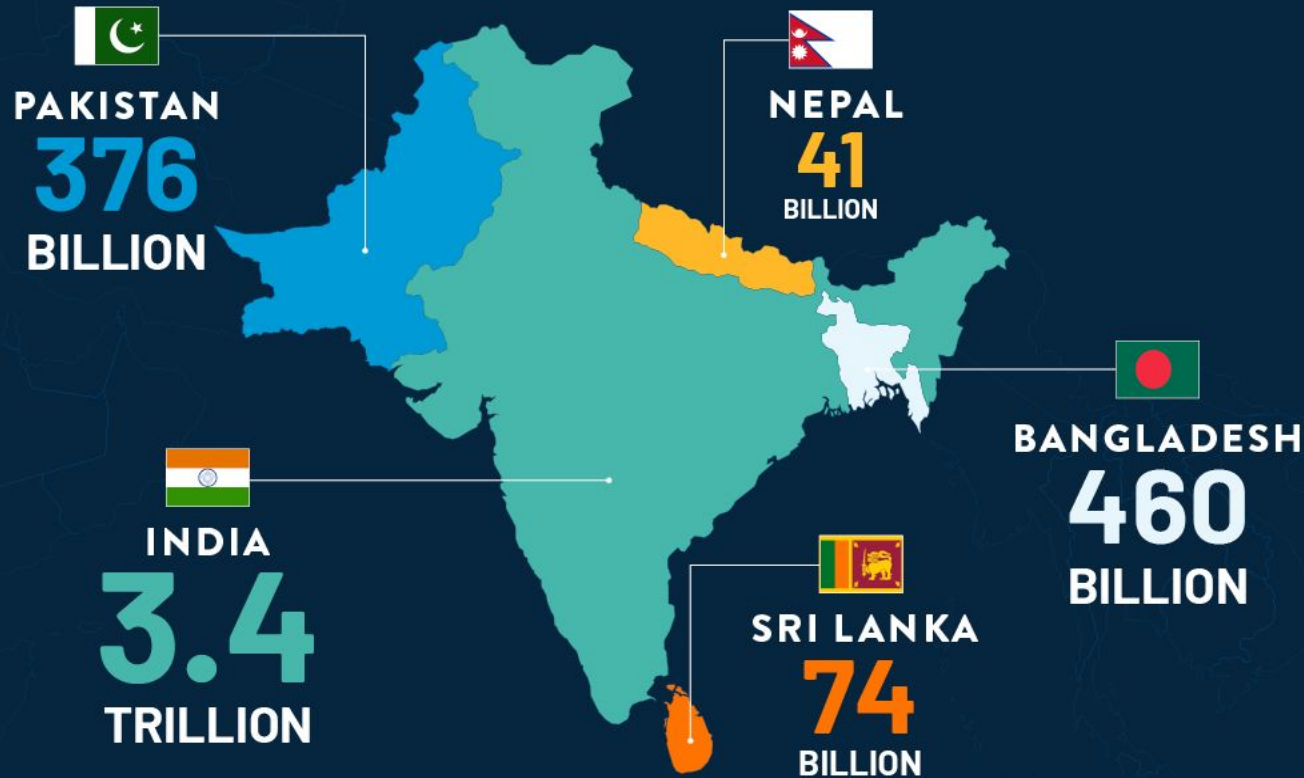




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THE SIZE OF SOUTH ASIAN ECONOMIES (IN US\$)



TOTAL SOUTH ASIA GDP

\$4.3 TRILLION

(including Afghanistan, Bhutan and Maldives)



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Day 1

The Regional Opportunity Canvas

SOUTH ASIA IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT



CONSUMER MARKET SIZE BY 2030:

India to become **2nd highest consumer market** by 2030, Pakistan 7th and Bangladesh 11th



