

REGISTRATION FEES

CATEGORY	Early Bird Registration (until 31.07.2026)	Regular Registration (from 01.08.2026)
Students (Bachelor, Master's, Ph.D. Scholars)	Free	Free
Academia / Researchers	Rs.2,000/-	Rs. 2,500/-
Working Professionals / Industry Participants	Rs.2,500/-	Rs. 3,000/-
Foreign Delegates	USD 40/-	USD 50/-

CONFERENCE OUTCOMES

- NBS Research and Policy Agenda for the Himalayas
- NBS Policy and Practice Platform for the Himalayas

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- International and national expert presentations on NBS science, practice and financing.
- High-Level Government, Private Sector, Academia NBS Policy and Action Dialogue.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Nature-Based Solutions (NBS):

- Ecosystem-based hazard mitigation and livelihoods protection.
- Climate-resilient water resources and river basin management.
- NBS financing.

Nature Climate Solutions (NCS):

- Community-based climate change mitigation and livelihood improvement.
- Green carbon mitigation potential, market and green jobs.

Collaboration, Networking and Business Opportunities:

- Poster presentations showcasing NBS research, innovation and technologies.
- Industry hardware and software exhibition.
- National and international collaboration and partnerships.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Students/researchers interested in sustainable development in the Himalayas.
- Policy makers, planners, private sector and civil society actors interested in practical and cost-effective solutions to region's climate-change induced/exacerbated sustainable development problems.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- Prof. P. S. Roy, Former Director, IIRS, Dehradun
- Prof. N.H. Ravindranath, IISc Bengaluru, India
- Prof. P. K. Joshi, School of Environmental Sciences, JNU
- Prof. V. K. Gaur, CSIR Fourth Paradigm Institute, Bengaluru
- Prof. Ahsan Ul Haq Qurashi, Khalifa University, Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- Dr. Xi Jia, GMSCCES, Asian Development Bank.
- Dr. Rajan Kumar Kotru, Former Manager, ICIMOD, Nepal.
- Dr. I.D. Bhatt, Director In-Charge, GBPNHE, Almora, Uttarakhand.
- Dr. Rabindra P. Osti, Principal Water Resources Management Specialist, ADB
- Mr. Umar Khan, Team Leader. CRIMPB . Green Climate Fund/KFW.
- Ms. Aidai Zumesheva, Asian Forest Cooperation, Seoul, Korea.
- Mr. Alvin Lopez, Head Nature Based Solutions Financing Hub, ADB
- Mr. Shuaib M. Kamili, Sr. Market Dev. Advisory (PPP) Specialist, ADB.

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1ST CIRCULAR

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS (NBS)
for Enhanced Climate Resilience and Livelihoods in the Himalayas

03-06 AUGUST, 2026
(HYBRID MODE)



NATURE | LIVELIHOODS | INNOVATION | SUSTAINABILITY

HARNESSING NATURE, INNOVATION AND
GLOBAL COLLABORATION FOR CLIMATE-RESILIENT HIMALAYAS

ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (IUST)
AWANTIPORA, KASHMIR, INDIA

ABOUT IUST

The Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST), Awantipora, J&K has been established through an Act No. XVIII of 2005 dated: 7th November 2005 passed by J&K State Legislature and notified by the State Government, through Jammu & Kashmir Government Gazette dated: 11-11-2005. While the university started functioning in November, 2005 the teaching programme was started in July 2006. The Chancellor of the University is the Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir and the executive authority of the University is its Executive Council with the Vice Chancellors of University of Jammu, University of Kashmir and Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University as members. The University is accredited by NAAC with Grade 'B+' and is recognized by University Grants Commission (UGC) under Section 2(f) and Section 12(b) of UGC Act. The Technical and nursing programmes offered by the University are approved by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and Indian Nursing Council (INC). The University has the membership of Association of Indian Universities (AIU). The University came into existence with a mandate to advance and disseminate knowledge, wisdom and understanding amongst all segments of the society within and outside the UT. It is also charged with creating an environment for learning, teaching and research in the sciences, technology, humanities and social sciences and that is in keeping with the highest standards of scholarship and higher education. People belonging to all sections of society are entitled to avail the facilities and opportunities offered by the University and there is no distinction on the basis of class, caste, creed, colour or religion

