

# Himalayan University Consortium

FOR MOUNTAINS AND PEOPLE

## Background and Rationale

- HUC, originally founded in 2007, includes 16 full members from the region (including ICIMOD as Secretariat and 15 universities representing all the countries of the region), as well as 9 associate members from outside the region.
- Higher education and research institutions in the region must generate mountain-specific knowledge, develop mountainspecific curricula, and train students in this area for effective contributions to sustainable mountain development.

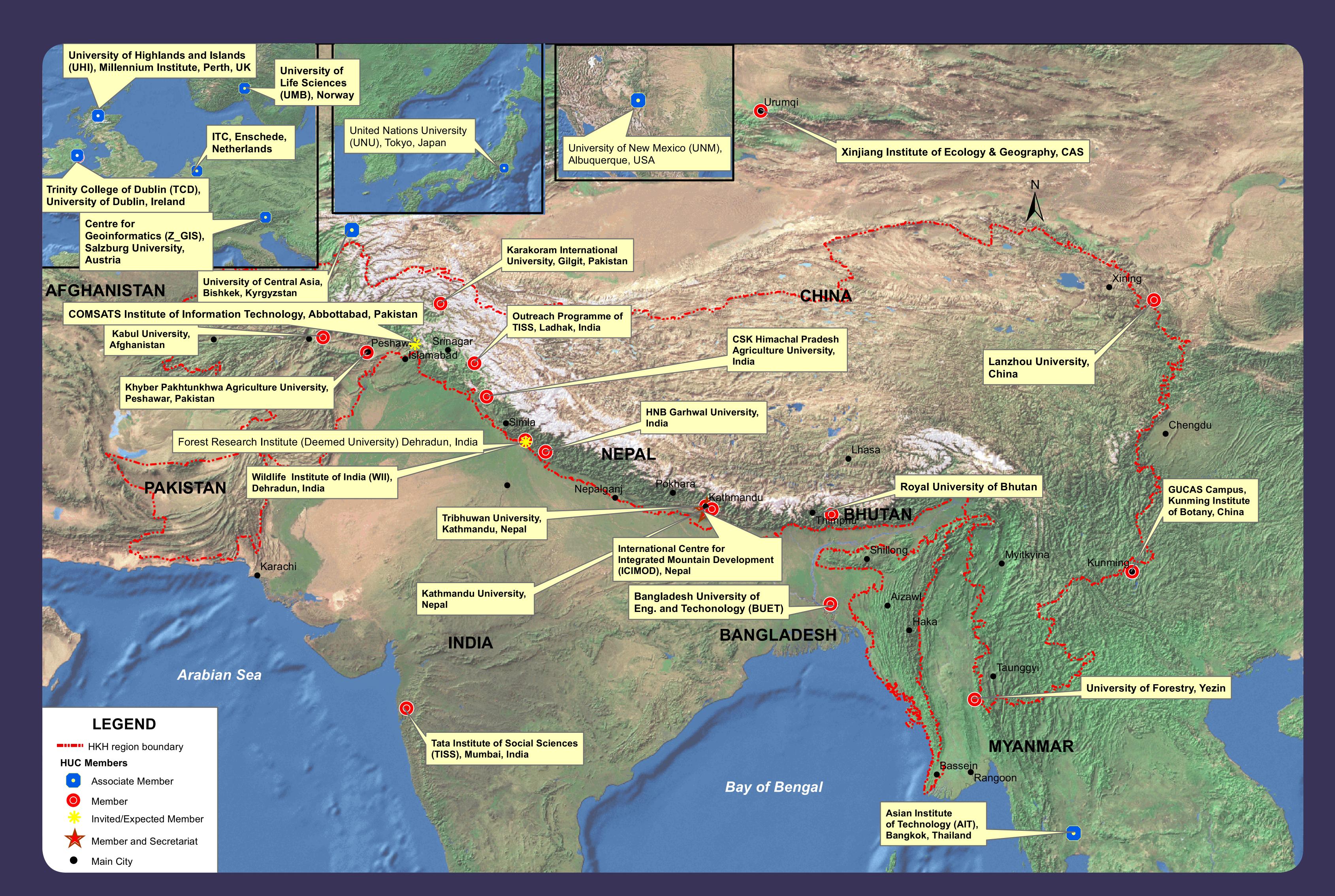


#### Vision

To contribute to enhanced collaboration among the universities of the region and to promote mountain-specific education and centres of excellence on key topics relevant to the region

### Aims

- To build dynamic mountain knowledge collaboration among universities, ICIMOD, and partners in the regional member countries to generate high-quality knowledge, capacity, and skills for sustainable mountain development, which are applied in the Hindu Kush Himalayan region
- To promote research and learning
- To strengthen capacity through research and knowledge management programmes on Sustainable Mountain Development Science developed jointly by ICIMOD and universities



#### 2013 and Forward

- Continued encouragement of enhanced collaboration and networking among universities in the Hindu Kush Himalayan region leading to increased capacity of professional women and men for sustainable mountain development through mountain-specific education
- Platforms and modalities for effective networking developed and implemented at administrative, academic, and knowledge management levels
- E-discussions on fragmentation of mountain curricula organized