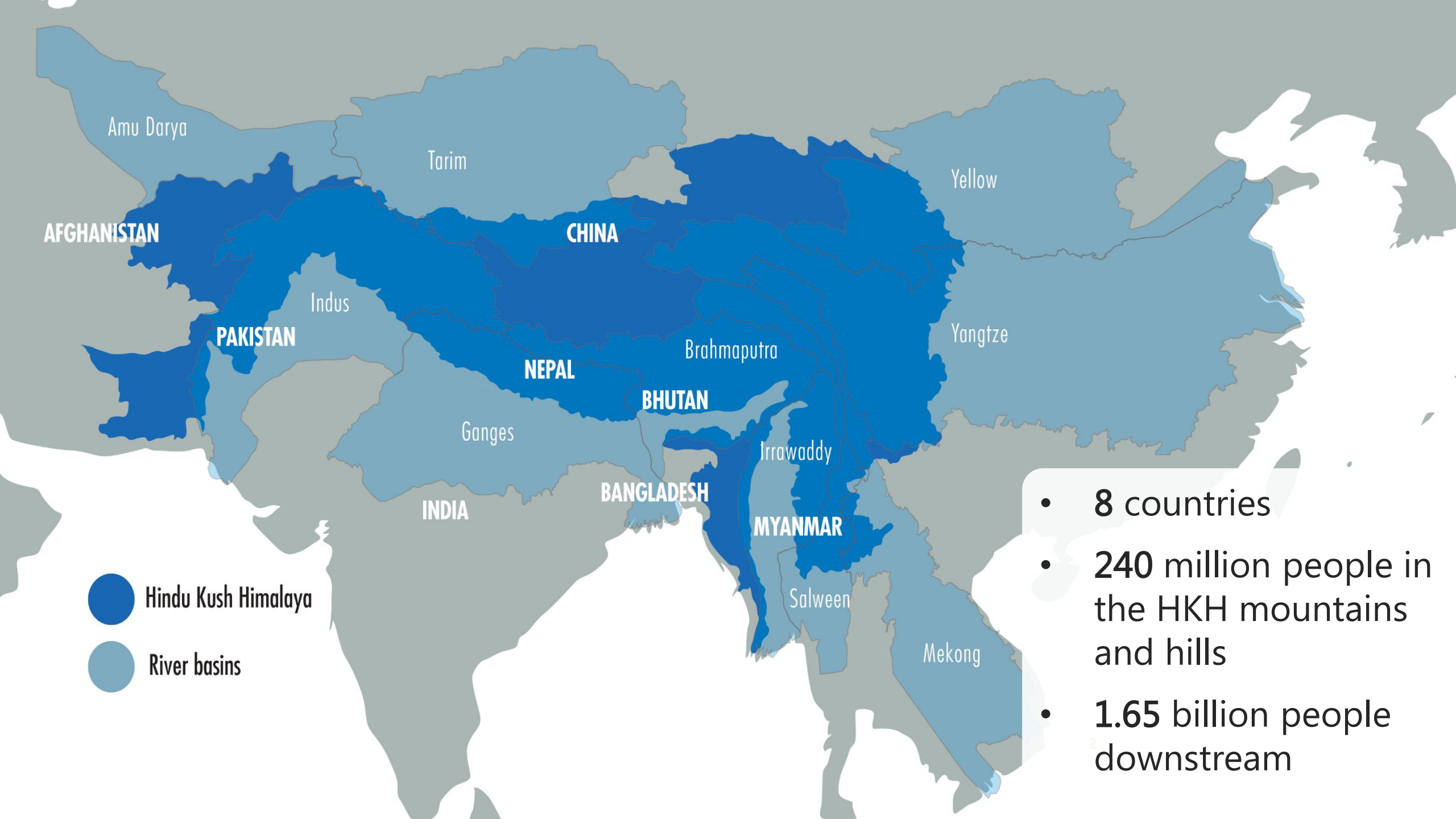


# Transboundary educational programme on sustainable mountain development in the Hindu Kush Himalaya

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- 8 countries
- 240 million people in the HKH mountains and hills
- 1.65 billion people downstream

