

International Symposium: Benefiting from Earth Observation: Bridging the Data Gap for Adaptation to Climate Change in the Hindu Kush-Himalayan Region
4 – 6 October, Kathmandu, Nepal
Tentative Programme (including pre and post symposium)

Date	Morning Session (8:30 AM – 13:00 PM)	Lunch (13:00 PM – 14:00 PM)	Afternoon Session (14:00 PM – 17:30 PM)	Evening Session (18:00 PM – 21:00 PM)
1 – 6 OCT	<u>Special Event - Youth Forum:</u> Youth Forum Empowering Youth with Earth Observation Information for Climate Actions - Venue ICIMOD, Kathmandu			Free
2 -3 OCT	<u>Pre-symposium workshop:</u> Space based information for disaster preparedness and risk management (Invited participants only) - Venue ICIMOD, Kathmandu			Free
4-OCT	<u>Inaugural Session:</u> Inaugural and Keynote Addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome address - ICIMOD Director General • Address - USAID • Video message – WMO, Secretary General • Address by – UNEP Director • Inaugural keynote – GEO Director • Address – Hon'I Minister MoST, Govt. of Nepal • Vote of thanks - ICIMOD Inauguration of Exhibition and Poster Pavilion Youth Forum – Guest Speaker from NASA (Hall 1 & 2: Megha/Malhar)	Lunch hosted by: <i>Rose Garden</i>	<u>Thematic Session I:</u> Space based information for disaster risk management (Hall 1: Meghar) <u>Thematic Session II:</u> Remote sensing of cryosphere (Snow cover mapping and modeling) (Hall 2: Malhar)	Official dinner hosted by DG, ICIMOD <i>Rose Garden</i>

<p>5-Oct</p>	<p><u>Keynote Session:</u> Regional and Global Initiatives: Climate Change and Earth Observation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NASA • ICIMOD • SPARSSO • CMA • ISRO • SUPARCO • JAXA <p>(Hall 1 & 2: Megha/Malhar)</p>	<p>Lunch hosted by: <i>Rose Garden</i></p>	<p><u>Thematic session III:</u> Remote sensing of cryosphere (Glacier mapping and monitoring) (Hall 1: Megha)</p> <p><u>Thematic Session IV:</u> Spatial decision support system (DSS) for ecosystem management (Hall 2: Malhar)</p>	
<p>6-Oct</p>	<p><u>Thematic Session V:</u> Land cover change, and carbon stocks (Hall 2: Malhar)</p> <p><u>Thematic Session VI:</u> Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI) for climate change adaptation (Hall 1: Megha)</p> <p><u>Thematic session VII:</u> Transboundary air pollution monitoring and modeling (Hall 3: Malshree)</p>	<p>Lunch hosted by: <i>Rose Garden</i></p>	<p><u>Concluding Session:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel discussion and valedictory • Youth forum concluding session • Symposium concluding session <p>(Hall 1 & 2: Megha and Malhar)</p>	<p>Free</p>
<p>7-Oct</p>	<p>SERVIR Himalaya Inception Workshop (Invited participants)</p>			