

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan  
Jorbagh, Aliganj  
New Delhi- 110003  
Date: 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Sub: Invitation for Thematic Session on Himalayan Ecosystem as part of Celebrations for World Environment Day, 2018**

As part of the World Environment Day celebrations a thematic session on Himalayan Ecosystems being organized by the Ministry on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2018 with diverse stakeholders from various Bilateral/Multilateral, other Organizations and Research Institutions who will deliberate on the following themes:

- Change makers: A waste free vision for the Himalayan States
- Sharing Experiences - success stories in the Himalayan Region
- National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem (NMSHE)
- National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS) and activities on Waste Management

2. You are invited to participate in the above workshop scheduled to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> June in Hall No. 5, Vigyan Bhawan from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Tentative programme is enclosed.

3. Kindly confirm participation by sending response to Dr. P Hareesh Chandra, Project Specialist Scientist, Mountain Division, CS-I, MoEF&CC [hareeshchandu@gmail.com](mailto:hareeshchandu@gmail.com) with a copy to [mountaindivision2012@gmail.com](mailto:mountaindivision2012@gmail.com) & [environment@ficci.com](mailto:environment@ficci.com) for issuing requisite entry passes in the Vigyan Bhawan.

  
(Lalit Kapur)  
Adviser

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## World Environment Day: Thematic Session

### Himalayan Eco-system

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2018, Venue: Hall No 5, Vigyan Bhawan

#### Draft Agenda

Time (IST)		Sessions
From	To	
09.30	10.00	Registration
<b>Inaugural Session</b>		
10.00	10.05	<b>Welcome Address:</b> Shri Lalit Kapur, Adviser
10.05	10.15	<b>Key Note Address:</b> Mr. Ben Fogle supported by UNEP
10.15	10.35	<b>Inaugural Address :</b>  <b>Vision for Sustainable Waste Management for the Mountain States</b>  Shri Prem Das Rai, Member of Parliament, (Lok Sabha) from Sikkim
<b>Change makers: A waste free vision for the Himalayan States by</b> CIMOD, Kathmandu in association with <b>WWF India</b> and <b>FAO India</b>  Chair: Dr Akhilesh Gupta, DST and Co Chair: Shri Lalit Kapur, Advisor		
10.40	11.00	<b>Case study of ODF and Waste Management in the Core Zone of Kailash Landscape</b>  <b>Waste Warriors Taming Waste and More through Forest Dwellers “Van Rajis” of Kailash Landscape</b> (Govind Ballabh Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and Sustainable Development- GBPNIHESD and CHEA-Central Himalayan Environment Association).  Speaker:  Dr. Kamal Kar (supported by Shri Rajan Kotru and Shri Brij Mohan Singh Rathore of ICIMOD)
11.00	11.10	<b>Lachen's Story of Change</b>  Speaker: Mr. Chewang Lachenpa (tbc)

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11.10	11.20	<p><b>PAGIR's (People's Action Group for Inclusion and Rights) initiative for reducing waste in Leh</b></p> <p>Speaker: Ms. Kunzang, PAGIR, Leh</p>
11.20	11.30	<p><b>Our Mountains Deserve Better - The Himalayan Cleanup and the Gangtok Workshop on Waste</b></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Mr. Roshan Rai – Zero Waste Himalaya, IMI and Ms. Priyadarshinee- WWF and IMI</p>
11.30	12.00	<b>Tea/Coffee Break (11.20-12.00)</b>
<p><b>Sharing Experiences - success stories in the Himalayan Region by IUCN India</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Shri RajanKotru, ICIMOD and <b>Co-Chair:</b> Ms. Priyadarshinee WWF and IMI</p>		
12.00	12.10	<p><b>Ecosystem based adaptation and restoration in Himalayan mountain ecosystems</b></p> <p>Speaker: Ms. Anushree Bhattacharjee of IUCN</p>
12.10	12.20	<p><b>Landscape-level conservation efforts in the Himalaya</b></p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Yash Veer Bhatnagar of IUCN Species Specialist Group</p>
12.20	12.30	<p><b>Coping with uncertainties of climate change in the Indian Himalayan Region</b></p> <p>Speaker: Shri Vipul Sharma of IUCN</p>
<p><b>National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem (NMSHE) by DST along with SDC</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Shri Brij Mohan Singh Rathore, ICIMOD: <b>Co-chair:</b> Mr. Roshan Rai, IMI (tbc)</p>		
12.30	12.35	<p><b>Overview of the National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem (NMSHE)</b></p> <p>Speaker: Dr Akhilesh Gupta, Head CCP, DST, GoI</p>
12:35	12:50	<p><b>Highlights of Activities the National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem</b></p> <p>Speaker: Dr Nisha Mendiratta, Associate Head CCP, DST, GOI</p>
12:50	13:00	<p><b>Vignettes from the Himalayas</b></p> <p>Speaker: Ms. MarylaureCrettaz, Head of Cooperation, SDC</p>
13.00	13:10	<b>Discussion with audience</b>

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<p align="center"><b>National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS) and related activities by GBPNIHESD, MoEF&amp;CC and Kumaun University, Uttarakhand</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Chair: Dr Nisha Mendiratta, DST Co-chair: :Ms. Kunzang, PAGIR (tbc)</b></p>		
13.10	13.15	<p><b>Overview of National Mission on Himalayan Studies</b></p> <p>Speaker: Shri Kireet Kumar, Scientist- G, GBNIHESD, Almora, Uttarakhand</p>
13.15	13.25	<p><b>Sharing experience on Microbial Bio-composting from solid waste: A waste to energy initiative</b></p> <p>Speaker: Dr. J. C. Kuniyal, Scientist-F, GBNIHESD, Kullu Unit Himachal Pradesh</p>
13.25	13.35	<p><b>Graphene and other products from waste plastics</b></p> <p>Speaker: Dr. N. Shahoo, Associate Professor CUHP-Kumaun University,</p>
13.35	14.30	<p><b>Conclusion and Lunch (13.35-14.30)</b></p>