



NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS (NBS) CONFERENCE

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

DAY I: FRIDAY, 30TH JANUARY 2026

TIME	ACTIVITIES	SESSION FACILITATION TEAM	
		Co Mod	Support Team
09:00 AM -10:00 AM	Registration		
10:00 AM -11: 00 AM	<p>Inaugural Session</p> <p>Welcome/opening Remarks (Objective and structure) – Shri. Sampath Kumar, IAS (10 min)</p> <p>Remarks – KfW Country Director (5 min)</p> <p>Address – Chief Secretary (10 min)</p> <p>Keynote Address – Dr. Pema Gyamtsho (10 min)</p> <p>Inaugural Address – Chief Minister (10 min)</p> <p>Signing of MoU (5 Min)</p> <p>Vote of Thanks - Shri. Cyril V.D. Diengdoh (5 min)</p>		Rodonald Majaw, Iba Shiji, Amachi Sangma,
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	Tea and Knowledge market place for youth		

Youth Circle: NbS models for mountains

11:00 AM -12:00 PM

Youth present their case- (science, solutions, business case) – provide template and make it invited.

Booth 1: Science and evidence zone- does NbS work?- Universities research 4-5 cases

Booth 2: Community and Practice studio- How does NbS look like on the ground? spring, DRR, food system

Booth 3: Technology and Digital hub - How NbS can be measured and monitored?

Booth 4: Financing innovations - how can NbS be financed? cases of incentives, PPP partnerships

Booth 5: NbS benefits and global goals - How NbS contributes to biodiversity, climate, SDG goals?

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langrai MBDA
Samuel,
ICIMOD

Elbin
Makhroh,
Daphisa
Mawlong,
Darishisha
Marbaniang

12:00 PM -13:00 PM

High-level roundtable dialogue: Vision and leadership

Very brief Introduction and objective by the moderator (2 min)

NbS Global expert (CAS, ICIMOD)(5 Minutes) - Why is NbS an effective umbrella solution in the era of Anthropocene?

Regional expert- ICIMOD-DG (5 Minutes) - How does ICIMOD sees NbS in the context of sustainable mountain development?

MBDA (Sampath Kumar)(5 Minutes)- What is your design of NbS? Why scale NbS?

Representative Officials from three other states (Sandeep Tambe, Joykumar Longjam, S. Prabhu, Dilip Javalkar/Kahkashan Naseem) (15 Minutes)

Rahul
Chatterjee,
Nand Kishor
Agarwal

Kenneth
Cameo
Wankhar,
Ferryfedlevert
Lyngkhoi,
Emboklang
Sushiang

	<p>Representative from centre- planning commission or relevant Ministry (Angshuman Dey)(5 Minutes) - What institutional innovations and new kind of leadership would be needed for scaling NbS- umbrella solutions that generates multiple co-benefits</p> <p>KfW(5 Minutes)- How can development partners contribute?</p> <p>QA from audience 10 min</p> <p>Closing (3 min)</p>		
13:00 PM -14:00 PM	Lunch & Posters		
	Parallel Technical Sessions		
	Introduction by moderator on session objective (5min)		
	Keynote by expert (10 Minutes)		
	Plenary presentation - 15 min (50 Minutes)		
	Closing by moderator - (5 min)		
	Q & A - (20 Minutes)		
14:00 PM -15:30 PM	NbS for water insecurity: How do we scale?		
	Keynote: Dr. Sandeep Tambe	James Kharkongor	Bryan Pariong, Shuhunlang Nongrum, Pynkhrehkloi Marbaniang
	Speakers: Abhishek Likam, Bishwadeep Ghosh/IWI, Debashish Sen, Lamjingshai Shabong, Doreen Blah,		
	NbS for food and livelihoods insecurity: How do we scale?		
	Keynote: Dr. Ruchika Singh, WRI ED/ or from state government	Agustus Suting	Fettleman Dohling, Kainonea Pyrngap, Hisniawki Sungoh

