

ICBB-2026_Program Schedule (Tentative)

Sixth International Conference on Bioscience and Biotechnology, 2026 (ICBB-2026) Pokhara

Theme: Cultivating a Research Ecosystem in the Global South

Venue: Pokhara, Nepal

Date: February 6 - 9, 2026

Friday, Day 1 (February 6)

07:00: Departure from Kathmandu (Biomedicum Research Campus, Balkumari, Lalitpur)

15:00 onwards: Arrival at Conference Venue

17:45 - 18:15: **Registration/Welcome and Greet**

18:15 - 19:45: **RIBB Endowment Seminar Series:** Building a Research-Ecosystem in Nepal: Episode: 5 (Presentation - 15 mins each + 30 mins Group Discussion)

- Building a research-ecosystem in Global South: A RIBB Perspective by Prajwal Rajbhandari, Cofounder/President, Research Institute for Bioscience and Biotechnology (RIBB), Nepal
- Public Engagement: Building Bridges between researchers and their communities by Suvechhya Bastola, Public Engagement Manager, RIBB, Nepal
- RIBB-Extra: Advancing research and innovation for a sustainable future by Rojlina Manandhar, Chair, Department of Natural Products and Green Chemistry, RIBB, Nepal
- RIBB Endowment Fund: An incubator for growth by Ravi Bhandari, Member, RIBB Endowment and Infrastructure Committee (RIBB-EIC), Nepal

20:00 onwards: **Outdoor Social activity, Photo Gallery (ICBB Classics) & Welcome Reception**

Saturday, Day 2 (February 7)

08:00 - 09:00: **Registration/Tea, Coffee**

09:00 - 09:30: Inaugural Session

09:30 - 10:00: Keynote I

10:00 - 11:50: **Session I: Higher Education**

Session Overview: Dr. Sunil Pokhrel (Presentation 10 mins)

Invited Talks (04): Presentation - 20 mins each + 5 mins Discussion

- Kathmandu University (KU), Dhulikhel, Nepal
- Madan Bhandari University of Science and Technology (MBUST), Nepal
- Pokhara University (PU), Pokhara, Nepal
- University of Nepal (UNepal), Kathmandu, Nepal

12:00 - 13:30: **Lunch, Poster Session, RIBB Endowment Stall for Charity & Photo Gallery (ICBB Classics)**

13:30 - 15:00: Session II: Human Health

Session Overview: Prof. Arjan Narbad, Quadram Institute, Norwich, UK
(Presentation 10 mins)

Invited Talks (04): Presentation - 15 mins each + 5 mins Discussion

15:00 - 15:30: Tea/Coffee Break

15:30 - 17:00 (Parallel): A Panel Discussion on Research-Ecosystem in Global South

Moderator: Dr. Ashim Dhakal, Phutung Research Institute (PRI), Kathmandu, Nepal

- From University Grant Commission (UGC)/Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of Nepal (GoN)
- From Industry
- From Kathmandu University (KU)
- From Pokhara University (PU)/Gandaki University (GU)

15:30 - 17:30 (Parallel): Focus Group Discussion I: High School Curriculum (Grade 11 & 12)

Round Table Overview: Dr. Sunil Pokhrel (Presentation 10 mins)

Participants: 12 -15 (Schools Teachers & Educators from Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Zoology)

Day 3 (February 8)

08:30 - 09:00: Registration/Tea, Coffee

09:00 - 09:30: Keynote II

09:30 - 11:00 (Parallel): Policy Seminar: Biotech Policy, Nagoya Protocol and ICGEB Membership

Seminar Overview: Suvechhya Bastola, Research Institute for Bioscience and Biotechnology (RIBB), Kathmandu, Nepal (Presentation 10 mins)

Case Presenters (02): Presentation - 10 mins each

- Presenter 1 (From Private Sector)
- Presenter 2 (From Government Sector)

Discussion and Q & A Session (60 mins)

09:30 - 11:00 (Parallel): Session III: Environmental Sensing (Presentation - 15 mins each + 5 mins Discussion)

Session Overview: Prof. Thomas Krauss, University of York, York, UK (Presentation 10 mins)

Invited Talks (04): Presentation - 15 mins each + 5 mins Discussion

11:00 - 12:30: Session IV: Plant Health (Presentation - 15 mins each + 5 mins Discussion)

Session Overview: Prof. Dhurva Prasad Gauchan, KU, Dhulikhel, Nepal (Presentation 10 mins)

Invited Talks (04): Presentation - 15 mins each + 5 mins Discussion

12:30 - 14:00: Lunch, Poster Session, RIBB Endowment Stall for Charity & Photo Gallery (ICBB Classics)

14:00 - 14:15: **Lightning Talks (05):** Presentation - 3 mins each

14:30 - 16:00 **(Parallel): Poster Competition** on Meet the Herbs - Young Scientists, Young Changemakers & **Hands-On Activity** on Optics in Our Daily Life

14:30 - 16:00 **(Parallel): Seminar: Snakebite treatment challenges and future perspectives in Nepal** (Presentation & Group Discussion)

Moderator: Dr. Sunita Gautam, RIBB and Shikar Biotech (Presentation 15 mins)

Case Presenters (03): Presentation - 15 mins each

- Prof. Sanjib Kumar Sharma, BP Koirala Institute of Health Sciences (BPKIHS), Dharan, Nepal
- Dr. Chhabilal Thapa Magar, Chairman, Nepal Toxinology Association, Nepal
- Kamal Devkota, President, Save the Lives Society, Nepal

Group Discussion and Q & A Session (60 mins)

16:15 - 17:45: **Session V: Animal Health**

Session Overview: Prof. Neil Mabbott, Roslin Institute, University of Edinburgh, UK (Presentation 10 mins)

Invited Talks (04): Presentation - 15 mins each + 5 mins Discussion

17:45 - 18:00: Closing Ceremony

Monday, Day 4 (February 9)

KORA (Cycling 15Km around Fewa Lake)

18:30 onwards: **Outdoor Social activity, Photo Gallery (ICBB Classics) & Closing Dinner**