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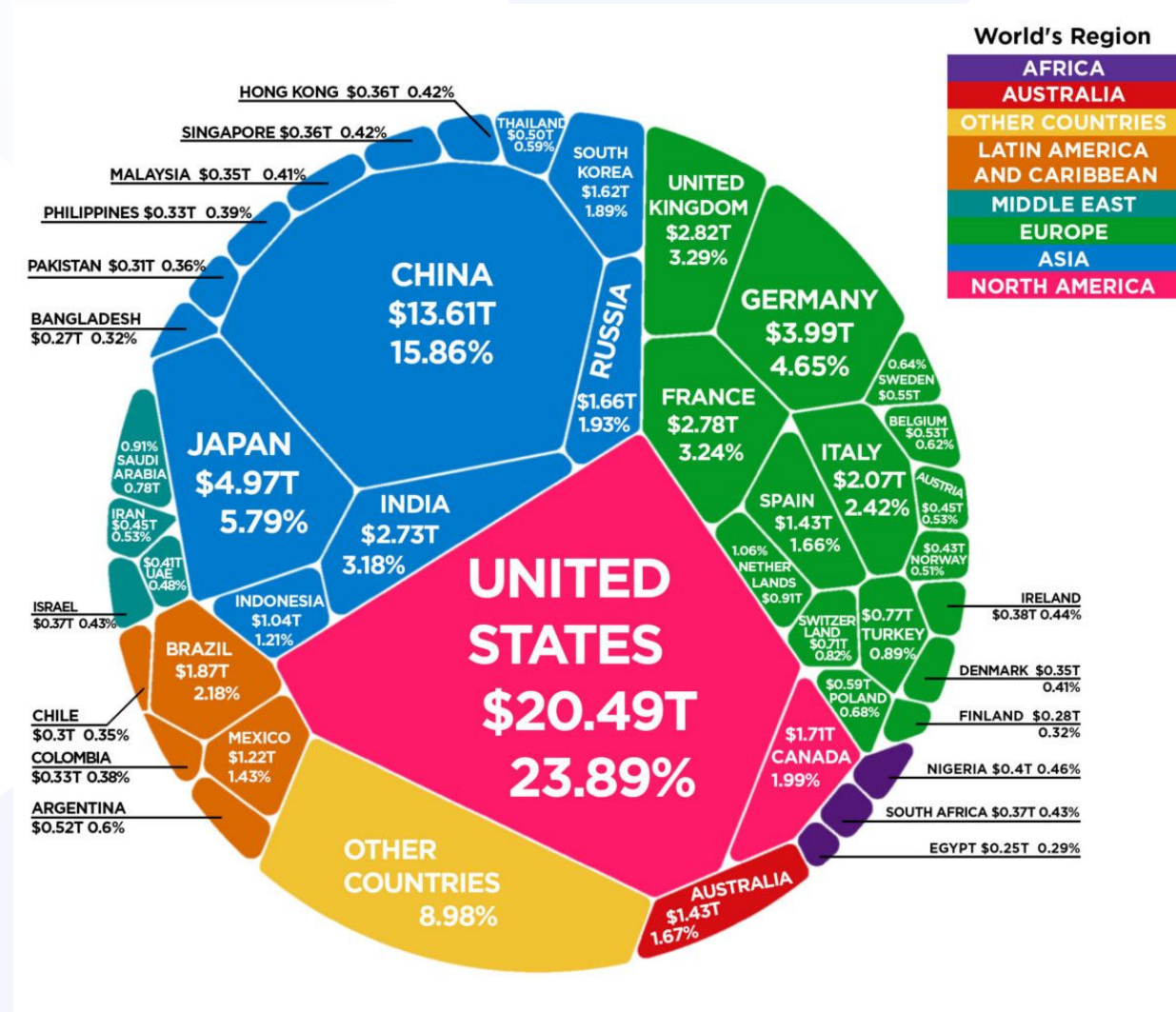
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The \$86 Trillion Dollar World Economy

