



**4TH GSLEP
STEERING
COMMITTEE
MEETING**

23 –24 October 2019

09 30 Hours

Vigyan Bhawan,
New Delhi

**PROGRAM OF THE
4TH STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE
GLOBAL SNOW LEOPARD AND ECOSYSTEM
PROTECTION (GSLEP) PROGRAM**

Organized by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of the Republic of India

Co-organized by the GSLEP Secretariat

Venue: Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, India

Dates: 23-24 October 2019

Meeting Objectives and Agenda:

The Bishkek Declaration 2017 was adopted by 12 range countries during the International Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Conservation Forum in August 2017. This was followed up by the Kathmandu Resolution 2017 and Issykkul Statement 2018. To review and guide various elements of management and implementation of the Global Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Protection (GSLEP) Program, the fourth steering committee meeting is being organized in New Delhi, India.

The following priority matters will be discussed during the meeting:

1. Update about conservation, sustainable economic development and capacity building efforts made so far in snow leopard habitats in each country.
2. Assessment of efforts against poaching and illegal wildlife trade of snow leopards and related wildlife.
3. Green economic development in snow leopard habitats and innovative conservation financing.
4. Population Assessment of the World's Snow Leopards (PAWS).
5. A joint review and next steps for the GSLEP Program.

Day 0: 22 October 2019 (Tuesday)

ARRIVALS, transfer to hotel

Day 1: 23 October 2019 (Wednesday), Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, India

08 30 – 09 30	Registration
	OPENING CEREMONY Facilitators: MoEF&CC & GSLEP Secretariat
09 30 – 09 31	Arrival and welcoming of the Chief Guest and delegates of the meeting.
09 31 – 09 33	Lighting of lamp & gifting bouquets.
09 33 – 09 36	Welcome address by the Director General of Forests & Special Secretary (DGF & SS), MoEF&CC, Government of India.
09 36 – 09 40	Remarks by the Secretary, EF&CC, MoEF&CC, Government of India.
09 40 – 09 43	Launch of the National Protocol on Snow Leopard Population Assessment in India.
09 43 – 09 58	Key Note Address by the Chief Guest, the Hon'ble Minister, MoEF&CC, Government of India.
09 58 – 10 00	Vote of Thanks by the Additional Director General of Forests, MoEF&CC, Government of India.
10 00 – 10 30	Tea/coffee
OPENING SESSION OF STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING	
10 30 – 10 35	Special address by Mr. Soumitra Dasgupta, IGF (WL) MoEF&CC, Government of India.
10 35 – 10 40	Remarks by Mr. Keshav Varma, GTIC, GSLEP.
10 40 – 10 45	Special address by Dr. Koustubh Sharma, GSLEP.

10 45 – 10 50	Special address by the Director of the State Agency on Environment Protection and Forestry, Kyrgyz Republic and Co-Chair of 4th GSLEP Steering Committee.
10 50 – 10 55	Special address by the Hon'ble Vice Minister for Environment and Tourism, Mongolia
10 55 – 11 00	Special address by the Deputy Chair of the Federation Supervisory Natural Resources Management Services, Russian Federation
11 00 – 11 05	Special address by the Hon'ble Minister of Forest and Soil Conservation, Government of Nepal and Chair of 4th GSLEP Steering Committee.
STEERING COMMITTEE SESSIONS	
11 15 – 13 00	<p>Session 1: Country Presentations on conservation, capacity building and sustainable economic development efforts made so far (Bhutan, China, India, Kazakhstan & Kyrgyzstan)</p> <p>Chair: Nepal; Co-Chair: Mongolia; Facilitator: GTIC, MoEF&CC</p>
13 00 – 13 45	Lunch
13 45 – 15 30	<p>Session 2: Country Presentations on conservation, capacity building and sustainable economic development efforts made so far (Mongolia, Nepal, Russia, Tajikistan & Uzbekistan)</p> <p>Chair: Russia; Co-Chair: China; Facilitator: GSLEP Secretariat, India</p>
15 30 – 15 45	Tea/coffee
15 45 – 16 30	<p>Session 3: Assessment of efforts against poaching and illegal wildlife trade of snow leopards and related wildlife.</p> <p>Chair: China; Co-chair: Uzbekistan; Facilitator: WCCB & MoEF&CC, India</p> <p><i>Updates from countries, presentation from GSLEP Secretariat on the status of database on illicit wildlife trade and means to further populate it and receive inputs on improving information sharing mechanisms.</i></p> <p>Special presentation on India's status of database on illicit wildlife trade and measures to combat the same with special reference to Ladakh, By Mr. Jigmet Takpa, MoEF&CC</p>

