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Foreword

As an international centre devoted to integrated mountain development ICIMOD has emerged, among other things, as a major policy-designer. Among its immediate clients are those who function as agents of change, policy and decision-makers at different levels, development researchers and practitioners and NGOs.

The Mountain Perspective Framework, developed by ICIMOD easily stands out as its main contribution to mountain development. This framework identifies three major mountain specific constraints to development and three potential/ comparative advantages. This framework is now being extensively used in research, planning and policy-work.

The Centre for Development Studies (CDS), U.P. Academy of Administration (UPAA), has over the years concentrated on capacity building of the practitioners, both in the government and non-government sectors. It has emerged as a premier capacity building/ training institution in the field of forestry, water and sanitation, disaster management, reproductive and child health, with special focus on mountain regions.

The Centre for Development Studies is being increasingly used by the Government of Uttar Pradesh and its various departments for externally aided projects related activities, including strategic-planning, evaluation and training of Spear Head Teams and N.G.O. functionaries.

The Policy Practitioners Workshop was a collaborative effort of ICIMOD and C.D.S., U.P.A.A., a continuation of the on-going policy-work of ICIMOD. The publication of its proceedings is intended to generate further comments on the three specific themes on which its deliberations were especially focused.

I would like thank ICIMOD for their offer to convene the Workshop in Naini Tal and Drs. T.S. Papola, N.S. Jodha and Kamal Rijal for

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Chairman

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ICIMOD, however, following the recommendations of the Centre's External Review Team endorsed by its Board of Trustees in 1995, initiated more focused efforts to explicitly incorporate and address policy issues in its project work. Since January 1997, work initiated in collaboration with national agencies include:

- (a) Reviews/Case studies of specific policies dealing with agriculture, natural resource management, high land and low land economic linkages etc.
- (b) Networking and interactions with agencies directly and indirectly associated with policy making/implementing, and