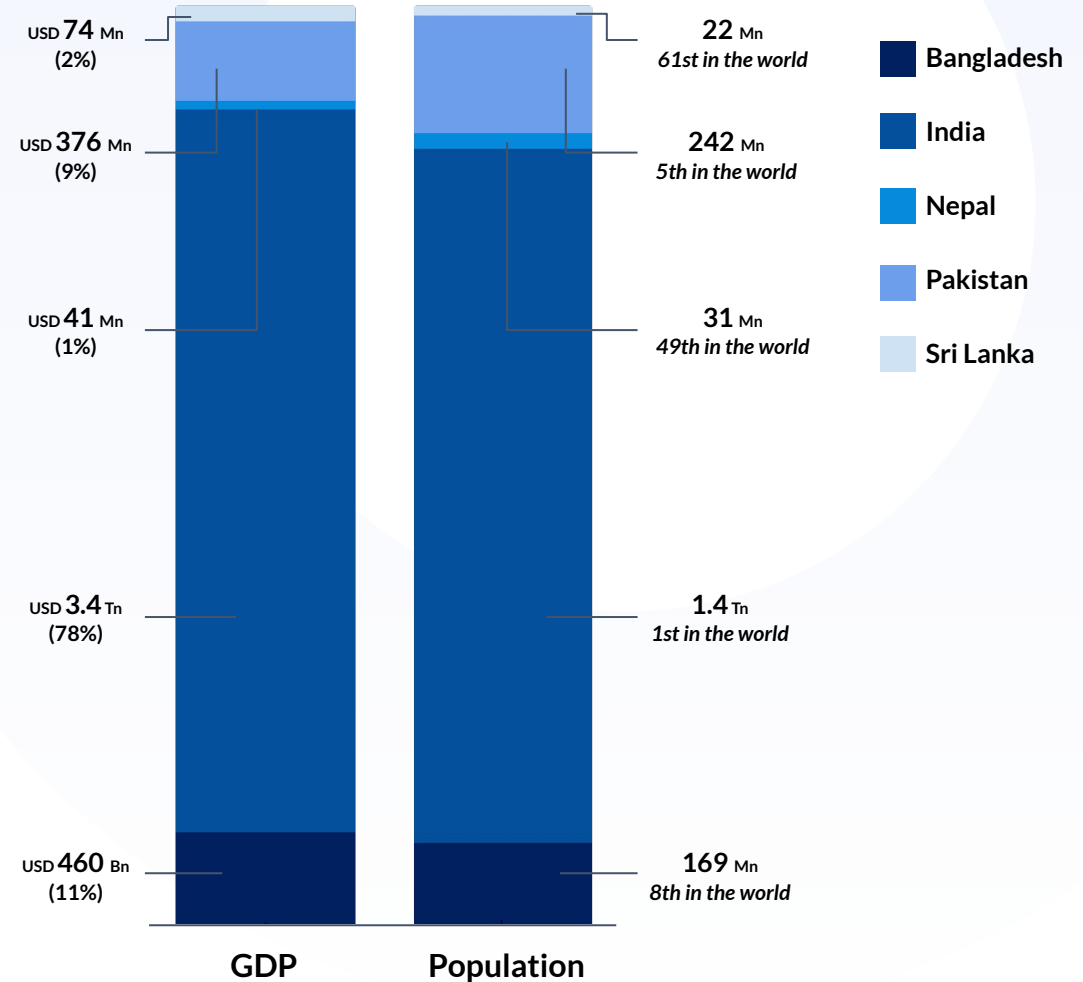


South Asia is Moving Forward to Become a Global Economic Powerhouse

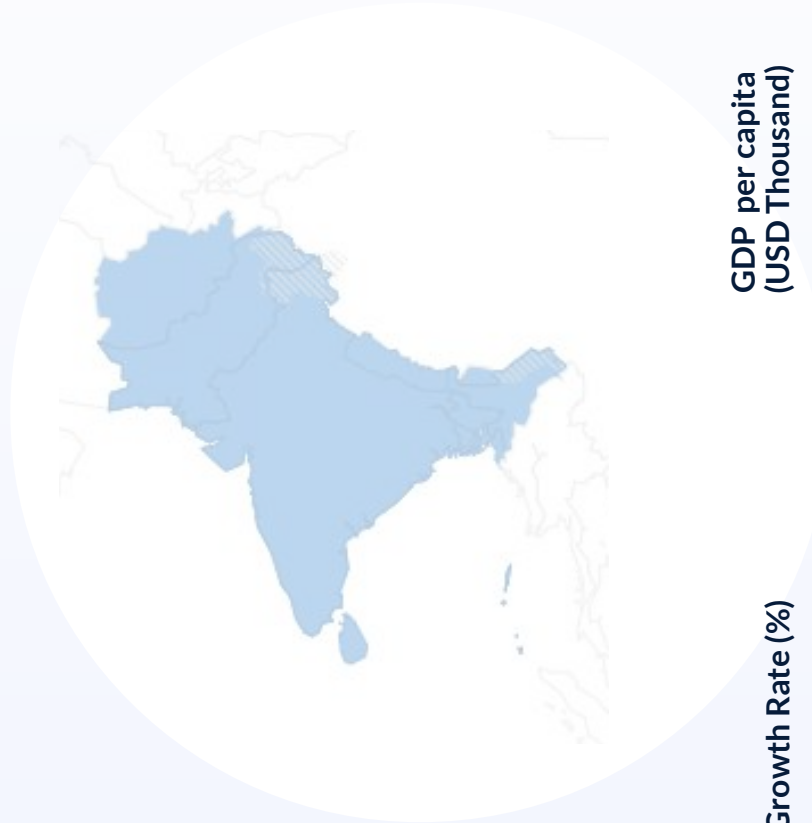


Total South Asia GDP
USD 4.3 Tn
