

National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS)

Composition and Terms of Reference of Scientific and Technical Advisory Group (STAG)

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1. Composition of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Group

Additional Secretary, MoEF&CC – Chair

Representatives of the Government Organizations:

1. Department of Science & Technology (DST)
2. Ministry for Development of North Eastern Region (MDONER)

Representatives of the State Government:

1. Chief Secretary or his representative not below the rank of Principal Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh
2. Chief Secretary or his representative not below the rank of Principal Secretary of Himachal Pradesh

Representatives of the Himalayan University/ Academic Institution:

- Vice-Chancellor or representative on-behalf, not below the rank of Senior Professor of following Himalayan University:
 1. Central University of Punjab (Biological Sciences)
 2. National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (Social Sciences)

Representative of NGO:

1. World Wildlife Fund (WWF) India

MoEF&CC Representative from the Thematic Division:

1. Shri Lalit Kapur, Adviser and Head (Mountain Division)

Representatives of GBPNIHESD:

1. G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment and Sustainable Development

Convener:

1. Director/ Additional Director/ Deputy Secretary of Mountain Division, MoEF&CC

2. The Committee shall have following Terms of Reference (TOR):

- I. Provide scientific and technical guidance for assessing project proposals, invites studies as well as *suo-moto* developmental studies;
- II. Recommend site-specific targeted pilot projects;
- III. Appraise and recommend case studies ensuring multi-disciplinarily and cross-sectoral integration;
- IV. Advise study teams on assessment frameworks and methodologies for conducting the studies;
- V. Review progress of the studies on a periodic basis and recommend necessary mid-course correction options;
- VI. Provide scientific and technical expert advice and recommendations in the Project Steering Committee; and
- VII. Advise the Project Management Team on stakeholder engagement and capacity development areas.

3. The tenure of the Committee would expire with the NMHS Scheme.

4. The Committee shall meet as frequently as the Members may decide.

5. The Committee would be free to co-opt any additional expert members as per requirement to provide guidance on specific issues with the approval of the Chair.

6. The non-official member of the Committee shall be entitled for travelling and all other allowance as applicable to the non-official member as per GoI Rules.

7. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority in the Ministry.