

## HINDU KUSH-HIMALAYA INITIATIVE

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### **Summary of discussions**

Members of the Partnership met in Cusco on 29<sup>th</sup> October. A number of areas of interest for joint work were identified, and each member indicated their preferred role- as lead or contributing member. The attached table gives a summary of areas of work, modalities suggested and names the lead and contributing members.

Given that this was the first time members of this initiative were meeting, despite several examples of regional partnerships through regional institutions such as ICIMOD and IUCN Asia, it was recognised that only short term actions would be undertaken and that the process will be tested for results. The group also recognised the relatively small number of government representation (only seven are member countries and only two were represented in the meeting ) and agreed to make efforts to involve other governments in the region.

### **Actions identified and responsibilities are:**

- **E-mail consultation** on the areas identified, to be carried out through the Secretariat; moderators for biodiversity and gender to be the Ministry of Forests **Nepal**, and **WOCAN**, respectively
- **A meeting of the members** to be organised within the region, after setting up agenda through email. **IUCN** and **ICIMOD** to lead the planning and organising processes
- Organize a **wider meeting of stakeholders** (non members) back to back with the member meeting . Financial resources to be sought from the Secretariat for both meetings
- Draft **framework of action** to be prepared jointly by **IUCN** and **ICIMOD**, and comments sought from members. This framework to be presented at regional meeting.

SUBJECT	INFORMATION SHARING	REGIONAL STRATEGY	REGIONAL PROJECT/ACTION	REGIONAL AGREEMENT	FUN
MOUNTAIN PRODUCTS	✓✓✓✓ ✓✓✓ Lead- IUCN, ICIMOD, WOCAN	✓✓ ✓✓✓ Lead- IUCN< ICIMOD, WMPA	✓✓ ✓✓✓✓ Lead- IUCN< ICIMOD, WMPA, PRAKRITI	✓✓✓ ✓✓ Lead- IUCN ICIMOD,	✓✓ IUC
TOURISM	✓✓✓✓✓ ICIMOD, IUCN	✓ ✓✓ ICIMOD, IUCN	✓✓✓ ✓ IUCN	✓✓ ✓ ICIMOD	✓✓
ECOSYSTEM PLANNING	✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ ✓	✓✓✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓ ✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓ ✓	✓✓
BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION (INCLUDING PA NETWORK)	✓✓✓✓✓✓✓ ✓	✓✓✓ ✓	✓✓✓✓ ✓	✓✓✓ ✓	✓ ✓
PAYMENT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	✓✓✓✓✓ ✓	✓✓ ✓	✓✓ ✓✓	✓✓✓✓✓	✓ ✓
GENDER AND CONFLICT	✓✓✓ ✓✓	✓	✓ ✓	✓	✓
IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE	✓✓✓✓✓ ✓	✓✓✓✓	✓✓ ✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT	✓✓✓✓ ✓	✓✓✓ ✓	✓✓✓ ✓✓	✓✓✓✓	✓✓