

International Conference on Mountain Development in a Context of Global Change with Special Focus on the Himalayas

April 21-26, 2018

Kathmandu, Nepal

Announcement and Call for Papers

Background

Mountain regions are a high-energy environment prone to seisms, landslides, floods and snow disasters. The response of mountainous regions in the context of global change mainly due to climate change, to improvement in access, to the extension of human mobilities and social networks, and to policy initiatives at international level through bilateral and multi-lateral agreements is ongoing, leading to obvious changes in various types of ecosystems. Climate change not only affects biodiversity and ecosystem services, but also greatly impacts people living in mountainous regions, due, for example, to frequent environmental disasters, which directly or indirectly affect community safety and challenge mountain development. As the “Third Pole” in the world, the Himalayas are known as the water tower of Asia, with a large area covered in snow and glaciers. The impact of climate change on the region has widely drawn the attention of many scientists for many years now, and improved knowledge on it has helped the region to adapt to climate change to a considerable extent. Likewise, the improvement in accessibility to markets and services, the development of tourism, and the introduction of policies related to conservation and development through bilateral and multilateral treaties and agreements have also generated several consequences in the sustainable development of mountain areas. Since the impact of global change is an ever-increasing trend, we must continue to improve our ability to adapt to the changes. Therefore, this is the motivation and the purpose for this meeting, to exchange and share the latest research findings and knowledge of mountain development in the context of globalization and climate change.

Conference Themes and Special Focus

1. Impact of climate change on mountains
2. Ecological response and adaptation in mountains against background of climate change
3. Sustainable management of natural resources in mountain areas
4. Risk management of environmental disasters in mountain areas
5. Tourism and mobilities
6. Livelihood adaptation and sustainability in mountain areas

7. Policy tools for mountain development

Call for Abstracts and Papers

You are welcome to send your research abstract and papers for oral and poster presentation to the International Conference which will be held on 22nd -23rd April, 2018 on the theme “Mountain Development in a Context of Global Change”.

Important Date

Abstract submission deadline	20 th February 2018
Abstract acceptance notification	28 th February 2018
Early Bird registration deadline	5 th March 2018
Final Registration deadline	20 th March 2018
PP Presentation due on or before	22 nd April 2018
Register all day	21 st April 2018
Conference day	22 nd -23 rd April 2018
Conference network dinner	22 nd April 2018
Post Conference tour:	24 th -25 th April 2018
Return	26 th April 2018
Full Paper Submission Deadline	12 th October 2018

Venue: Hotel Himalaya, Kupondole Height, Lalitpur, Kathmandu, Nepal

Registration: The registration fee is NRP 5,000 for Nepalese participants and USD 100 for foreign participants. It will be paid at registration desk at conference venue on registration day of 21st, April 2018.

Post Conference Excursion: Two to three days post-conference excursion trip will be organized depending upon the number of participants interested to join on it. The cost for the post-conference excursion has to be paid by the participants themselves.

Paper Publication

Papers submitted will be published in the special volume of the Himalayan Review, Journal of Nepal Geographical Society which is published annually.

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