



ICIMOD

LETTER OF INTENT (LoI)

Between

**Swami Rama Himalayan University (SRHU)
Uttarakhand, India**

And

**International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)
Kathmandu, Nepal**

Concerning

Collaboration for the co-development and scaling of spring-shed water management

June 2023



Background

The Hindu Kush Himalaya (HKH) is facing rapid and extensive degradation of the mountain biodiversity and landscapes whilst also providing critical ecosystem services for downstream communities. In the HKH, springs are the primary source of drinking water for millions of people. However, springs are drying rapidly due to climatic change and variability, land use and land cover change, deforestation and other factors. In the Indian Himalaya Region, nearly 50% of the estimated 3 million springs have either dried or their discharge is decreasing, according to NITI Aayog report. This calls for rejuvenating springs through gender and socially inclusive springshed management and multistakeholder collaboration.

ICIMOD has prioritized regeneration and management of springsheds for multiple social and ecosystem benefits as one of the main interventions under new Medium Term Action Plan (2023-2026). The focus of spring invention is on mapping and indexing of springs, promoting effective and inclusive policies for spring regeneration and strengthening the capacities of regional member countries' institutions to inclusively manage springshed revival while taking a multistakeholder approach. The intervention contributes to the ICIMOD's Strategic Group on "Shaping green and inclusive mountain economies".

Furthermore, to amplify and work on the need for rejuvenating springs, ICIMOD would like to collaborate with Swami Rama Himalayan University (SRHU). SRHU is a top private university in Dehradun that endeavors to transform lives through a holistic approach to effective rural development and social outreach programs. Over three decades since its inception, the institute has covered more than 2000 villages through developmental activities in water & sanitation, health, education, skill, and livelihood. The institute has also developed various innovative technologies for water supply and aquifer/spring recharge in mountain areas. The institute is also recognized by the Government of India as one of the key resource centers for capacity building on water and other subjects.

Purpose

The purpose of this Lol is to initiate and strengthen collaboration between ICIMOD and SRHU for co-developing, co-testing and scaling solutions on spring-shed management and other nature-based solutions (NbS) and to bring experts around the HKH to share innovative technologies and best practices.

Collaborative Activities Within the broader collaboration of spring-shed management in HKH, both parties mutually identified the following collaborative activities:

- a) Identify and conduct capacity-building activities with regional and international scope.



- b) Collaborative research and pilots on spring sheds in the Indian Himalayan region.
- c) Finding synergy for other areas of collaboration advancing Himalayan University consortium (HUC) objectives.
- d) Scope out opportunities for leveraging funds.

Based on agreed collaborative activities, both partners mutually agree to the following collaborative roles and responsibilities as highlighted below:

Roles and Responsibilities of ICIMOD:

- ICIMOD will work closely with SRHU for co-developing and co-testing with evidence generation and conducting capacity-building activities.
- ICIMOD will co-design collaborative research and pilots in consultation with SRHU concerning spring shed management or other Nbs.
- ICIMOD will help SRHU to engage with the broader network of the Himalayan University Consortium (HUC) and related activities, as well as other networks.
- Both parties will share existing knowledge products and co-develop new knowledge products.
- Both parties will scope out the opportunities to leverage funds and develop joint proposals.

Roles and Responsibilities of SRHU:

- SRHU will work closely with ICIMOD for co-developing and conducting capacity-building activities and identifying participants.
- SRHU will co-design collaborative research and pilots in consultation with ICIMOD.
- SRHU will share its best practices and technologies related to mountain communities and ecosystems to be included in ICIMOD's Living Mountain Lab in Godavari, Nepal.
- Both parties will share existing knowledge products and co-develop new knowledge products.
- Both parties will scope out the opportunities to leverage funds and develop joint proposals.

