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Foreword

This report presents the highlights of an ICIMOD workshop on the Rehabilitation of Degraded Lands in Mountain Ecosystems of the Hindu Kush-Himalayan (HKH) Region held from May 29 - June 3, 1993, in Kathmandu, Nepal. Participants of the workshop were professionals from country collaborating institutions for the ICIMOD project funded by IDRC, Canada, on Rehabilitation of Degraded Lands in Mountain Ecosystems, being implemented in China, India, Nepal, and Pakistan, and some invitees from concerned government agencies, institutions, and NGOs in Kathmandu who contributed their expertise to the workshop.

The workshop was organised by the Mountain Environmental Management (MEM) Programme of ICIMOD. The programme is currently focussing on identification and promotion of sustainable options for improving degraded lands in mountain ecosystems that are being examined and tested in different field, case-study locations for their appropriateness for different mountain areas. In view of the wide heterogeneity of mountain ecosystems and solutions to the problems of land degradation in mountain areas, it was considered very useful for the collaborative agencies of the project to meet and discuss methods and alternative approaches identified for implementing the project in different field, case-study areas. In this respect, ICIMOD organised this workshop as an important initial activity for project implementation, to orient collaborating agencies on methodologies for actions to rehabilitate the degraded mountain lands in different mountain ecosystems in the region. It is believed that the workshop achieved objectives through close interaction amongst all participants, particularly during group discussions, to consolidate the methodological guidelines for rehabilitating degraded lands in mountain ecosystems. Outputs generated from the workshop will be most useful in guiding collaborative institutions of the project as they conduct case studies in the field locations.

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