 (including Afghanistan, Bhutan and Maldives)
4.5% Of The World's Total

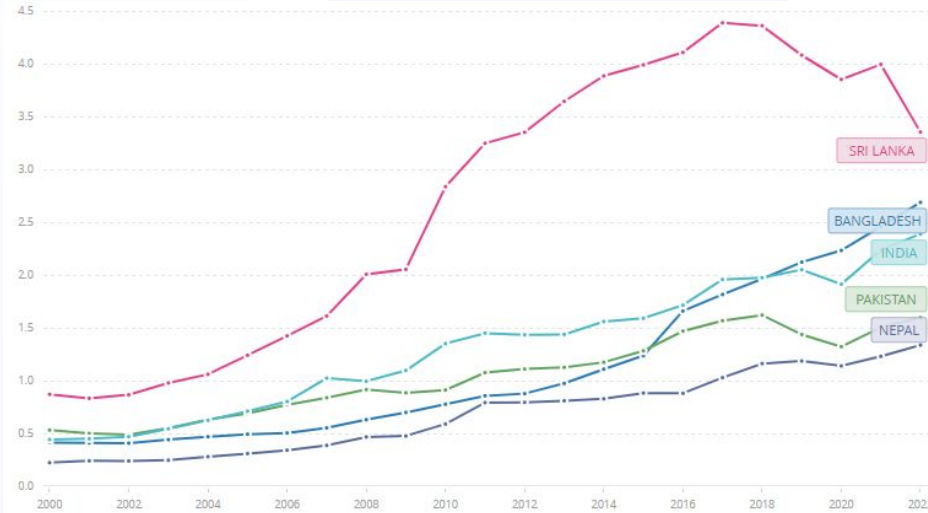
Total South Asia Population
1.8 Bn
 (including Afghanistan, Bhutan and Maldives)
24.5% Of The World's Total



