

Title	Can REDD+ Deliver for Himalaya Landscape?
Organizer	International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), on behalf of Implementing the National Climate Policy (BMU)
Type of event	Workshop
Venue	Room 303
Date/Time	Wednesday, June 19; 15:30-17:00
Event description	
<p>The HKH countries have been engaging in REDD+ preparation for nearly a decade with the purpose to contribute to climate action. This side event will highlight the key challenges and opportunities for making REDD+ meaningful in the Himalayas if REDD+ is to meet its intended objective of emission reduction. Based on their specific experiences, countries will also share their practical examples on how REDD+ can deliver and simultaneously contribute to achieving the SDGs. Forests provide the least cost climate solutions that have triple dividends: mitigation, ecosystem based adaptation and disaster risk reduction. Yet there are no real REDD+ projects on the ground in the Himalayan region. This illustrates a disconnection between financing instruments and local solutions offered by the forestry sector. Hence, the potential of the Himalayan forests and rangelands to address climate measures are not fully realized. REDD+ not only requires a transformative change in the way forest resources are valued, but also new institutional arrangements to comply with the result based payment principle. Addressing the drivers of deforestation and forest degradation is going to be a major climate action, one that meets NDC and SDGs as well. These are new challenges in forest governance and in the way forests resources are managed. Sharing the insights from the readiness phase and looking forward to the time, REDD+ can deliver for the Himalayas is the main sharing topic of this session. The deliberations and outputs will be documented as an update on REDD+ from the Himalayan region.</p>	