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New Knowledge Platform on the Indus Basin

The Indus Basin Knowledge Platform (IBKP), which seeks to improve access to information and supports decision making on critical basin challenges, is launched at World Water Week 2016

September 1, 2016, Stockholm – An online knowledge platform which aims to make information on developmental issues in the Indus basin accessible to decision makers and the wider public was launched by the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) at the World Water Week today.

Speaking at the launch, Dr Alan Nicol, Theme leader (Governance, Gender and Poverty) and programme lead of IWMI's Indus work said, "Knowledge about changes taking place in the basin is critical to informed decision-making and cooperation. The Indus Basin Knowledge Platform (IBKP) is a unique opportunity to bring knowledge closer to key decision makers".

Shared by four countries: Afghanistan, China, India and Pakistan, the Indus basin has almost 300 million people living in it. The basin is experiencing increasing stress in the recent years with glacier melt, climate variability and growing demands due to a rising population.

The IBKP aims to reduce the knowledge gap, by bringing together scientific material, biophysical datasets and maps, and academic publications. A wide range of stakeholders and potential users, including government officials and academics in Afghanistan, China, India, Pakistan and the international community will test the pilot version of the knowledge platform. "We welcome new knowledge partners to provide us with feedback and opinion on how to co-develop and strengthen the IBKP," said Alan Nicol.

The Indus Basin Knowledge Platform comes under the Department for International Development (DFID)-funded South Asia Water Governance Programme's Informing Change in the Indus Basin (ICIB) project.

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