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WATER-ENERGY-FOOD IN SOUTH ASIA

Australia is pleased to host the South Asia Regional Knowledge Forum on Water, Energy and Food from 20-21 September 2017 in Kathmandu, Nepal.

The Knowledge Forum is an opportunity for researchers, policy makers and practitioners working across the three major river basins of South Asia — the Indus, Brahmaputra and Ganges — to address the interdependencies of the water, energy and food sectors.

Across Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal and Pakistan, the river basins are home to 300 million people. Water, energy and food insecurity is increasing due to population growth and rising competition for scarce water resources between agriculture, energy, industry and the environment.

The Knowledge Forum will identify new ideas and approaches to manage these challenges.

Australia is contributing its expertise and experience in integrated water resources management, sustainable agriculture and renewable energy.

Australia is proud to be partnering with the following organisations in this work: International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD); International Finance Corporation (IFC); The Asia Foundation (TAF); South Asia Water Initiative (SAWI) managed by the World Bank; International Centre of Excellence for Water Resource Management (ICEWaRM); Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR); and, Commonwealth Science and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO).

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