, Sector Manager, Environment, Water Resources and Climate Change, World Bank  
Mr. Kenichi Yokoyama, Country Director, Nepal Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank  
Wrap-up by the Moderator
- 1530-1600 *Tea/coffee, Hotel Hall*

1600 - 1530

**SESSION 3: Climate Change in the Mountains: Knowledge Generation, Ecosystem Services, Livelihoods and Mountain Agenda**

**Moderator:** Dr. Young-Woo Park, Regional Director, UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

Keynote Remarks: Dr. David Molden, Director General, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)

Presentation: Dr. Jiang Mingjun, Director General, IESCO China

**Panellists:**

Mr. Sun Zhen, Deputy Director-General, Development and Reform Commission, China

Dr. R.S. Tolia, Chairperson, Central Himalayan Environment Association (CHEA), India

Dr. Dirk Hoffman, Bolivian Mountain Institute, Bolivia

Dr. Dinesh Chandra Devkota, Visiting Professor, Central Department of Environment Science, Tribhuvan University

Prof. Masayoshi Nakawo, National Institutes for the Humanities, Japan

Dr. Olman Serrano, Mountain Partnership, Food and Agriculture Organization

Dr. Arjun Karki, Chair, LDC Watch

Dr. Michael Glantz, Director of the the Consortium of Capacity Building, University of Colorado Boulder, USA

Wrap-up by the Moderator

18:30-20.30 *Conference Dinner and Cultural Programme, Hotel Hyatt*

1830 - 1845 **Special Address:** Former Prime Minister, Honourable Madhav Kumar Nepal

**Day 2: 6 April 2012, Friday**

## **Special Session**

0900-1010

0900 - 0910 Video: Mountains and People

**Chair:** Mr. Bijay Kumar Gachhedar, Honourable Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs, Government of Nepal

0910- 0915 Welcome remarks: Mr. Hemraj Tater, Minister for Environment, Government of Nepal

0915 - 0925 Address: Honourable Minister from the Government of India to be represented by Mr. BMS Rathore, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forest (MOEF)

0925 - 0935 Mr. Abdullah bin Murbarak bin Aabboud Al-Midhadhi, Honourable Minister for Environment, State of Qatar

0935 - 0955 **Special Address: Dr. Baburam Bhattarai, Right Honourable Prime Minister of Nepal**

0955 - 1005 Chair's Remarks: Mr. Bijay Kumar Gachhedar, Honourable Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs, Government of Nepal

1005 - 1010 Vote of thanks: Mr. Krishna Gyawali, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Government of Nepal

**1010-1040** *Tea/Coffee, Hotel Hall*

1040 - 1300 **Session 4: Climate Change and Mountains in the International Negotiation Processes**

**Moderator:** Mr. Quamrul Islam Chowdhury, Bangladesh

**Panellists:**

Mr Aisif Verdiyev, Head hydrologist, Azerbaijan

Ms. Mercedes Meneses, Chile

Mr. Aime Mbuyi Kalombo, DR Congo

Dr. Nyi Nyi Kyaw, Deputy DG, Forest Department, Myanmar

Mr. Ysmail Dairov, Advisor of Director, Kyrgyzstan

Mr. Batu Krishna Uprety, Joint-Secretary (Tech.), Nepal

Mr. Ilhomjon Rajabov, Head, Climate Change & Ozone Centre, Tajikistan

Mr. Aleksandr Merkushkin, Deputy Head, Monitoring on Environmental Pollution, Uzbekistan

Wrap-up by the Moderator

1300-1400 Lunch, Hyatt Hotel Garden

1400 - 1530 **Kathmandu Call for Action on Mountains and Climate Change**

**Chair:** Mr. Madhav Prasad Ghimire, Chief Secretary, Government of Nepal

**Moderator:** H.E. Gyan Chandra Acharya, Nepal's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, New York

Presentations:

Recommendations of the Expert Consultation - Madhav Bahadur Karki

Recommendations of the Parliamentarian's workshop on climate change  
Discussion on the Draft of Kathmandu Call for Action on Mountains and Climate  
Change

Chair's Remarks: Mr. Madhav Prasad Ghimire, Chief Secretary, Government of Nepal

**1530-1600**     *Tea/coffee, Hotel Hall*

1600 - 1730     **Closing Session:** Chair: Mr. Hemraj Tater, Honourable Minister for Environment,  
Government of Nepal

1600 - 1610     Kathmandu Call for Global Action on Mountains and Climate Change

1610 - 1700     Remarks by the Honourable Ministers representing Latin America, Africa, Central Asia  
and Hindu-Kush Himalayan Regions

1700 - 1715     Address by the Chief Guest: Mr. Narayan Kaji Shrestha, Honourable Deputy Prime  
Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Government of Nepal

1715 - 1720     Mr. Batu Krishna Uprety, Joint-Secretary (Technical) and Head of Climate Change  
Management Division, Ministry of Environment, Government of Nepal

1720 - 1730     Closing Remarks: Mr. Hemraj Tater, Honourable Minister for Environment,  
Government of Nepal

*End of the Programme*

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