GDP Per Capita & GDP Growth Rate of South Asian Countries



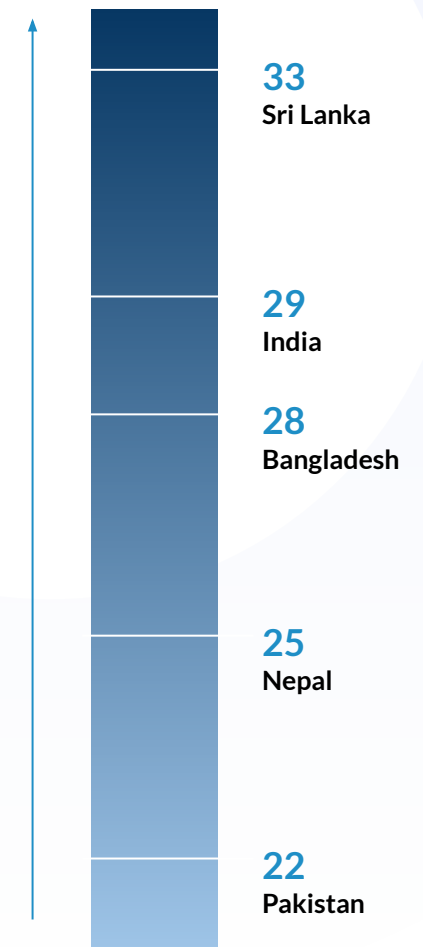
GDP per capita (USD Thousand)



GDP Growth Rate (%)












Median Age of Population



Growth of the Consumer Class in South Asia

Fastest-growing consumer markets in the world by growth of the consumer class* between 2020 and 2030



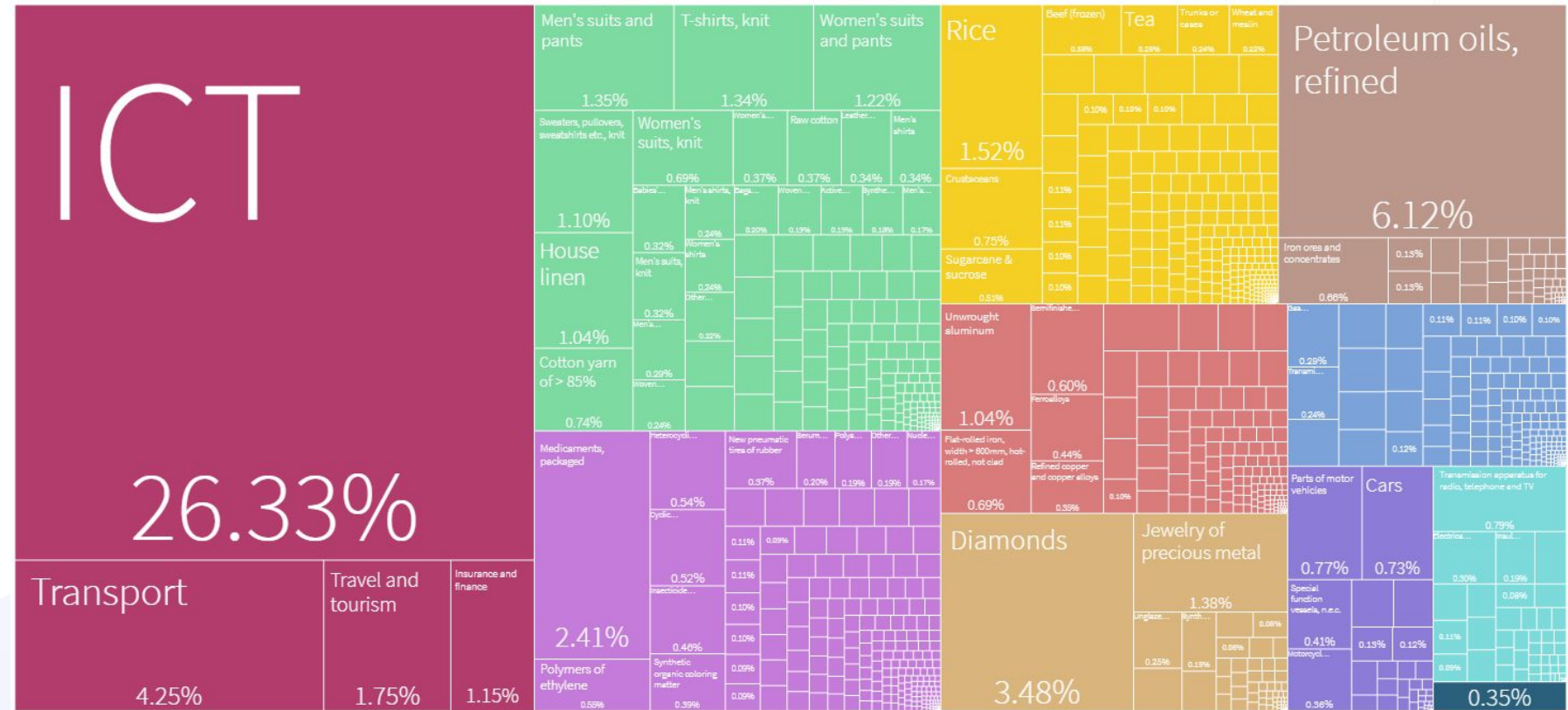
		Projected rank 2030	Change in rank 2020-2030
India 	+419.5m	2	0
China 	+336.9m	1	0
Indonesia 	+75.8m	4	↗ +2
Pakistan 	+59.5m	7	↗ +7
Bangladesh 	+52.4m	11	↗ +17
Philippines 	+37.5m	13	↗ +7
Egypt 	+29.6m	9	↘ -1
U.S. 	+24.2m	3	0



