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The establishment of the International Commission for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) was a result of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) initiative. The Commission was inaugurated in Kathmandu, Nepal, on 25 October 1984.

The Commission's primary objective is to promote international cooperation in the field of mountain development and to provide technical assistance to member countries.