

GLOBAL ADVENTURE & MOUNTAINEERING CONFERENCE AND EXPO 2018 - PROVISIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

GAMCE 2018 Program Day- I			
Date: Friday- 23rd March - Hotel Yak and Yeti, Durbar marg, Kathmandu			
Time	Session A-Adventure Sports	Session B-Adventure Tourism	Session C- Adventure Environment
9.30 AM	9:00 – Guests Arrival 9:30 – Chief Guest Arrival 9:40 – Welcome Address Birendra Rajkarnicar, Managing Director, House of Rajkarnicar 9:45 – Official Inauguration of Global Adventure & Mountaineering Conference and Expo 2018 10:00 – Remarks by Santa Bir Lama, President of Nepal Mountaineering Association 10:05 – Remarks by Ang Tshering Sherpa, Chairman of GAMCE Technical Committee 10:10 – Presentation of Token of Appreciation 10:20 – Remarks by Peter Farkas, Vice President, UIAA 10:25 - Remarks by Deepak Raj Joshi, CEO of Nepal Tourism Board 10:30 – Remarks by Secretary of Tourism, MOTCA 10:35 – Remarks by Honorable Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation 10:45 – Address by Chief Guest, Right Honorable Prime Minister of Nepal		
11.00 AM	Exhibition Opening		
11:15 AM	Opening Reception		
12:00 PM	Plenary Session Keynote Speaker- Russel Brice, Mountaineer, Himalayan Experience, New Zealand		
01.30 PM	Lunch Break		
02:30 PM	A New Approach to the Mountains: Skyrunning Speakers- Silvio Calvi- President, International Skyrunning Federation; Mira Rai- Ultra Marathon Runner; Richard Bull - Trail Runner	“Expedition Logistics Management – Preparing for the Unexpected” Speaker: Suze Kelly, General Manager, Adventure Consultants	Understanding Adventure Tourism Sustainability: Destination Resilience Perspective Speaker: Anu Kumari Lama. Tourism Specialist, ICIMOD
03:30 PM	Tea-Coffee Break		
04:00 PM	River Tourism and River Conservation on Himalayan Rivers - Kailash, Karnali & Karma Speakers- Megh Ale, Founding Director, Ultimate Descents	Business Integration Model for Retailing, Whole-selling and Tour Operation in Adventure Travel. Speaker- Lisa Choegyal, Nepal Associate, TRC Tourism, New Zealand and Dawa Steven Sherpa, Summitteer and MD, Astrek Group	Mt. Everest Biogas Project Garry Porter, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Mt. Everest Biogas Project Speaker:
5.00PM	End		

GAMCE 2018 Program Day- II			
Date: Saturday - March 24th Hotel Yak and Yeti, Kathmandu			
Time	Session A- Adventure Sports	Session B- Adventure Tourism	Session C- Adventure Environment
9:00 AM	Climate Change Adaptation and Sustainable Tourism: a Regional Cooperation Perspective in the Hindu Kush Himalaya Speaker: David J Molden, Director General, ICIMOD;		
10:30 AM	Tea-Coffee Break		
11:00 AM	Innovation in High Altitude Oxygen Technology Speakers- Ted Atkins, Mountainer and Founder, Topout Oxygen Systems	Selling Adventure to Emerging Market of India Speakers- Swadesh Kumar, President, Adventure Tour Operators Association of India	Directly Proportionate: Conservation for Tourism for Conservation Speaker: Ghana Gurung, Country Director, WWF
12:00 PM	Technical Session-Trail Auditing and Accreditation Speaker-Surya Thapailiya, CEO, NTB-Pokhara; Sunar Bdr. Gurung, President, Nepal Mountain Guide Association	Drug Use and Misuse in High Altitude Mountaineering . Speaker-Dr. Suvash Dawadi, MDGPEN, DiMMNep., Mountain Medicine Society Nepal	Access Management of Adventure Destinations. Speaker: Juan Jesus Ibanez, President, UIAA Access Commission, Spain
01:00 PM	Lunch Break		
02:00 PM	Technical Session-Mountaineering and Trekking. Speakers- Ian Wall, Mountaineering Instructor- Off the Wall Trekking	Antartic with 2041 - a Course on Adventure, a Cause for Conservation Speaker: Himraj Singh Soin, Associate Editor, Outdoor Journal, India	Case Study of Eco-friendly Hospitality Properties. Speakers: Douglas Maclagan, Owner, The Pavilions Himalayas; Miroslav Vosatka, Founder, Eco-Lodge Foundation, Czech Republic
03:30 PM	Tea-Coffee Break		
04:00 PM	What Makes a Great MTB Destination - Technical, Geographical and Races! Speakers Raj Gyawali, Managing Director, Social tours and Chimmi Urkyen Gurung, President, Nepal Cycling Association	Training Adventure Leaders for Accidents, Emergencies and Catastrophes” Speaker- Steve Long, Mountain Guide Chief Instructor, UIAA Technical & Mountaineering Commission; Lhakpa Norbu Sherpa, President, Nepal Mountain Instructors Association	Climate Change Speaker: Phillip McMaster, Social Activist, The Planet Earth
5.00PM	End		

