



Global Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Protection Program

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We, the representatives of the governments of the Kingdom of Bhutan, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of India, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Federal Republic of Nepal, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Russian Federation, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, have gathered in the city of Bishkek for the seventh Steering Committee Meeting of the Global Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Protection Program (GSLEP).

After reviewing the conservation work being done by the snow leopard range countries, the GSLEP Secretariat and our international partner organizations, as the representatives of Asia's high mountain ecosystems, we:

Express our appreciation for the conservation work through research, policy and investment being done across snow leopard range countries.

Commend the GSLEP Secretariat and our partner organizations in successfully designing and launching the Conservation for Development approach to sustainable economies in snow leopard landscapes under the Equal One brand.

Recognize the scale, intensity, and imminence of climate change impacts on snow leopard ecosystems and mountain communities, realizing that the communities face dire challenges to their existence, and that their response to these impacts may increase negative interactions with snow leopards and its prey.

Endorse climate-smart conservation strategies as well as ecosystem-based climate adaptation and other nature-based solutions being piloted in communities in snow leopard landscapes to increase resilience of both wildlife and communities to climate change.

Urge the donor partners and donor countries to support upscaling of these initiatives, taking into account best practices, including integrating such strategies in national level policies and implementing climate smart management plans through large-scale finance mechanisms.

Highlight the urgency with which new projects and funding pipelines must be initiated to fill the gaps in funding to address the threats to biodiversity and the livelihoods of our people living in mountain habitats that are threatened by climate change and the slowdown due to the three years of pandemic.

Create a taskforce to secure additional financial opportunities for regional and national projects focused on addressing threats being faced by the snow leopard ecosystems.

Encourage the Global Environment Facility to conduct regional workshops for training and investments under GEF 8 to develop regional and national projects.

Recognize the multipronged threats that linear infrastructure poses to snow leopard ecosystems and advise the GSLEP Secretariat to set up a dedicated working group to develop a policy guidelines and strategy to help mitigate such threats.

Underscore the need to continue the efforts to curb illegal wildlife trade and to develop linkages with international and regional forums working to control illegal wildlife trade

Appreciate the significant work that has been done by the Secretariat and our partner organizations to propagate and strengthen community-based conservation.

Intensify capacity building programs across snow leopard range countries in climate adaptation, disrupting illegal wildlife trade, local entrepreneurship, biodiversity assessment and monitoring.

Support the teams working on Population Assessment of the World's Snow leopards (PAWS) in achieving its goals of estimating the national, regional, and global snow leopard abundance by 2023.

Welcome the offer of the Republic of Uzbekistan to host the eighth GSLEP Steering Committee Meeting in 2023.

Appreciate the continued financial and technical support being provided to the GSLEP Secretariat by the International Snow Leopard Trust, United Nations Environment Program, Global Environment Facility, and United Nations Development Program.

Congratulate the snow leopard range countries, Secretariat and partner organizations for the international recognition to the GSLEP Program in the form of the Worldwide Award for Biodiversity Conservation from the BBVA Foundation.

Thank the outgoing Co-Chair for his contribution, The Minister of Forest and Environment, Government of Nepal, and warmly welcome the Minister of Agriculture of the Royal Government of Bhutan as the Co-Chair.

Express our deep gratitude to the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic for hosting the Secretariat and for hosting the first hybrid in-person and virtual Steering Committee after an enforced gap of three years due to the pandemic and thank our other donor partners including the Whitley Fund for Nature, Government of Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Peace Nexus Foundation, WWF, UNDP, and United States Agency for International Development for providing financial support to organize this meeting.

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