

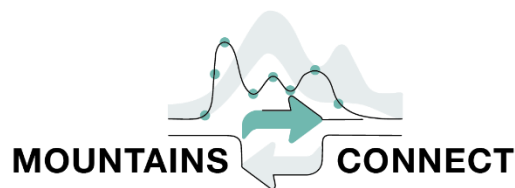
# Second Mountains Connect Interregional Workshop |

## 20-22nd of April 2026

### Thimphu, Bhutan

Last update: 11 February 2026

## Agenda



**Advancing interregional cooperation and learning on regional mountain governance, resource mobilization and science-policy interfaces**

### Objectives and Intended Outcomes

The overall objective of the interregional exchange workshop is to re-connect mountain adaptation stakeholders from the **Alps**, the **Andes**, the **South Caucasus**, the **Carpathians**, **East African Community**, the **Hindu Kush Himalaya** and beyond. It aims to address identified needs and gaps of respective regional mountain range governance stakeholders.

By offering an innovative space for discussing the most recent knowledge on adaptation and governance in mountains, intended **outcomes** of the workshop include

- Common **mountain range governance needs and approaches are elaborated**
- New **partnerships between mountain regions**, including secretariats, are initiated and existing ones strengthened
- Latest **scientific activities and governance aspects** relevant to data and monitoring are **discussed with policy stakeholders**
- Stronger **interregional collaboration** and joint efforts for promoting mountain

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for improving them along identified seven governance dimensions<sup>1</sup>

- Capacities of participants **on strengthening resource and funding base** for regional governance and collaborative action are further developed

Possible **outputs**

- Key messages on the importance of regional collaboration and science-policy frameworks for increased adaptation
- Briefs on i) resource mobilization and funding for regional mountain range governance mechanisms ii) closing the observation and data sharing gaps in mountain regions

areas at the **global policy level**, especially the UNFCCC and 5 Years of Action for the Development of Mountain Regions, are discussed and **tangible entry points** identified

- Visual materials (e.g. video) for communication and outreach
- Revised mountains-connect.org page with additional resources and knowledge available to mountain range governance stakeholders

*Main benefitting audiences include policy stakeholders, technical staff of national authorities and institutions responsible for sustainable mountain development, and the development community*

Draft Programme (subject to change)

Day	Draft agenda items
Sunday, 19 April	<b>Arrival to Paro Airport, Bhutan</b> Optional: Visit to Tigers nest <b>Overnight: Metta Resort, Paro</b>
Monday, 20 April	<b>Field visit to Ha</b> Getting to know each other - Icebreaker Walkshop on Global Advocacy and Action for mountains Visit to mountain adaptation site  Drive from Ha to Thimphu Free evening
<b>Workshop Venue: Namgay Heritage Hotel, Thimphu</b>	
Tuesday, 21 April	<b>Opening</b>

<sup>1</sup> [MOUNTAIN RANGE GOVERNANCE DIMENSIONS – Mountains Connect \(mountains-connect.org\)](http://mountains-connect.org)

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	<p><b>Basecamp (Marketplace)</b> with interactive sessions on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Governance of Operational Mountain Data (MRI)</li> <li>ii) Science-policy interfaces for resilient mountain ranges (ICIMOD + CONDESAN)</li> <li>iii) Messaging and communication (Zoi + SEI)</li> <li>iv) Resource mobilization for regional action in mountain areas (UNEP + SDC)</li> <li>v) Framework conditions: institutional formality and territoriality of a regional mechanism (Alpine Convention)</li> </ul> <p>Lunch</p> <p><b>Basecamp (continued)</b></p> <p><b>PeakTalk</b> on resource mobilization for mountain adaptation</p> <p>Break</p> <p>Interactive <b>Tamlar 2.0 simulation exercise</b></p> <p><b>Reception dinner</b> and interregional cultural evening</p>
<b>Wednesday, 22 April</b>	<p><b>Tamlar 2.0 exercise</b> developing capacities on resource mobilization, negotiation, and presentation</p> <p><b>Learnings by Region and input for Action Plans</b></p> <p>Reaching new Heights – <b>Way forward for interregional collaboration</b> and exchange</p> <p>Joint dinner</p>
<b>Thursday, 23 April</b>	Departure from Paro Airport



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