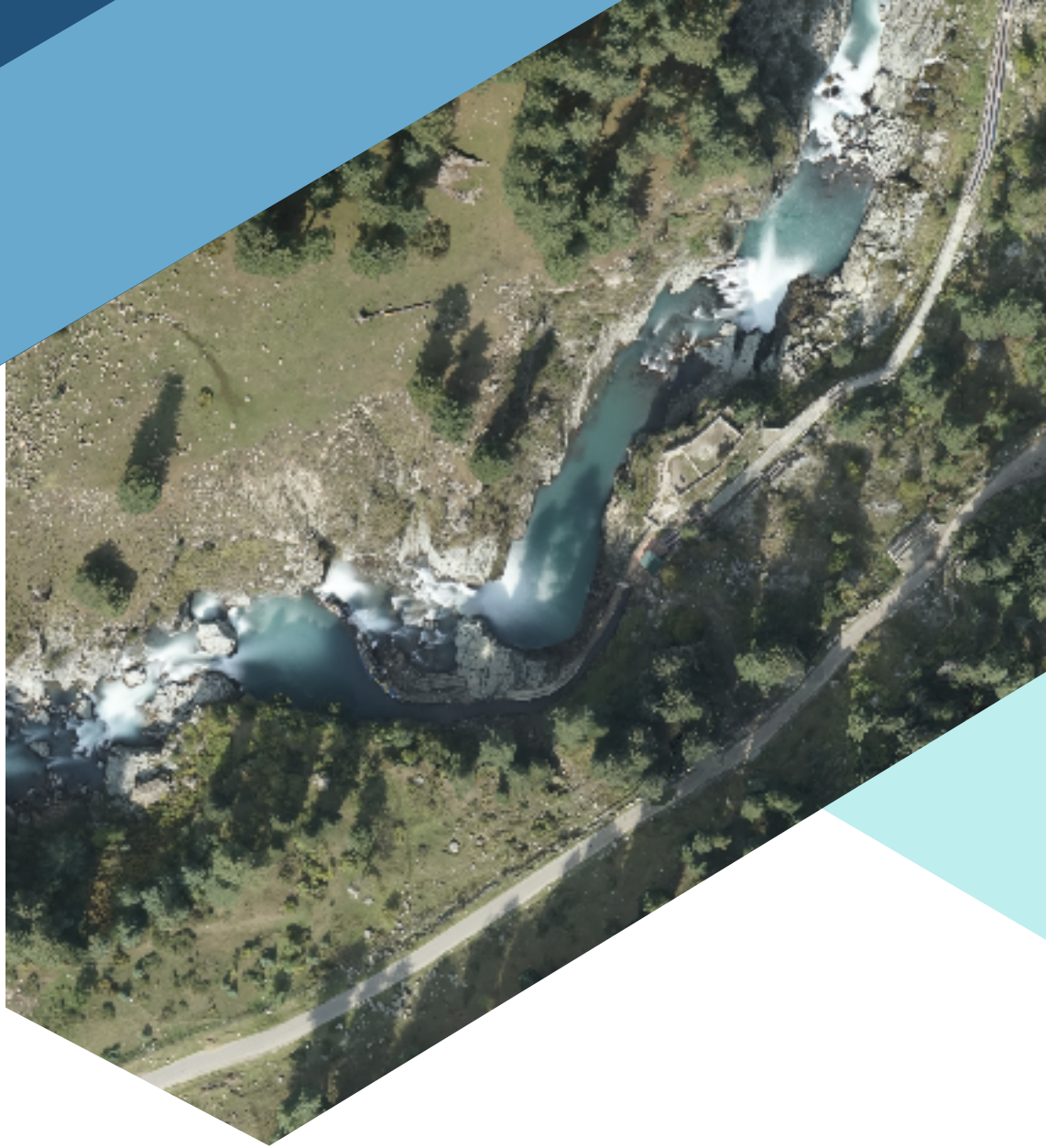


ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

- Advance Scientific Innovations in Nature-based Solutions (NBS) and Natural Climate Solutions (NCS) for inclusive and sustainable development.
- Promote policy integration for NBS/NCS, ecosystem conservation, and climate resilience.
- Showcase GeoAI, digital technologies, and geospatial innovations for efficient and effective policy and action.
- Strengthen NBS education, research capacity and capability
- Foster international collaboration for sustainable Himalayan development.
- Showcase NBS/NCS livelihood and Green Jobs opportunities.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- Improved understanding of NBS and NCS opportunities in Himalayan ecosystems and region.
- Identification of research priorities for climate-resilient river basins and livelihoods
- Dissemination of emerging knowledge on Geo-AI enabled ecosystem, watershed and wetland restoration; and carbon emission mitigation and markets.
- Guidance on integrating NBS into development and climate change adaptation planning.
- Strengthened engagement with government, academia, environmental organizations and businesses.



KEY THEMES (NBS- ENABLED):

- Nature Based Solutions financing.
- Climate Hazards, Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate-Resilient Ecosystems.
- River Basin Sustainability and Integrated Water Management.
- Wetland and Watershed Restoration.
- Natural Climate Solutions (NCS) and green jobs.
- Geo-AI, Remote Sensing and Digital Twin Systems
- International experience and perspectives on mountain ecosystem sustainability.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

- Researchers, practitioners, students, and innovators are invited to submit abstracts aligned with the conference themes.
- Submit your abstract and contribute to advancing sustainable Himalayan systems.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Abstract Submission Deadline: **23 July, 2026**
- Notification of Acceptance: **28 July 2026**
- Early Bird Registration Deadline: **31 July 2026**
- Conference Dates: **03–06 August, 2026**

