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PREFACE

This discussion paper, **Economic and Natural Resource Conditions in Kathmandu Valley**, is the first in the Area Development Planning and Implementation Series of ICIMOD.

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Integrated area development planning and its implementation offers a systematic approach to the promotion of mountain development. Development programmes must find practical methods that reconcile the conflicts between increased productivity and environmental sustainability.

At the request of the National Planning Commission, HMG/Nepal, ICIMOD undertook the task of preparing an integrated economic and environmental development plan for the Bagmati Zone of Nepal. This paper is part of the series evolving from that planning exercise.

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