



## Press Release

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### World Environment Day: EvK2CNR disseminates climate education in the schools of Nepal

**KATHMANDU, Nepal -- What does the word "climate" mean? What are climate change and global warming? How do these things affect our lives, animals, plants and mountains? These are simple, but important questions that school children from the Khumbu Valley in Nepal, will face in the occasion of World Environment Day established by the UN in 1972 during the Stockholm Conference on Environment, during which the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) was established. This initiative conceived by the EvK2CNR committee is expected to promote the outreach activities of the scientific projects carried out at the Pyramid Laboratory in collaboration with schools of the Khumbu region, Sagarmatha Pollution Control Committee (SPCC), Nepal Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) in the framework of the SHARE projects and of the UNEP-ABC project. The Pyramid Laboratory is located in Khumbu valley of Nepal at an altitude of 5050 meters, in the Nepal Himalaya.**

Mountains are a source of water and life for millions of people and are important climate change "sentinels": they and are an ideal place to study the environment. In order to help Nepali school children realize how their Himalayan mountains and glaciers are important for their lives and for the entire world, EvK2CNR created a colorful and amusing flyer, printed in English, which will be distributed in Nepali schools by the Pyramid Laboratory technician, Laxman Adhikary (EvK2CNR) together with a representative of SPCC, Dhan Bir Tamang.

During the meetings in the schools, children will work on the flyer, draw their mountains and their environment, the climate, and will be made aware of the fragility of their environment and of the need to protect it. They will be told how in recent years the temperatures were higher than in the past, particularly in the mountains. And they will be taught how, today, people throughout the world are working to figure out why it happened and how we could solve this problem.

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Thanks to this initiative, children will learn that one of the most important site for the study of climate and environment is close to their house, in Khumbu. Children will then discover the range of research activities carried out at Pyramid and the quantity of data collected at NCO-P (Nepal Climate Observatory – Pyramid) in the frame of SHARE and ABC projects, including weather data useful for this type of studies.

The meeting will be organised with children from 6 to 17 years old, in the following schools: Khumjung High School, Pangboche Primary School, Phortse Primary School, Namche Primary School, Thamo, Himalayan Primary School, Namche, Thame Lower Secondary School, Mahendrajyoti Secondary School, Yuba Barsa Lower Secondary School, Jana Sewa Lower Secondary School, Pemacholing Primary School, Karmajansewa Primary School, Lukla Primary School, Sagarmatha Primary School.

Links: <http://www.unep.org/wed/>

Attached: the flyer distributed in the Everest Valley Schools

Photo e info: <http://www.montagna.tv/cms/?p=41081>

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