*Spending more than \$11 per day on average
Source: Statista, World Economic Forum


South Asian Exports to the World

USD 774 Bn Worth Of Exports by South Asian Countries in 2021



South Asian Startup Landscape

The South Asian startup ecosystem is still at its early stage, with significant room for growth



Country	GDP 2022	GDP per Capita 2022	Startup Investments Raised 2022	Startup Funding per Capita 2022	Startup Investment as a % of GDP 2022
Bangladesh	USD 460 Bn	USD 2,688	USD 125 Mn	USD 0.73	0.03%
India	USD 3,452 Bn	USD 2,388	USD 21 Bn	USD 14.82	0.62%
Pakistan	USD 369 Bn	USD 1,596	USD 355 Mn	USD 1.51	0.09%

Top Industries



Bangladesh

Textiles & Readymade
Garments

Pharmaceutical
Products

Agriculture &
Agricultural Products

Leather

Information &
Communication
Technology



India

Iron & Steel

Agriculture &
Agricultural Products

Automobile

Textiles

Information &
Communication
Technology



Nepal

Tourism

Tapestry

Rice (Agriculture)

Sugar (Agriculture)

Olive (Agriculture)



Pakistan

Textiles

Food Processing

Chemicals

Cement

Pharmaceutical
Products



Sri Lanka

Tourism

Tea

Apparel

Textiles

Coconut Products

Innovations Propelling Growth of South Asia



Bangladesh

Microfinance

Bangladesh holds a distinguished status as the birthplace of modern microfinance, boasting an array of highly successful microfinance institutions (MFIs) that have made substantial contributions to poverty reduction and economic development within the nation.



India

Space Research

India made history by becoming the fourth country to successfully land on the moon. ISRO has carried out 125 spacecraft missions, 92 launch missions and planned several missions.



Pakistan

Irrigation

Pakistan boasts world's largest irrigation network. The development of this irrigation system is one of the major achievements of Pakistani engineers. This irrigation network provides water to 90% of the agricultural land in Pakistan which amounts to an area of 14.4 million hectares.