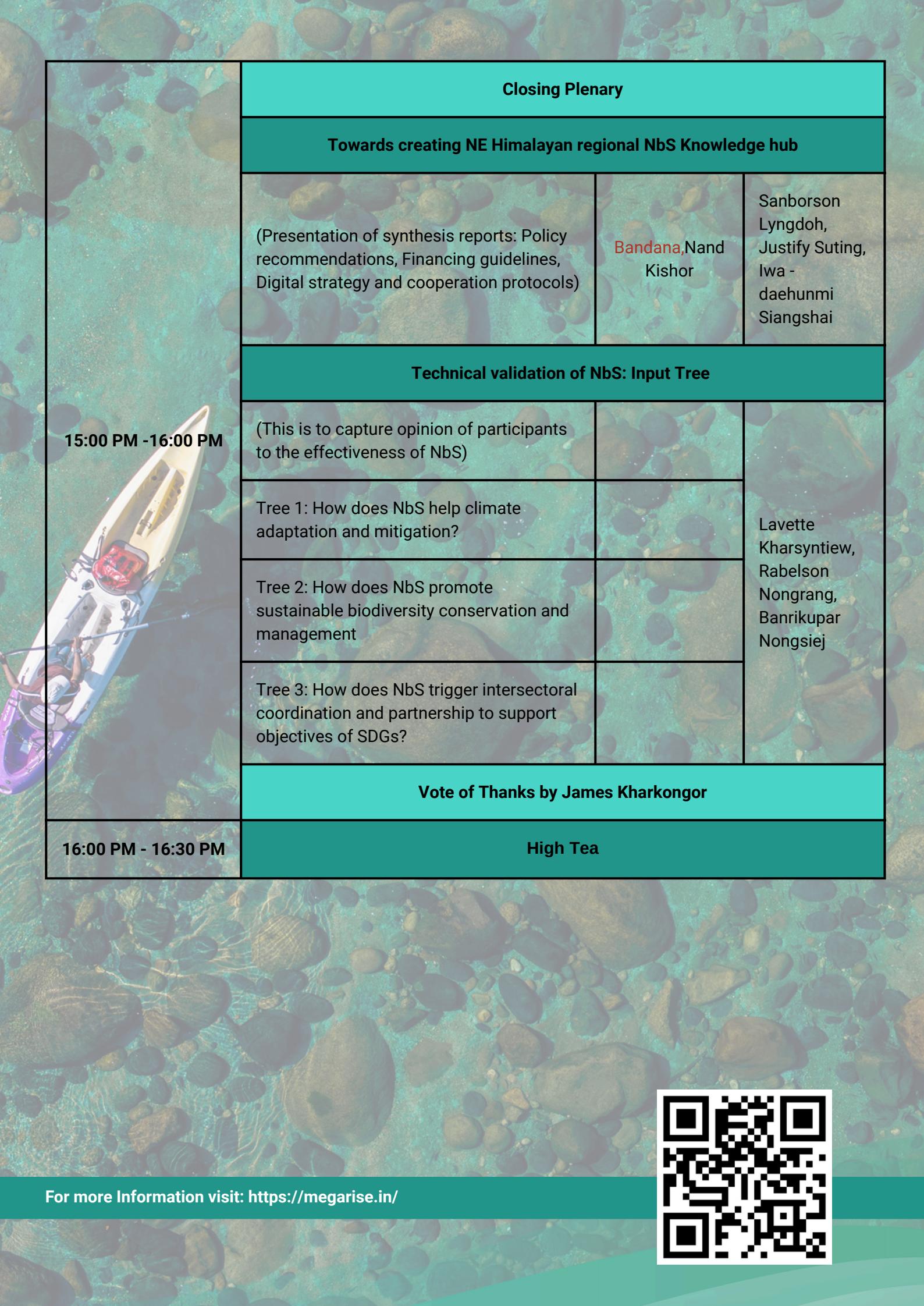
	<p>Speakers: Subrat Singh, Ronald Kynta (MSRLS), Iaraphunlin Diengdoh (SRES),</p> <p>NbS for disaster Mitigation: How do we scale?</p>		
	<p>Keynote: NDMA/ NIDM</p>		Denzil Mebanker Sun, Hanna Daphi Dkhar, Iadakaru Sutnga
15:30 PM -16:00 PM	<p>Tea Break</p>		
	<p>Parallel Technical Session: NbS and Cross cutting issues (1. Status as of now, 2. Key gaps, 3. Way forward)</p>		
16:00 PM -17:30PM	<p>Introduction by moderator on session objective (5 min)</p> <p>Keynote by expert (10 Minutes)</p> <p>Plenary presentation - (50 Minutes)</p> <p>Closing by moderator - (5 min)</p> <p>Q & A - (20 Minutes)</p> <p>Technological solutions and communications</p> <p>Keynote: Dr. Subhash Ashutosh</p> <p>Speakers: Fettleman Dohling, Director NESAC, ICAR,</p> <p>Gender Equality and Social Inclusions and governance</p>		
	<p>Support: Shamborstar Siyemlieh, Stephan Nongsiej, Steffie Grace K. Marbaniang</p>		

