

HIMMOTTHAN

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Place: Dehradun

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Himmotthan Society, Dehradun and International Rivers, U.S.A., are jointly organising a 'Workshop on Environmental Flows', on June 8 (Friday), 2012 at Hotel Madhuban, Rajpur Road, Dehradun. The Workshop will be attended by organizations and individuals working on rivers, streams and hydrological issues in the Central Himalayan regions of the country, in particular from Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh. Resource persons and experts will also attend the Workshop from various parts of the country.

This Workshop is a follow up of a previous workshop on the same concept held in April in Guwahati, by Aranyak and the River Research Centre, Kerala. These workshops are meant to bring into focus the rapidly increasing importance of Environmental Flows as a tool for assessing the health of riverine ecosystems, as well as, as a criterion of decision making in giving environmental clearance to projects that have impacts on rivers. The Workshop will focus on awareness building and knowledge sharing on E-Flows in the context of water resources development in mountain regions, with specific emphasis on field level skills for improved planning and assessing E-Flow and related debate and discourse. A Primer on the What, Why and How of environmental flows, authored by Dr. Latha Anantha (River Research Centre, Kerala) and Parineeta Dandekar (South Asia Network on Dams, Rivers and People, SANDRP) has been published by International Rivers and will also be shared with participants during the workshop. The primer can be downloaded at <http://dl.dropbox.com/u/49323722/final%20eflows%20primer.pdf>

You are cordially invited to attend the workshop, share your views and contribute to the discussions. Your confirmation is solicited by May 30, 2012, kindly let us know of your arrival and departure dates and times. In case of prior engagements, you are requested to designate any other senior level functionary at your organization, who can contribute to the proposed theme.

Participants coming from outside Dehradun will be reimbursed for their travel costs from their place of office/ residence to the venue by the cheapest mode of transportation. Travel is encouraged by A/c Volvo buses, shared taxis, car pooling, A/C 3 tier train or A/C chair car in train. Full taxi hire for a single person will not be supported. The Organizing Committee will take care of Boarding and Lodging for all outstation participants at Hotel Madhuban,

Rajpur Road, Dehradun. Please contact Mr. Moh. Shareef (09456119957) for any information or clarification you might need in this regard.

Please find the Concept Note and the tentative Agenda of the Workshop attached herewith for your information.

With Best Regards,

Malavika Chauhan

Executive Director

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