

Cryosphere and society in the Hindu Kush Himalaya

Location

Salle C2, World Meteorological
Organization Headquarters
Geneva, Switzerland

Date and time

30 October 2019,
12:00–13:30 CEST

The Hindu Kush Himalaya (HKH) store the largest reserves of snow and ice outside the polar regions, which is why the region is aptly called the Third Pole. Changes in the Third Pole’s cryosphere and fragile ecosystems have adverse, widescale impacts. Spotlighting cryospheric changes in the HKH is therefore crucial.

The “International forum on the cryosphere and society: The voice of the HKH” held in Kathmandu, Nepal, in August 2019 brought together experts and stakeholders, including diverse groups of mountain communities, to discuss the cryosphere’s importance and contributions to society in the HKH region. This was the first-of-its-kind platform focusing on cryosphere contributions and their sustainability in the region. The forum built on cryosphere-related key findings in the 2019 *Hindu Kush Himalaya Assessment* report.

The side event on “Cryosphere and society in the Hindu Kush Himalaya” at the High Mountain Summit (HMS) will share and discuss key messages from the forum to amplify the voice of the HKH in the context of the HMS. The event will also highlight the HKH Call to Action.

The side event aims to strengthen the interface between diverse groups of users and providers of knowledge and information systems supporting sustainable development and risk reduction in mountain and downstream regions. It will reflect upon key messages from the forum in the context of the HMS’s objective to develop a roadmap to science-based, reliable user-driven knowledge and information systems.

Global stakeholders are welcome to discuss issues relevant for the Third Pole region and the entire world.

Session format: Moderated panel discussion

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Moderator: David Molden, Director General, ICIMOD



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