	<p>Keynote: ICIMOD</p> <p>Speakers: Carmo Naronha, IFAD representative, Iamlonlang Syiem, Venesha Sangma</p>		Aihunlang A Wankhar, Pyndapborlang Nongkynrih, Suzan Law
Forestry, Biodiversity and Incentives			
	<p>Keynote: B.M.S. Rathore</p> <p>Speakers: Swapan Mehra, Phrang Roy (Recorded), Dhrupad Choudhary/Bedanga Bordoloi, Sachin Gavade, Monalisa Sen, Earth Tree, Ravi Gupta</p>	Ralph Lennertz	Lima Tangsong, Rexcarlos Donmon, Carena Nongspung
18:30 PM onwards	<p>Cultural evening and reception Dinner: Dokatchi K Marak, Senior Manager, MegLIFE and MegARISE</p>		

DAY 2: FRIDAY, 31ST JANAUARY 2026

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09:00 AM -10:00 AM	Registration		
	Plenary panel: Mobilising finances for NbS in IHR		
10:00 AM -11:30 AM	<p>Keynote Speaker: Pyush Dogra, WB</p> <p>BFI - Reps from MRB, MCAB, SBI, HDFC, NABARD, NEDFi</p> <p>Pirivate sectors / CSR - Coca Cola, Mahindra, Dharampal Satyapal Limited,</p> <p>Paul Muktieh, Former CMD, NEDFi</p> <p>James Marc de Sousa Shields, IFAD</p>	<p>Sangeeta Agarwal/Sarav ana Kumar & Wankit Swer</p>	<p>Kitdor Jones Jyrwa, Elisabeth Nongbri, Nangroi Samati (Support Team)</p>

	<p>Rep. from JICA</p> <p>Rep. from ADB</p> <p>Dr. Vijay Commissioner & Secy., Finance Department, Govt. of Meghalaya</p> <p>MOEF & CC: / Bhutan Trust Fund/ BFL/</p>		
11:30 AM-01:00 PM	<p>Parallel Technical Sessions</p> <p>Introduction by moderator on session objective (5 min)</p> <p>Keynote by expert (20 min) (10 Minutes)</p> <p>Plenary presentation - 15 min (50 Minutes)</p> <p>Closing by moderator - (5 min)</p> <p>Q & A - (20 Minutes)</p>		
	<p>Advancing Knowledge on NbS through Research</p> <p>Keynote:</p> <p>Speakers: Jay Rai (NBSSS), Wahlang (Umiew Study), Dhrupad/... (NESFAS Study), PES (IEIC), ICIMOD, Dr. B.K Tiwari</p>		
	<p>Exploring Policies for advancing NbS</p> <p>Keynote: Cyril Diengdoh IAS, APD MegARISE</p> <p>Speakers: Shilpa Chauhan, Bhagotram Mawthoh, State Govt., Dr. Maharul Islam (NLU), Joel Kyndiah (Legal Researcher)</p>		
13:00 AM-14:00 PM	Lunch + Poster		
14:00 PM-15:00 PM	Voices from the communities		<p>Emlangmetre Dkhar, David Marbaniang, Ibashongdor Malngiang</p>

 <p>15:00 PM -16:00 PM</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Closing Plenary</h3>		
	<h4 style="text-align: center;">Towards creating NE Himalayan regional NbS Knowledge hub</h4>		
	<p>(Presentation of synthesis reports: Policy recommendations, Financing guidelines, Digital strategy and cooperation protocols)</p>	<p>Bandana, Nand Kishor</p>	<p>Sanborson Lyngdoh, Justify Suting, Iwa - daehunmi Siangshai</p>
	<h4 style="text-align: center;">Technical validation of NbS: Input Tree</h4>		
	<p>(This is to capture opinion of participants to the effectiveness of NbS)</p>		
	<p>Tree 1: How does NbS help climate adaptation and mitigation?</p>		
	<p>Tree 2: How does NbS promote sustainable biodiversity conservation and management</p>		<p>Lavette Kharsyntiew, Rabelson Nongrang, Banrikupar Nongsiej</p>
	<p>Tree 3: How does NbS trigger intersectoral coordination and partnership to support objectives of SDGs?</p>		
<h4 style="text-align: center;">Vote of Thanks by James Kharkongor</h4>			
16:00 PM - 16:30 PM	<h4 style="text-align: center;">High Tea</h4>		

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