



The vision of the Himalayan University Consortium (HUC) is to contribute to enhanced collaboration among the universities of the region and to promote centres of excellence on key topics relevant to the region. The aim is to build a dynamic mountain knowledge partnership between universities, ICIMOD, and partners in the Hindu Kush Himalayan region to promote research and learning. ICIMOD and universities would work together to strengthen capacity by developing joint research and knowledge management programmes on contemporary topics and, in so doing, would help ease some of the shortcomings that regional institutions may have in terms of capacity and funding. HUC partners will be involved in developing and sharing new curricula. Key outcomes will include new curricula adopted and more students relevantly trained to meet the new mountain challenges of the future.

**Goal:** Regional academic institutions capable of generating high-quality knowledge, capacity, and skills for sustainable mountain development, which are applied in the HKH region.

**Outcome:** Enhanced collaboration and networking among universities in the HKH region leading to increased capacity of professional women and men for sustainable mountain development through mountain-specific education.

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## Promoting academic partnerships and collaboration for sustainable mountain development

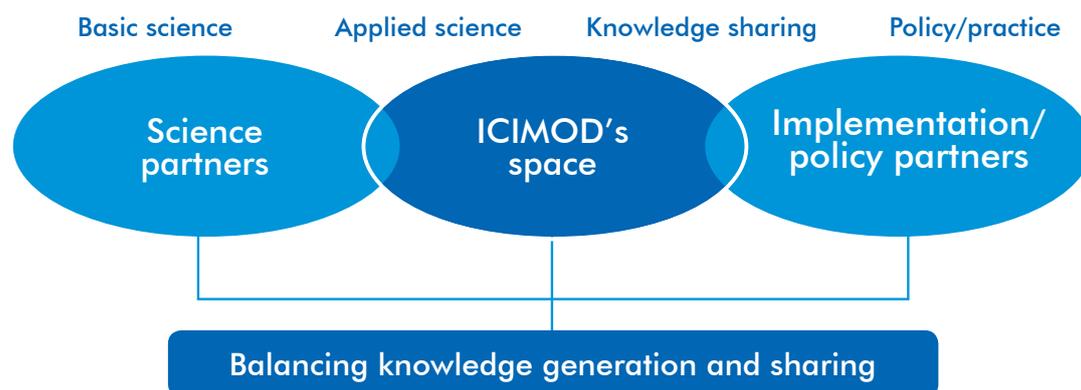
### Linking Science, Policy Making, and Implementation

ICIMOD's role is to generate and package science-supported results that have real impact for the lives of mountain people. ICIMOD intends to strike a balance among basic science, applied research, knowledge sharing, implementation, and policy relevant advice covering social, technical, institutional and environmental issues.

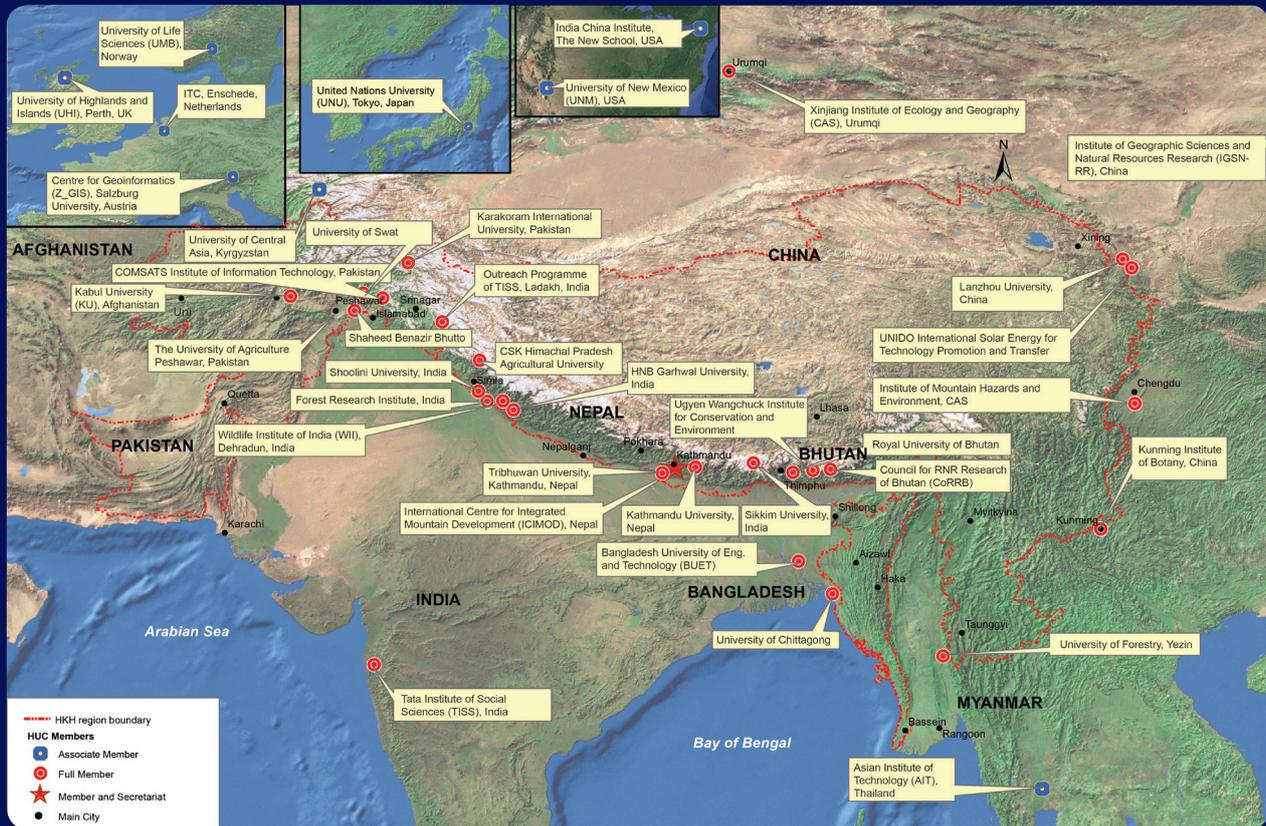
With its unique knowledge sharing experience, ICIMOD provides a crucial link among science partners who generate the primary knowledge, implementation partners who bring

the practical aspects of this research to mountain communities, and policy makers. In order to be an effective link, the Centre wants to contribute to regional development on a par with the most up-to-date international knowledge, and its core competencies need to be state-of-the-art; moreover, it needs to increase its impacts through policy and practice.

### ICIMOD's role in linking knowledge generation with policy and implementation



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## Outcome indicators

- Increased number of universities using mountain-focused curricula under the aegis of the Himalayan University Consortium
- Increased participation and knowledge sharing among the consortium members as evidenced by workshops, student and faculty exchanges, e-learning, and other interactions
- Number of joint research projects among consortium members
- Increased number of students taking up mountain-specific studies, especially students from disadvantaged mountain communities and women

## Capacity building and youth

Building human and institutional capacity in the HKH region will contribute to sustainable development. ICIMOD will

continue to work with the youth, students, and interns who will be the next generation of development practitioners, trainers, and academics, to achieve sustained impacts at every level. ICIMOD will promote ‘hands-on’ learning through its activities, conduct training to support activities, engage with universities, and invite students and interns to work with the Centre.

## Networking and knowledge sharing

Knowledge networks are critical for effective academic partnerships and promoting dialogue as well as to influence policies. To achieve this objective, HUC will work closely with relevant network institutions such as Mountain Partnership (MP), Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN), South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE) among others.

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