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### ***Khumbu Festival***

19 June 2009

On 19 June 2009, the day after the Beat the GLOF Action Run, the Khumbu Festival will be held in Khumjung village to focus on the Mountain Communities culture, heritage, and their crucial role in maintaining and protecting their mountain environment.

WWF shall be conducting various programmes for local communities at the Festival in Khumjung, a village in the Everest region, to raise awareness on the threats of GLOF.

The Sherwi Yondhen Tshokpa, a Sherpa students group, is coordinating with youth clubs, social service units, and the local residents to hold the Festival. This will be an occasion for the communities to show their solidarity in taking action to tackle the impacts of Climate Change. National and International institutions and organizations have been invited to share their studies with the communities, and together to formulate plans of action that are realistic.

During the Festival, WWF shall conduct various awareness-raising programmes. It will also launch its publications "Integrated Study on Hydrology and Meteorology of Khumbu region with Climate Change Perspectives" in Nepali for dissemination among the local communities.

Another highlight of the event will be the launching of the Pani Prasad childrens' book series in Nepali. WWF will conduct an interactive session with the local students including documentaries, quizzes, dramas and presentations derived from the Pani Prasad books to highlight the issue of climate change especially in the high-altitude wetlands.

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