Special Provisions

- i) In the event that the SRHU and ICIMOD foresee that intellectual property that can be protected will be created in relation to any project, program, or activity to be carried out under this Lol, the Parties will negotiate and agree on terms of its ownership.
- ii) Neither SRHU nor ICIMOD shall use the name, logo/emblem, or trademarks of the other Party without the prior express written approval of the other Party in each case.
- iii) When SRHU or ICIMOD intends to publish, in any form, data or information provided



by the other, or information and results originating from joint projects between the (Collaborator) or ICIMOD, they shall inform each other in advance and shall be given the opportunity to review, edit and check the information. The source of information or research results shall be appropriately referenced and/or acknowledged in any publication by SRHU or ICIMOD.

- iv) The SRHU and ICIMOD agree to recognise and acknowledge each other's collaboration, as appropriate. To this end, the (Collaborator) and ICIMOD shall consult with each other concerning the manner and form of such recognition and acknowledgment.

Focal Points

Each Party shall designate a focal point of contact for taking measures to assist in the further development of the cooperative activities and is responsible for implementation of his obligations under this Lol as below:

ICIMOD	SRHU
Name : Sanjeev Bhuchar	Name : Nitesh Kaushik
Designation: Senior Watershed Management Specialist	Designation : In-charge Watsan
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Tel : +977- 1- 5275222	Tel : 0135 2471346 / 9837021771
Email : Sanjeev.bhuchar@icimod.org	Email : watsan@srhu.edu.in

Duration

This Lol will be effective upon the last date of signature of the approving officials and remain in force for a period of 1 June 2023 to 31 Dec 2026

Amendment and Termination

1. This Lol may at any time be amended, in writing and signed by both the Parties and specifically stating the same to be an amendment of the Lol. The modifications shall become part of the Lol from the date on which the amendments were made, unless otherwise agreed to in writing.



2. This Lol may be terminated by either of the Parties by giving three months prior written notice to the other party with or without assigning any reasons for termination, provided that such termination shall not affect any Supplemental Agreement that may still be in effect at that time between the Parties.
3. This Lol is not legally binding on either Party and do not commit any financial transaction between the partners. In the event of dispute, the Parties will work together to seek resolution in a friendly and equitable manner. First attempts at resolution shall be made by the focal points. Subsequent attempts shall be made by executive representatives of the Parties. Should this not lead to satisfactory resolution, and as a last resort, this Agreement can be dissolved by either Party.

Entry into force

This Lol between SRHU and ICIMOD shall enter into force upon signature by the authorized signatories in two original copies in English on the date as indicated below:

For ICIMOD



Dr. Pema Gyamtsho

Director General

Date: 3rd July 2023



**Protect the pulse.
FOR MOUNTAINS AND PEOPLE**

For SRHU



Dr. Susheela Sharma

Registrar

Date:



WATSAN SRHU <watsan@srhu.edu.in>

Wed, Jul 5, 2023 at 4:01 PM

To: osdtochancellor@srhu.edu.in

Cc: director.operations@srhu.edu.in, fo@srhu.edu.in, "kundra_arun@yahoo.co.in" <kundra_arun@yahoo.co.in>, "shaktinautiyal4@gmail.com" <shaktinautiyal4@gmail.com>

Dear Sir,

Happy to apprise you that ICIMOD has approved and sent signed Lol. Their email is being forwarded for your kind perusal.

Collaborative activities will be capacity building, Study & Research, Piloting ideas, Knowledge products etc. for Hindu Kush Himalayan countries (Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, China, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar).

with regards,
Nitesh

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Sanjeev Bhuchar** <Sanjeev.Bhuchar@icimod.org>