Testimonials- The Future is Asia



Bangladesh

“Set to emerge as a trillion-dollar economy powered by an ambitious business community.”



India

“Could become the world's third biggest economy as early as 2030 and have a GDP exceeding that of the US by 2060”



Nepal

“Nepal’s economy is anticipated to grow by 4.3% in 2024, up from an estimated growth of 1.9% in 2023”



Pakistan

“Faster economic growth for Pakistan with a growth rate At 2.5% For 2023”



Sri Lanka

“There are enormous growth opportunities in Sri Lanka for companies and investors”



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28.11.2023



ICIMOD (International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development) was established in 1983 as an intergovernmental organization dedicated to addressing environmental and developmental challenges in the Hindu Kush Himalayan region.

The Hindu Kush Himalayan region spans eight regional member countries, making ICIMOD a collaborative platform for integrated mountain development.

ICIMOD's mission is to enable sustainable and resilient mountain development, recognizing the region's unique ecological and socio-economic context.

Among the world's most important global resources, the HKH—Hindu Kush Himalaya—sits at the peak.



MSMEs in Mountains

life

culture

biodiversity

MSMEs in mountainous regions play a crucial role in the economic landscape, contributing significantly to local livelihoods and employment. ICIMOD works in triple bottom line (economic, social and environment) while promoting high value products and services value chains in the mountain.



ICIMOD's Collaborative Approach



As intergovernmental organization we foster collaboration and cooperation between countries with an aim to address shared challenges, including climate change, sustainable resource management and equitable economic development and learn from each other at science, policy and practice level

Strengthening Resilient Enterprises in HKH over the past decade

2010-2012



Strengthening Linkages between Value Chain Actors (**Market Focused**)

2012-2014



Promoting Green and Inclusive Enterprises at each node of Value Chain (**Mountain Niche Natural Products Focus**)

2014-2016



Building Climate Resilience in Value Chain (**Climate Change Focus**)

2016-2018



3-Rs : reducing **Risks**, creating **Reference** (innovation/pilot) for building **Resilience** (**Resilience Focus**)

2018-2020



Building Resilient Mountain Solutions through Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Development (**Ecosystem Focus**)

2020-2021



RE&EE and Air Pollution Solution through youth engagement (**Emission Reduction Focus**)

Cardamom value chain high value crop of Nepal, Bhutan and India

Spreading risks through income diversification



CRA practices



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Winners For Bootcamp And Business Pitching Competition (Nepal)



Pratik Singh Parmar
Build up Nepal Engineering



Gunjan Ghimire
Chyau Bio Technologies



Sunny Rajopadhy
Ecoorb Ventures



Bimal Bastola
Green Road Waste Management Pvt. Ltd.



Sushobhan Chimoriya
Innovating Environmental Health (IEH)







Interaction Programme: Leveraging mentorship for startups to strengthen entrepreneurship ecosystem in Bhutan.

Topic: Bringing global perspectives and knowledge on mentorship in Bhutan

Panelists:



Mr. Pim de Bakx
Senior Expert, PUM Netherlands



Mr. Gerrit Jan Van't Veen
CEO, World Startup

MODERATOR:



Ms. Anu Joshi Shrestha
Specialist, Risk Enterprise & Value Chain Development, ICIMOD



Mr. Emmanuel V Murray
Startup Mentor, Senior Advisor, Co-creation Equity



Ms. Bahar Kumar
Director, Impact Hub

28 April 2022 10:20 AM-2:15PM(Bhutan Time)
Mode: Virtual (Zoom)

Co-organizers:




Learning from the best (Netherlands visit)

