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Dear Sir/Madam

The Centre for Integrated Mountain Research (CIMR), University of the Punjab since its establishment in 1987, is serving the nation as:

- Documentation Centre on integrated mountain research and development based on systematic exchange of knowledge and experiences;
- Focal Point for mobilization, conduct, and coordination of applied and problem-solving community-oriented integrated research;
- An innovative base for training on skills applicable in integrated mountain research and development;
- A consultative Center to provide expert services on integrated mountain research and development
- A forum for specific attention to highlands-lowlands interaction zones and ultimately extending to plain areas.

Study of Geo-Environmental Sciences is the main concern of the CIMR. Unfortunately, so far this subject is not taken care in its true spirit in the country. After successfully completed number of national and international research projects and the first ever Post Graduate Diploma in Geo-Environmental Sciences, now Center has launched its very first M.Sc. degree program in Mountain Conservation and Watershed Management (MCWM) leading to MPhil and PhD that is a missing gap.

The importance of the Centre is to provide excellence in research, teaching and community in connection with issues related to national and international level. This is also serving as a catalyst for inter-disciplinary and multidisciplinary research and teaching programs and projects addressing to the 58% of Pakistan territory that is composed of mountainous areas.

It is matter of great honor that considering the importance of CIMR objectives, UNESCO has established a Chair titled "Community Education in Mountain Conservation and Watershed Management under the leadership of the undersigned. It has opened various avenues for joint collaboration. Please find below quoted paragraph as a convent of participation

"As specified in the Decision 6/CP.17 of SBSTA, in which Parties and relevant organizations are invited to submit to the secretariat, by 17 September 2012, their views on potential future areas of work of the Nairobi work program,

on behalf of the Centre for Integrated Mountain Research, University of the Punjab, Lahore it is proposed to establish an area of work on "mountains and climate change" in view of the special attention needed by mountain ecosystems to adapt to the effect of climate change. Mountains provide vital goods and services to more than half of the world's population but they are fragile ecosystems that require specific protection and management."

It will be highly appreciated if UNFCCC (Nairobi work program) may collaborate, cooperate and join hands in mutual areas of training, research, I may add that collaboration will be a valuable addition towards capacity building of the academician/ students/ mountain community and provide bases for mountain area development activities. I assure you that it will be mutually beneficial.

Regards!

Sincerely,

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