



2018 Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) Asia Regional Nodes Meeting 17-18 September 2018 Kathmandu, Nepal

Background

The 2018 Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) Asia Regional Nodes Meeting is going to be organized by the GBIF Secretariat, the Asia regional subcommittee of GBIF Participant nodes, the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) and Ministry of Forests and Environment, Nepal. The meeting is going to be held in Kathmandu, Nepal, on 17-18 September 2018.

The main objective of the meeting is to seek feedback and inputs from the GBIF Node Managers from the Asia region, as well as from invited observers in order to facilitate effective planning and subsequent implementation of biodiversity data publishing and use activities. Support for the meeting is provided by the Biodiversity Information Fund for Asia (BIFA), contributed by the Ministry of Environment, Government of Japan and earmarked for activities in Asia.



Tentative Programme Details

Day 1: Monday, 17 September 2018
Venue: ICIMOD

Time	Agenda
9:00- 9:15	Registration
Nodes meeting session 1	
9:15-10:00	<p>Welcome remarks (10 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr Eklabya Sharma, Deputy Director General, ICIMOD <p>GBIF and its contribution to conservation (10 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr Tim Hirsch, Deputy Director, Head of Participation and Engagement, GBIF Secretariat <p>Biodiversity conservation efforts in Nepal (10 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr Yajna Nath Dahal, Ministry of Forests and Environment <p>Nodes meeting introduction and objectives (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Chihjen Ko, GBIF Asia regional nodes representative
10:00-10:30	Tea/ Coffee Break
10:30-12:30	<p>Nodes status reports (5 min each – total 1 hour)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Node managers <p>GBIF Secretariat update (30 mins) incorporating Implementation Plan progress, GBIC2 outcomes, nodes guidance and mentoring, Biodiversity Open Data Ambassadors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tim Hirsch, Deputy Director <p>Questions and discussion (30 min)</p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch
Nodes meeting session 2	
13:30-15:30	<p>Perspectives from observers – (30 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Short talks from observer representatives



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	<p>The BIFA programme – introduction and current projects (30 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Tim Hirsch, Deputy Director - Dr Bharat Babu Shrestha, Associate Professor, Tribhuvan University, Nepal (example project from Nepal) <p>BIFA 2019 call – objectives and priorities (1 hour)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitated discussion, led by regional representatives and Tim Hirsch
15:30 -1600	Afternoon tea/coffee
16:00 - 17:00	<p>Managing research data: a driver for GBIF participation in Asia?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chihjen Ko on the TaiBIF experience (20 min) - Open discussion on developing further case studies and strategies for strengthening GBIF in Asia
Closing session (at Bhojan Griha)	
17:45- 18:30	<p>Highlights and Summary (10 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr Tim Hirsch, Deputy Director, Head of Participation and Engagement, GBIF Secretariat <p>Remarks (10 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Eklabya Sharma, Deputy Director General, ICIMOD <p>Remarks (10 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Bishwa Nath Oli, Secretary, Ministry of Forests and Environment, Government of Nepal <p>Remarks (10 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Shakti Bahadur Basnet, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Forests and Environment, Government of Nepal <p>Vote of Thanks (5 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Nakul Chettri, Programme Coordinator, Kangchenjunga Landscape Conservation and Development Initiative, ICIMOD
18:30 onwards	Reception Dinner at Bhojan Griha



Day 2: Tuesday, 18 September 2018

Time	Agenda
8:15- 9:00	Travel from hotel to National Herbarium and Plant Laboratories, Godawari
9:00- 10:00	Presentation about National Herbarium and Plant Laboratories <ul style="list-style-type: none">- KATH Herbarium- Observation of the collection
10:00- 11:00	Visit to National Botanical Garden, Godawari <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr Bharat Babu Shrestha, Associate Professor, Tribhuvan University, Nepal
11:00- 13:00	Observation and visit to ICIMOD Knowledge Park, Godawari <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr Samden Lama Sherpa, Knowledge Park Officer, ICIMOD
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-14:30	Travel from Godawari to World Heritage Site (Patan Durbar Square)
14:30- 16:00	Visit to Patan Durbar Square <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr Nakul Chettri, Programme Coordinator, Kangchenjunga Landscape Conservation and Development Initiative, ICIMOD
16:00 –18:00	Visit to downtown
18:00	Return to hotel