

KEYNOTE AND PANEL DISCUSSION I

The role of higher education institutions in climate decision-making in the Hindu Kush Himalaya

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Mandira has over 25 years of research experience covering broad areas of climate services, disaster risk reduction and water resources management. Her main areas of expertise include transboundary flood forecasting and monitoring, application of satellite-based products, regional cooperation, hydrological modelling, early warning systems and end user engagement for reduced risks and increased resilience.

Panellists



Abdul Raqib Qaderi (Afghanistan)

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Abdul Qaderi is a Water and Energy and Water Supply design specialist with extensive experience in the government and non-government sectors in Afghanistan. He is currently also a HUC research fellow, researching experimental and numerical investigation of Francis turbine with clean water injection system for minimizing the impact of sediment erosion through the Hydro-Himalaya Project.



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Rezaur Rahman is Professor at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology teaches courses related to environment, disaster management and climate change. He has served as an adjunct/part-time faculty in a number of public and private universities. His research area comprises of water and the environment, and he has been associated with environmental impact assessments for several water, power, and road sector projects across Bangladesh.



Nidup Dorji

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Nidup Dorji has been the Vice Chancellor of the Royal University of Bhutan since September 2014, after serving for three years as Chief Executive Officer of Bhutan Telecom Limited, a state-owned corporate company providing telecommunications and internet services. During the three decades of his career and leadership in higher education, he helped transform the undergraduate programmes in Bhutan in mathematics, computer science, civil engineering, electrical engineering, architecture, electronics and communication engineering, and information technology.



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Dr. Liu Peng is an associate professor in Institute of South Asia Studies, Yunnan University and deputy director of International Cooperation and Exchange Office, Yunnan University. he is also a visiting scholar in Washington University in St. Louis and fellow in India China Institute, The New School. He has published two books and more than forty papers in Chinese and English.



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Prof. Bajracharya is the former Dean of the Institute of Engineering (IOE), Tribhuvan University, Nepal. He is a Professor of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Pulchowk Campus, Institute of Engineering, Tribhuvan University. His field of specialization is energy systems, especially renewable energy technology. His areas of interest include energy, climate change, engineering education, and project management.



Nang Hseng Hom
Yezin Agriculture University, Myanmar (virtual)

Professor Nang Hseng Hom is currently Rector, Yezin Agricultural University, Myanmar. Dr Nang's research and experience extends across rice varietal improvement under climate change; plant genetic resources conservation; indigenous rice varietal conservation; climate smart agriculture policy and carbon balance appraisal of agriculture, forestry and land use projects and policies; and climate smart agriculture strategies.



Syed Habib Ali Bokhari
Kohsar University Muree, Pakistan (virtual)

Prof. Bokhari is currently serving as the founding Vice Chancellor of Kohsar University Murree. He is a renowned academician and environment practitioner, having supervised >100 students, produced >140 research publications with cumulative Impact Factor of ~500. In addition to his seminal work in understanding climate-sensitive diseases, Prof Bokhari has been instrumental the Pakistan academic sector. He is also currently serving as the first chairperson of Himalayan University Consortium Pakistan Country Chapter.