



**MoChWo**

# 8th International Conference on **Mountains in the Changing World (MoChWo)**

Professionally run scientific conference in Kathmandu since 2016.



**October 09 - 10  
2026**



**Kathmandu, Nepal**





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# Organizer & Host



Kathmandu Institute of Applied Sciences (KIAS) is a non-profit multidisciplinary research organization founded in 2014. KIAS aims to foster knowledge-based intervention to tackle existing and emerging challenges faced by people. The MoChWo conference is one of the flagship events of KIAS that started in 2016 to serve as a major networking and knowledge sharing outlet for researchers and policy makers.



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# Organizing committee



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Other important themes

# General topics

Apart from the major theme, we also cover a wide range of topics.

- Agroecology
- Biodiversity
- Ecosystem Conservation
- Forest and Natural Resource Management
- Mountain resources, natural products & materials
- Conservation Genetics
- Genetic Diversity
- DNA Barcoding & Species Identification
- Environmental DNA (eDNA)
- Phylogenomics
- Disease risks in wildlife populations
- Food Security & Safety
- Environmental Pollution
- Emerging Contaminants
- Food Quality and Safety
- Glaciology & Cryosphere Dynamics
- Hydropower and Renewable Energy
- Hydrology & river systems
- Climate Change & Adaptation
- Disaster Risk Reduction, Resilience, and Adaptation
- Extreme weather events
- Drought
- Science-Policy Dialogue
- Sustainable Livelihoods
- Green Economy





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# Key dates

Book mark your calendar

1

January 26  
2026

**Conference  
announced**

2

August 01  
2026

**Early bird  
registration**

3

August 31  
2026

**Abstract  
submission**

4

September 15  
2026

**Registration  
closes**

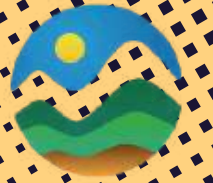
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**Conference  
dates**

# symposia in the past

-  Long-term sustainability of research organizations in Nepal
-  Genomics for conservation
-  Advancing affordable air quality monitoring solutions for community level monitoring
-  Microplastics and their impact on ecosystem & health
-  Agrobiodiversity for resilient agriculture: soil health & climate adaptation
-  From genome to landscape: understanding & managing biological invasions in the era of anthropocene
-  Mountains on the edge: climate extremes and the future of high-altitude communities
-  Water security, livelihoods and climate resilience in Himalayan River systems
-  Himalayan rangelands in the changing world: state, drivers, and consequences
-  Changing cryosphere and high mountain hazards
-  Forest Biomaterials for Sustainable Development
-  Disaster risk and infrastructure resilience in the Himalayas in the changing climate



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# Conference program overview

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## Keynote talks

Hour long talks on major theme related topics.

200+

## Total participants

Including presenters, attendees, organizers, support team, and guests.

16+

## Invited talks

Typically these are 30min talks, one for each session.

20+

## International participation

Typically we get 15+ speakers from 10+ countries.

60+

## Oral presentations

These are regular presentations lasting 15min run in parallel sessions.

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## Best presentation awards

Undergraduate oral - 1  
Graduate oral -1  
Undergraduate poster - 1  
Graduate poster -1

20+

## Poster presentations

Posters are presented in dedicated time during the conference.

10+

## Specialized symposia

Extended sessions in a given topic of interest. Organized by group of independent researchers and/or organizations.

- In addition to technical sessions, there are at least two panel discussions, inaugural and closing sessions. Sessions are facilitated by session chairs.
- Participants receive conference kit including abstract book and program details - digital & print form, lunch and dinner, tea/coffee during the both days of conference.



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# Target audience

- Academia: Faculty & students from universities and colleges
- Researchers & practitioners
- Policy makers and government officials
- Private sector & development sector representatives (NGOs, CBOs etc.)

# Event Reach

200+

Program audience  
(on site)

10k+

Program audience  
(virtual, live stream +  
recorded video)

1  
lakh+

Social media reach  
(organizer's platform and  
professional groups' platforms)



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conference in  
timeline

1st

01-02 October 2016  
Hotel Grand, Kathmandu

Living through disasters: mitigation,  
adaptation and resilience

2nd

27-28 October 2017  
Radisson Hotel, Kathmandu

Air pollution: mechanisms and  
consequences

3rd

09-10 October 2018  
Radisson Hotel, Kathmandu

Conserving biodiversity: challenges for  
mountains in the Anthropocene

4th

18-19 October 2019  
Radisson Hotel, Kathmandu

Understanding hydroclimatic systems  
for sustainable livelihoods

5th

09-10 October 2020  
Virtual, Kathmandu

Mountain resources and livelihood: path  
to sustainable development

6th

04-05 October 2024  
Hyatt Place, Kathmandu

Resilience in the Himalayas: Navigating  
climate challenges, disaster preparedness,  
and sustainable hydropower development

7th

10-11 October 2025  
Hotel Himalaya, Lalitpur

Genomics for conservation

# Partners in past MoChWo conferences

- co-organizers
- partners
- sponsors





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MOUNTAINS IN THE CHANGING WORLD (MOCHWO 2026)

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

# 2026 MOCHWO CONFERENCE

APRIL 01

OPENING DATE

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

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