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CNICIMOD Secretariat

The Chinese Committee on ICIMOD (CNICIMOD) held a consultation meeting on its second five-year work plan in Beijing in May 2011. The Secretary General of CNICIMOD, Dr Deng Wei, reported on progress in organization building, implementation, and project cooperation over the past five years and introduced the new work plan; the consultation provided constructive suggestions.

ICIMOD and its Chinese partners organized ICIMOD-China Day in Beijing in July 2011 to further cooperation between ICIMOD and its Chinese partners and enhance Chinese ownership in ICIMOD. Participants presented an overview of their joint research, reflected on the challenges involved, and put forward suggestions for future collaborative projects especially in transboundary areas. During the workshop, ICIMOD Director General Andreas Schild delivered a certificate to academician Sun Honglie, former member of the ICIMOD Board of Governors, to honour his contributions to the organization.

CNICIMOD and the Asian International Rivers Center (AIRC) organized a workshop on 'Environment and Development of Mountain Regions under Climate Change' in Kunming, China, in December 2011. Its main objective was to mobilize scientists to push for multilateral cooperation in environmental conservation and to contribute to sustainable development in mountain regions. Dr Ouyang Hua from ICIMOD delivered a

speech on Climate Change and Transboundary River Basin cooperation within the HKH region.

The Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and ICIMOD have collaborated on the project 'Geo-Surface Processes and Regional Adaptation to Climate Change in Himalaya Region' since 2009. A summary workshop held in Kunming in December 2011 reviewed the project's implementation and achievements and suggested objectives for the next phase. ICIMOD expressed its willingness to strengthen cooperation in research and put forward project proposals with Chinese partners.

Two partners of this project, the Institute of Mountain Hazards and Environment of CAS and Tribhuvan University, Nepal, have established working ties; in March 2011 they signed a scientific cooperation agreement to initiate a new phase of collaboration.

On 11 December, CNICIMOD – with support from ICIMOD and FAO – organized promotional activities to celebrate International Mountain Day 2011, including distribution of books, pamphlets, and videos.

In 2011, CNICIMOD published a report summarizing the five years of work from 2006 to 2010 and putting forward its future vision. Two issues of the CNICIMOD Newsletter gave updates on the collaborative activities of ICIMOD and CNICIMOD on mountain research and development.

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