16 30 – 17 00	<p>Session 4: Population Assessment of the World's Snow Leopards (PAWS) – country updates and way forward.</p> <p>Chair: India; Co-chair: Bhutan; Facilitator: WII & NCF-SLT, India</p> <p><i>Presentation from GSLEP Secretariat on combined status of PAWS across range countries and way forward, to be followed by brief country updates, discussion on challenges, difficulties and opportunities.</i></p>
17 00 – 17 15	<p>Session 5: Presentation of Snow Leopard Population Assessment in India.</p> <p>Chair: Uzbekistan; Co-Chair: Russia; Facilitator: GSLEP Secretariat & NTCA, India</p> <p><i>Presentation by Mr. Soumitra Dasgupta, MoEF&CC, Government of India, on the national protocol for snow leopard and prey population assessment in India.</i></p>
17 15 – 18 00	<p>Session 6: SIDE EVENT: 'Listening from the local communities' –how local communities have addressed challenges related to biodiversity, livelihoods and climate change.</p> <p>Chair: Kyrgyz Republic; Co-Chair: Nepal; Facilitator: India & Facilitator, UNDP</p> <p><i>Talks/presentations from representatives of local communities of the Himalayas on how the communities have addressed challenges arising from co-existing with wildlife, improvement and diversification of local livelihoods and climate change adaptation.</i></p>
18 30 – 21 00	<p style="text-align: center;">Dinner Venue: The Ashok Hotel</p>

Day 2: 24 October 2019 (Thursday), Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, India

09 30 – 10 00	<p>Session 7: Conservation initiatives in snow leopard range countries by non-government partner agencies of GSLEP</p> <p>Chair: Mongolia; Co-Chair: Tajikistan; Facilitator: GSLEP Secretariat, India</p> <p><i>Talks (5 minutes each) focusing on overview of select projects / initiatives in snow leopard range countries by Snow Leopard Trust (SLT), WWF, UNDP, GEF and UNEP.</i></p>
10 00 – 10 30	<p>Session 8: Community-based conservation in India.</p> <p>Chair: Russia; Co-Chair: MoEF&CC, India; Facilitator: MoEF&CC & GSLEP Secretariat, India</p> <p><i>Talks/presentations (10 mins each) from WWF-India, Nature Conservation Foundation – Snow Leopard Trust (NCF-SLT) and Snow Leopard Conservancy-India Trust (SLC-IT) on select community-based conservation initiatives in the Indian Himalayas.</i></p>

10 30 – 11 30	<p>Session 9: Green economic development in snow leopard habitats and innovative conservation financing</p> <p>Chair: Tajikistan; Co-Chair: India; Facilitator: GSLEP Secretariat, India</p> <p><i>Presentations (5 mins each) from the UNDP-India, the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) focusing on status of green economic development projects, prospect of green economic development in the Himalayan high-altitudes, quantification and effective monitoring and evaluation of green economic development, followed by discussion.</i></p>
11 30 – 11 45	Tea/Coffee
11 45 – 12 15	<p>Session 10: High mountain ecology: Current efforts, challenges and way forward.</p> <p>Chair: Kyrgyz Republic; Co-chair: India; Facilitator: GSLEP Secretariat, India</p> <p><i>Presentation (12 mins each) from Nature Conservation Foundation (NCF) on Project Snow Leopard and UNDP-India on SECURE Himalaya Project, followed by discussion.</i></p>
12 15 – 12 30	<p>Session 11: High Altitude Tiger – research and conservation insights</p> <p>Chair: Bhutan; Co-Chair: Nepal; Facilitator: NTCA, India</p> <p><i>Presentation from Global Tiger Forum (GTF) on ecology and conservation status of high altitude tiger, implications towards conservation of snow leopard and its habitat.</i></p>
12 30 – 12 45	Group photograph
13 00 – 14 00	Lunch
14 00 – 15 30	<p>Session 12: A joint review and next steps for the GSLEP.</p> <p>Chair: Mongolia; Co-Chair: Kyrgyzstan; Facilitator: WCCB, India & CZA, India</p>
15 30 – 15 45	Tea/Coffee
15 45 – 16 30	<p>Session 13: Discussion and preparation of joint resolution/statement of the 4th GSLEP SCM (CLOSED SESSION).</p> <p>Chair: Nepal; Co-Chair: Russia; Facilitator: GSLEP Secretariat, India</p>

16 30 – 17 00	<p>Session 14: Endorsement and release of the joint resolution/statement.</p> <p>Chair: MoEF&CC, India; Co-Chair: Nepal & Kyrgyz Republic; Facilitator: GSLEP Secretariat & MoEF&CC, India</p>
18 30 – 21 00	<p style="text-align: center;">Dinner</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Venue: The Imperial Delhi</p>

Day 3-4: 25-26 October 2019

SIGHT SEEING
(Dehradun – Rajaji National Park, Uttarakhand)

Day 4-5: 26-27 October 2019

DEPARTURES
