

International Conference

MOUNTAIN RESOURCES AND LIVELIHOODS IN THE HINDU KUSH HIMALAYAS: HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH AND REGIONAL COLLABORATION FOR SUSTAINABLE MOUNTAIN DEVELOPMENT

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Call for Paper Proposals

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I. BACKGROUND

South Asia is home to about 21 percent of the global population. Population growth and urbanization are major drivers of change and increasing stress over the natural resources in the region. Universities and research centers play a key role in generating, sharing and disseminating knowledge on natural resources and provide evidence for effective intergovernmental integrated resource management policies and practice. They play a key role in filling in crucial knowledge gaps, and infusing technical content into public discourse that can help influence policy makers and public opinion.

As parts of The World Bank Grant made to the Himalayan University Consortium under its South Asia Water Initiative, an International Conference titled ***Mountain Resources and Livelihoods in the Hindu Kush Himalayas: Higher Education Research and Regional Collaboration for Sustainable Mountain Development*** will be held in Chengdu (China) during 30 October – 01 November, co-hosted by the Sichuan University, in conjunction with the HUC Annual Meeting 2017. During the one-day Conference (30 October), leading scientists, university leaders, and high level policy makers from within and outside the Hindu Kush Himalayan region will take stock of the state-of-the-art knowledge and best practices in natural resource research and management and discuss regional collaboration for the improvement of livelihoods. Conference participants will have an option to take a one-day field trip in the Chengdu area (31 October).

II. THEMATIC AREAS

Full-time researchers and faculty members from HUC full members are invited to submit paper proposals that focus on one of the following areas:

- Improving livelihoods through sustainable use of mountain resources
- Mountain resources for poverty alleviation and growth
- Reducing risk and building resilience

III. DEADLINE & LOGISTICS

English paper proposals are to be submitted to the HUC Secretariat ***no later than 11 September 2017***. Due to the restriction of seats and time constraints, proposals will be selected on a rolling-basis. Selection will be announced on 18 September.

Apart from the accommodation generously provided by the co-host, Sichuan University, ICIMOD will provide economic cost for invited paper presenters to attend the Conference according to its rules and regulations.