Date: Wed, Jul 5, 2023 at 11:14 AM

Subject: Re: Request for Collaboration with ICIMOD

To: Nitesh Kaushik <niteshkaushik@hihtindia.org>

Cc: Santosh Raj Pathak <Santosh.Pathak@icimod.org>, chancellor@srhu.edu.in <chancellor@srhu.edu.in>, H.P Uniyal <hpuniyal@gmail.com>, Registrar srhu <reg@srhu.edu.in>, watsan@srhu.edu.in <watsan@srhu.edu.in>, Indu Chitrakar <Indu.Chitrakar@icimod.org>, Nand Kishor Agrawal <Nandkishor.Agrawal@icimod.org>, Ujala Rajbhandari <Ujala.Rajbhandari@icimod.org>, Bandana Shakya <Bandana.Shakya@icimod.org>

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2459K**Director RDI** <dirrdi@hihtindia.org>

Wed, Jul 5, 2023 at 4:33 PM

To: WATSAN SRHU <watsan@srhu.edu.in>



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Date: 21st November 2024

Approval Note: Collaborative International Workshop & Science Policy Dialogues
(SRHU-ICIMOD-GBPNIHE)

Hon. President Sir,
SRHU

As you are aware that SRHU had signed MOU with ICIMOD Nepal (Inter-governmental organisation working in Hindu Kush Himalayan countries) to work on different aspects of springfed water management in collaborative manner. In this regard, following workshop has been planned at SRHU: -

1. International Workshop on Gender Equity Socially inclusive based Springshed Management: January 23rd to January 27th, 2025 (Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, India-Himalayan States)
2. Science Policy Dialogue: January 28th, 2025

G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment, Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India will also be a partner for these events.

This is an important opportunity to showcase our University, activities undertaken by the SRHU specially RDI & WATSAN and the help being provided to the poor free of cost by the SRHU. This will be a good opportunity for SRHU & RDI staff to interact & learn from the International Organizations and renowned Resource Persons in the field of water, sanitation, community participation & cultural exchange/

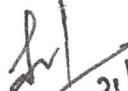
Major expenditure of Trainings (Training kit, Stationary, Printing, Fooding, Field visit, Resource Person, Travel or any other expenses) will be borne by the GBPNIHE & ICIMOD and they will inform procedure for these.

As a partner gesture, SRHU needs to contribute something. As a major expenditure will be borne by the ICIMOD & GBPNIHE, we proposed following to be shared by SRHU for which your consent as well as approval is requested: -

1. Guest House Rooms Charges (50% rebate) - as SRHU Contribution
2. Conference hall - Aadi Kailash Auditorium (100% rebate)- as SRHU Contribution
3. Pick and drop facility to participants from Airport & Railway station - as SRHU Contribution
4. Video coverage - as SRHU Contribution
5. One vehicle for senior officials of ICIMOD & GBPNIHE during workshop - as SRHU Contribution
6. One Complementary Presidential Dinner - as Gesture

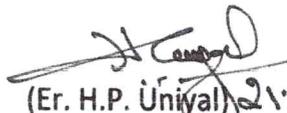
Kindly accord your approval and request your guidance if there is any other way to contribute for this event.

With warm regards,


21/11/24
(Nitesh Kaushik)
Dy. Director

Approved
PI so ahead
by
21/11/24

Recommended for Approval


(Er. H.P. Uniyal) 21.11.24
Professor & Advisor

Budget for International Workshop on GESI-Springshed (4 days)

