

Platform for Cooperation for Stakeholders to Promote Sustainable Development in the Himalayan Eco-region

Sustainable development of the Himalayan mountain ecosystem is priority in present era. Recognizing its importance, the interaction of scientific community academia with potential employers and other stakeholders is required to have connection between Science, Policy and Practices. The platform for cooperation has been formed by Kumaun University, Jawaharlal Nehru University and NGO Central Himalayan Environment Association (CHEA) an NGO initiated the cooperation in April 2018 and both agreed to work in a common platform from March 2019 in order to coordinate and implement joint activities by improving the quality of training of future specialists in the field of natural resource management. In the future it may consider to broaden the scope of this cooperation on the basis of additional contracts and agreements.



The purpose of the platform to involve a greater number of potential employers in the improvement of the educational process, the Parties are conducting carry out field activities in Himalayan eco-region - round tables, seminars, etc. The platform will also attempt for study of the needs of employers in the region along with development of specific programs, adapted for the purpose of sustainable management of natural resources in the region.

The concept of platform was discussed during meeting on 8th March 2019 (see minutes) and is open for interested institutions and parties. Prof. P.C. Tiwari, department of Geography, Kumaun



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The concept and framework of the collaboration Platform have been presented and discussed in the ‘Stakeholder Workshop’ on ‘Institutional-Community Cooperation for Adaptive Natural Resource Management to Mitigate Impact of Climate Change Himalaya’, organized at Kumaun University, Nainital on 27-28 June 2019. The Workshop was jointly organized by Kumaun University, Nainital; Central Himalayan Environment Association (CHEA), Nainital; Jawaharlal Nehru University (INU), New Delhi; Central Himalayan Rural Action Group (CHIRAG), Muteshwer, Nainital and Newcastle University, UK. Report and Agenda of the Workshop are attached. Besides, a two-week Rural Awareness Programme on Climate Change Impact and Adaptation was also organized under the Collaboration Platform for the rural communities in different villages of Ramgad Watershed, District Nainital, Uttarakhand from 25 March to 05 April 2019. The Platform welcomes the participation of any interested organizations and institutions concerned with the sustainable development of the Himalayan Mountains.

The following institutions and organizations have been requested to join the Collaboration Platform:

- Central Himalayan Rural Action Group (CHIRAG), Muteshwer, Nainital
- G. B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and Sustainable Development, Almora
- AAROHI (NGO), Peora District Nainital Uttarakhand
- Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Kathmandu, Nepal