Science	Practice	Policy	Knowledge
<p>Data and science -based climate technologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The European Space Agency (ESA) ESA Business incubation Center Space Business Innovation Centre Startup Village at Amsterdam Science Park 	<p>Innovation & incubation and businesses :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World startup Blue City (circular economy) MicrolabRotterdam Impact leaders International The Hague Business Agency The Hague Impact City The Hague Tech Humanity Hub Truvalu Seepje Challenge works Startlife Insectsense 	<p>Strategic government and other potential stakeholder for partnerships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of foreign affairs Ministry of economic affairs and climate Dutch good growth fund (DGGF) Orange corners Netherlands enterprise agency (RVO) Netherlands Water Partnership(NWP) Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) SNV 	<p>Knowledge Centers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PUM Netherland Amsterdam Centre for Entrepreneurship World soil museum Wageningen University and Research (WUR)

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Winners For Bootcamp And Business Pitching Competition (Bhutan)



Sonam Tshering
Drink Peo



Dorji Dema
Organic Food



Deki Deki
Deki Natural Dyes



Tshering Lhamo
Gross International Nature



Karma Yagini
Zamri Friends Forever





Collaboration and coordination through cross learning in Bhutan, Nepal and India

Towards Green Economy Through Entrepreneurship in Bhutan with DCSI

Impact Story

A Startup Center in Thimpu

60 Innovative Green Enterprise Incubated,

20+ women led

Developed Operation Manual to run Incubation Centers

300+ Green and Inclusive Jobs and

100+ Capacity Development Programs

A **Business Health Check Up** tool.

Linkages Established with CSI Bank Bhutan

Co-Developed Mentorship Program **30+**
international and national mentors.

Co-Developed Technology Database Platform.
Established Day Care Center



Entrepreneurship in Nepal with MOICs

Focus- Enabling environment

Co -Developed a policy framework for Green resilient and inclusive Entrepreneurship ecosystem

Co- creation of incubation centers at provincial level through capacity building

Co-designed Innovative Incubation program Renewable energy solution in agriculture (RESA) and Climate action for clean air (CA4CA)

Collaboration : Set up consortium partners from government private sector, university and international expert for innovation and investment

Policy Milestones: Startup policy in the making. Startup Enterprise Loan Fund (USD 20,000 at a 3 percent interest rate 7 years)



The one-day conference was organized in coordination and collaboration between the Ministry of Industries, Commerce and Supplies (MoICS) Nepal, FNCCI and UGC), PUM Netherlands, Antarprerana Pvt Ltd and ICIMOD on July 22.

Towards Green Economy Through Entrepreneurship in the Hindu Kush Himalaya

Our approach to Impact

-  **Promote Green Enterprise** with an aim for sustainable production and consumption
-  **Capacity building** to make enterprise green and resilient
-  **Mentorship** to strengthen resilient entrepreneurial ecosystem
-  **Networks** and platforms for innovation and investment
-  **Policy support** for entrepreneurship development to reach towards global net zero carbon emission goal

Entrepreneurship in the Hindu Kush Himalaya

MANUAL
A guidebook on mentorship for incubation hubs
Strengthening entrepreneurial ecosystems in the Hindu Kush Himalaya with lessons from Bhutan



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Innovative business solutions to decrease air pollution



AUTONOMOUS STARTUP CENTRE, BHUTAN
Vision, Strategies, and Operational Plan



- ICIMOD's future plans involve expanding collaborative efforts to address emerging challenges in the region. Eg : GIREE alliance
- The organization is actively integrating technology and innovation into its programs, leveraging advancements for sustainable development.
- In conclusion, ICIMOD remains committed to being a driving force for positive change, emphasizing the continued importance of collaboration in achieving ambitious climate targets, climate change goals sustainable and economic development in mountainous regions.



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the pulse.

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Amina Azad
Unlock Impact



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Regional Angel/VC Funds: The Need Of The Hour



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Chowdhury
SA Tech



Kalsoom Lakhani
i2i Ventures



Sanchayan
Chakraborty
Aavishkaar Capital



Chalinda
Abeykoon
nVentures



Omar Abedin
PTH Venture
Studios (Moderator)



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