

Development Alternatives and ICIMOD partner to build climate-resilient Hindu Kush Himalaya



MoU signed between Development Alternatives and ICIMOD in Kathmandu, Nepal

Development Alternatives (DA) in collaboration with International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) entered into a long term collaboration in order to create a more sustainable future in the Hindu Kush Himalayan (HKH) Region by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Kathmandu, Nepal.

The MoU was signed on June 21, to combat the frequent and extreme heatwaves, floods, droughts and landslides, while changes in snowfall, permafrost and glacier loss continue at an alarming rate happening in the HKH region. The MoU establishes a framework for collaboration in critical areas such as reducing climate risks, promoting adaptation strategies, promoting livelihood security, and building regional leadership in sustainable development.

Dr. Ashok Khosla, the Chairman of Development Alternatives Group, said, “The MoU demonstrates our shared commitment to working together to address the pressing environmental challenges facing the Hindu Kush Himalaya, this partnership will allow us to combine our expertise to create a more resilient and sustainable future for the region.”

Shrashtant Patara, CEO of Development Alternatives, elaborated on specific areas of collaboration: “Through this partnership, DA will work collaboratively with ICIMOD across various thematic areas to promote livelihood security, resource efficiency, cleaner air, and climate resilience among the communities in the Hindu Kush Himalaya region.”

ICIMOD which is a leading international research and development centre, works in and for the eight HKH countries – Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Myanmar, Nepal, and Pakistan. The Director General of ICIMOD, Pema Gyamtsho, highlighted the importance of collaborative action:

“Meaningful and sustainable partnerships between organisations like Development Alternatives and ICIMOD are essential to take forward relevant and impactful actions to address challenges the HKH is facing. Through this partnership, we can pool the rich expertise, knowledge and wide network of researchers and practitioners of both DA and ICIMOD, to further accelerate the promotion and adoption of sustainable climate practices and secure livelihoods for mountain communities.”