29 Jan to 01 Feb 2025

S.no.	Item	Unit	No.	Rate	Amount (Rs.)	ICIMOD & NIHE	SRHU Contribution.
No. of Participants- 40							
No. of Guests- 10							
1	Stationary & Training Kit @1000/-	Participant	40	1000	40000	40000	
2	*Guest house rooms (5 Days x 2000/- per no. per day) ICIMOD & Rs. 1120/-, SRHU @Rs.1000/-	Room	125		265000	140000	125000
3	*Fooding Arrangements @1500/- per participant (50 x 5 days) Breakfast & Two time Tea & snacks (50x5@Rs. 500/- = 125000) Lunch (50x3@Rs. 500/- = 75000) Dinner (50x4@Rs. 500/- = 100000)	No.			300000	300000	
	Presidential dinner @1000/- per person (100% by SRHU)	No.	60	1000	60000		60000
5	Honorarium & travel for External Resource Persons in addition to ICIMOD, NIHE, SRHU (2 no. x 4 days@ 10000/-)	No	8	10000	80000	80000	
6	Vehicle for field visit @10000/- per vehicle per day	No	2	10000	20000	20000	
7	Filed Visit Expenses @1000/- per person	No	50	1000	50000	50000	
8	Vehicle for Participants for pic & drop 40 trip @500/- (100% by SRHU)	No	40	500	20000		20000
9	Vehicle for Organizers team (100% by SRHU)	days	7	3500	24500		24500
10	Confrence hall facilities (10 Table@Rs. 472/- per piece, 50 Chair@Rs. 47.20/- per piece)	Days	4	7080	28320	28320	
11	Misc Expencess (50 Utrakhandi cap @Rs.250 per piece, 50 Swami Rama's Book (30 books @ Rs.399 + 20 books @Rs.299), Stage Dacoration (Flower Pot,Flower/mala,,), Water Bottle, Banner, Tofee etc.)				48150		48150
12	Travel allowance for Indian participants (31 Participants @25000/- = 7,75,000)		31	25000	775000	775000	
13	Travel allowance for International participants (9 Participants of india @60000/- = 5,40,000)		9	60000	540000	540000	
TOTAL					2250970	1973320	277650

Note: This is estimated expenditure.

* No. of participants, who will stay at Guest House likely to decrease. Non-Veg people may stay Outside. Full cost will be borne by ICIMOD/NIHE.

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SRHU-WATSAN

Project- International Workshop on GESI-Springshed (4 days) 29 Jan to 01 Feb 2025

The Accounts

Date-----

Detail Of Expenditure:-

S.N.	Date	Bill no.	Name	Particular	Amount
1	27.01.2025	16850023836	Osia Hypermart	Water Bottle	2005
2	27.01.2025	16850023839	Osia Hypermart	Water glass	1519
3	27.01.2025	497	Good Luck Restaurant	Fooding	575
4	27.01.2025	-	Negi tee stall	Tea & Snack	160
5	27.01.2025	3313	Daily Needs	Refreshment	316
6	28.01.2025	3314	Daily Needs	Tea & Snack	266
7	28.01.2025	3041	Satya Agency Pooja Bhandar	Stuff for Inaugural session	50
8	28.01.2025	817	Rahul Flower Centre	for Inaugural session	740
9	28.01.2025	830	Rahul Flower Centre	For Vellidation Session	200
10	28.01.2025	142	Afjal Nursery	Pots for Dignitaries & Guest	1500
11	28.01.2025	234	Chaman Hathkargha Udyog	Uttaranchal Caps	14175
12	28.01.2025	534	Ice cream parlour	dry fruits	515
13	29.01.2025	-	Sarswati Books Depo	Flip Chart	700
14	29.01.2025	-	Sandhya Gen stote	Tofees	250
15	01.02.2025	121	Abhi Madhur Photo Studio	Glossy print	6000
16	01.02.2025	189	Subhan Arts	Banner	7363
17	01.02.2025	190	Subhan Arts	Banner	3965
18	02.02.2025	02	Pal Enterprises	Travel	2500
Total					42799

Imprest Amount		30000
Expenditure Amount		42799
Extra Paid		-12799

Submitted By.....
HISHI Singhal.

21/2/25
Sanctioning Authority.....

SRHU-WATSAN

**Project- International Workshop on GESI-Springshed (4 days)
29 Jan to 01 Feb 2025**

The Accounts

Date-----

S.N.	Date	Bill no.	Name	Particular	Amount
1	28.01.2025	20198	Swami Rama Centre	Books of Swami ji	1799
2	28.01.2025	20197			11294
Total					13093

Submitted By.....

P. G. Singh
NISHI Singhal.

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