GAMCE 2018 Program Day-III			
Date: Sunday- March 25th - Hotel Yak and Yeti, Kathmandu			
Time	Session A- Adventure Sports	Session B- Adventure Tourism	Session C- Adventure Environment
9:00 AM	Plenary Session: Profiling Adventure Traveller and Adventure Travel Trends Speakers: Robbie Stammers Editor in chief-Intrepid Explorer South Africa; Himraj Soin, Associate Editor, Outdoor Journal, India; Ladislac Jirasko, Publisher, Lide & Hory, Czech Republic.		
10:30 AM	Tea-Coffee Break		
11:00 AM	Safety Testing and Accreditation of Adventure Gear and Equipment Speakers: Amit Choudhary, Honorary Secretary Foundation, Indian Mountaineering Federation, Claudio Meichiorri; Club Alpino Italiano	Innovation in Adventure Sports- Harness, Gear and Equipment. Speakers- Maren Horjus, Deputy Editor, Backpacker, USA	Addressing Waste and Environmental Management Issues in Mountain Regions - Lessons from the UIAA's projects on Mountains Worldwide. Speakers: Carolina Adler, CEO, Mountain Research Initiative, New Zealand; Gloria Scarano, UIAA's Sustainability Manager
12:00 PM	Rescue Operation in Remote Destinations Speaker- Mingma David Sherpa, Himalayan Skitrek	Professional and Commercial Mountaineering Speaker: Gia Tortladze, Mountaineer, President, International Mountaineers Association	Revolutionary Movement in Eco-friendly Habitat and Culture. Speakers: Pier Giorgio Olivetti, Secretary General, Cittaslow International, Italy; Bhushan Tuladhar, Regional Technical Advisor, UN Habitat
01:00 PM	Lunch Break		
02:00 PM	Ice Climbing Debut in Olympics Speakers: Carlos Teixeira, Federation of Camping and Caravanismo of Portugal Mark Beverly, American Alpine Club	Flying Over Himalayas Speaker: Tamotsu Nakamura, Alpinist and Author, Japan	Environment Conservation Initiatives in the Alps Speaker: Josef Klenner, Deutscher Alpenverein
03:30 PM	Tea-Coffee Break		
04:00 PM	Technical Session-Paragliding. Speakers- Lakpa T. Sherpa and Sanu Babu Sunuwar- National Geographic Adventurists	Customer Relations Management (CRM) Software for Adventure Travel Operation Speakers: Manish Shrestha, Kazi Studio	Adventure Travel Insurance Speakers: Prateek Gupta, MD, Adventure Sports Cover 360 and Maneesh Shrestha, Founder of Himalayan Rush
05:00 PM	Closing Ceremony Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation Prachanda Man Shrestha, Ex CEO NTB Deepak Raj Joshi, CEO of Nepal Tourism Board Ang Tshering Sherpa, Chairman, Technical Committee - GAMCE 2018 Birendra Rajkarnicar, MD, House of Rajkarnicar		