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CLIMATE ALLIANCE OF  
HIMALAYAN COMMUNITIES

## **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)**

**between**

**Himalayan Climate Initiative (HCI)  
and**

**Climate Alliance of Himalayan Communities (CAHC)**

**For**

**Strengthening the voices of climate change threaten mountain  
communities to access resources for sustainable mountain  
development. -**

**29<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

## 1. Background

- 1.1- Himalayan Climate Initiative, **hereinafter referred to as HCI**, is a non-profit organization founded by fourteen progressive entrepreneurs of Nepal to help build Nepali economy in inclusive and climate-smart ways. HCI meets its objective by finding smart solutions, sustaining them, and scaling them up for the benefit of the larger society.
- 1.2- Climate Alliance of Himalayan Communities, **hereinafter referred to as CAHC**, is a network of civil society members from different sections of Great Himalayan Trails and local influential leaders of Himalayas to bring the voices of mountain communities related to climate change to the world from the Himalayas.
- 1.3- This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made and entered into by and between the HCI and CAHC, **hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Parties"**.
- 1.4- This MoU sets out the general terms and principles of the institutional collaboration between the Parties regarding strengthening the voices of mountain communities and also bring the voices of mountain communities related to climate change to the world from Himalayas.
- 1.5- This MOU is agreed to guide, coordinate and harmonise the relationship and partnership between the parties in their joint engagement in the "bringing voices of climate threaten mountain communities for access to resources and sustainable development in Himalayas."

## 3. Common belief of the parties

- It is important for mountain communities to come together and raise the awareness related to climate change in the Himalayas.
- Raise the pertinent issues and advocate for the mountain communities to bring voices from the Himalayas at local, national, regional and global levels,
- Partnership development with government, non-government organizations and private corporate is crucial for sustainable mountain development in Himalayas,
- Finding smart solutions we can achieve the sustainable mountain development in Himalayas,
- National and International support for mountain communities should be obtained and mobilized by mountain people in their benefits.

## 2. Purpose of the MoU

Strengthening the voices of climate change threaten mountain communities to access resources for sustainable mountain development.

## 3. Roles of the Parties

**HCI:**

- Recognize CAHC as its lead advocacy partner,





- Setting up the legal identity of CAHC,
- Provide operational support including basic utilities and space for office secretariat at reasonable cost,
- Repute CAHC to bring experts and personalities of national and international on advisory board,
- Support CAHC in finding partners
- Raise funds for CAHC prioritized projects and implement them,

**CAHC:**

- Recognize HCI as its lead implementation partner,
- Take HCI's social, environmental and entrepreneurial efforts to the mountain regions and villages of Nepal for the benefit of mountain communities,
- Support HCI for its national and international level fundraisings for projects that are beneficial for mountain communities,
- Collaborate with HCI to set advocacy agenda for national, regional and international dialogue and negotiations,

**4. Miscellaneous**

5.1-The terms of this MoU shall commence on the date of signature of the MoU by the Parties, and will remain in effect for a period of ten years unless otherwise agreed.

5.2-The Parties recognize each other's comparative advantages and complementarities, and intend to produce synergistic impacts in tackling inclusive development, poverty alleviation, income generation and improving environment.

5.3-The Parties agree to publicize the purpose of the MoU and its content for public benefit. The Parties will not make any commitments or take any positions on behalf of each other without a written consent.

5.4-Chairperson of CAHC and Founder and CEO of HCI will be responsible for implementation of this MoU. They or their designees shall meet regularly and coordinate the implementation of the intents of this MoU

5.5-Any difference of opinion concerning this MoU will be resolved through amicable dialogue between the Parties. Any modifications to this MoU will only be done by mutual agreement and formally signed by each of the two parties.

5.6- This MoU may be terminated at any time by prior written agreement or if one or both parties are in breach of the agreed terms of the MoU.

Signed

**On behalf of  
Climate Alliance of Himalayan Communities**

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Ang Tshering Sherpa  
Chairperson  
29<sup>th</sup> April 2014



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**On behalf of  
Himalayan Climate Initiative**

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Prashant Singh  
Founder and CEO  
29<sup>th</sup> April, 2014



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