# Himalayan University Consortium (HUC) – Coordination Institution in the HKH Region

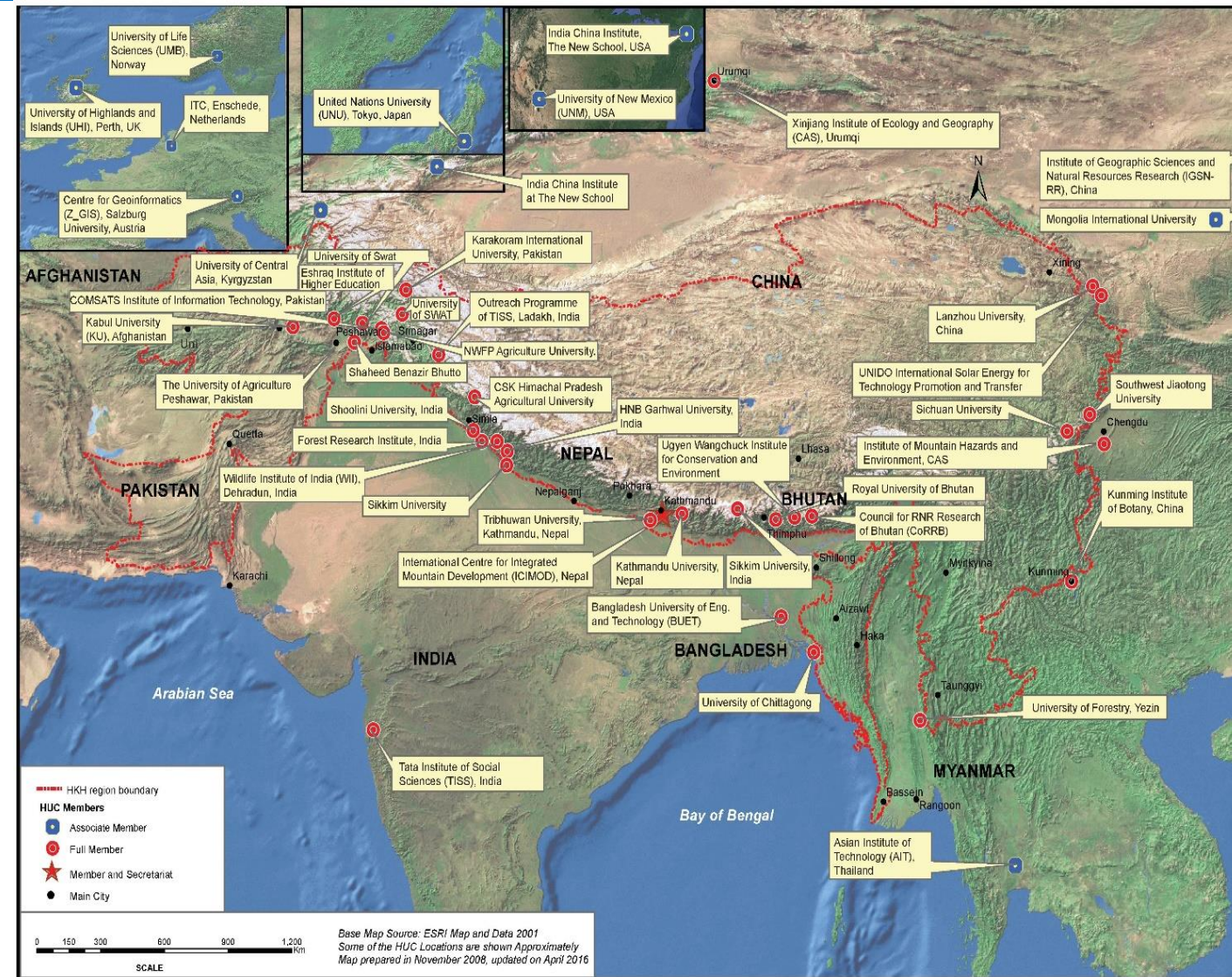
Total members: 77

Full members: 62

Associate members: 15

The **HUC** Secretariat is hosted at the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (**ICIMOD**), based in Nepal.

- Credible mountain-specific and sustainable development curriculum in university programme offered in HKH region
- Potential of internationalizing higher education on SMD within HKH region facilitating mobility and credit transfer



# Transboundary Educational Programme on SMD in HKH Region ...

- **Mountain and downstream communities are faced with myriad challenges posed by climate and other drivers of change.**
- **Universities in the HKH are ideally placed to lead the efforts for sustainability by producing competent graduates who can work for the wellbeing and welfare of mountain people.**

# Transboundary Educational Programme on SMD in HKH Region

- Youth from the HKH region face dilemmas in balancing their pursuit for gainful employment, ideals, and regional identity.
- Universities in the HKH should provide a platform to students for acquiring the necessary knowledge, skills, and ethics to contribute to the sustainability of their communities and the environment.
- A transboundary educational programme on SMD – offered by HUC members – would help build a network of future-generation actors committed to SMD.

# Challenges for the SMD curriculum across borders and disciplines

- ▶ The curriculum needs to cover transboundary perspectives
- ▶ Holistic/inclusive SMD disciplines need to be studied through a transdisciplinary approach
- ▶ Students need to possess knowledge, skills, and core transferable competencies
- ▶ The curriculum needs to ensure students' productive future work, personal development, and active citizenship

# Opportunities of SMD Curriculum within HUC

- **A network of academics and researchers can be formed among HUC members**
- **Active student exchange programmes can be set up**
- **Credits can be transferable within HUC members**
- **Students can absorb cultural values and transboundary, transdisciplinary learning**
- **Students serving as ambassadors can foster people-to-people connect**

# Thank you!



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