

## Nepal's candidate for IPCC WG I Vice-Chair



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#### Profile

Dr. Rupakheti is a research group leader at the Research Institute for Sustainability - Helmholtz Centre Potsdam (RIFS), Potsdam, Germany. His group focuses on using disciplinary and transdisciplinary approach together with stakeholders for exploring and understanding extreme air pollution, including short-lived climate-forcers (SLCFs) in South Asia (a global hotspot), its impacts on climate, weather, and other systems, and identifying pathways to mitigate their impacts, especially in the Himalayan-Tibetan Plateau Mountain regions with sensitive ecosystems of global importance. He has 26 years of experience in atmospheric/climate science research, notably in characterization of atmospheric aerosols and aerosol-climate interactions. He has published 73 papers in peer-reviewed journals, mainly on observations in the greater Himalayan region, a relatively poorly sampled region of the world, and contributed to 9 major **global/regional assessment reports/books on air pollution and climate change**, including on SLCFs. He has proven track records in scientific research, capacity building in developing countries, building and maintaining collaboration networks of science, policy, and civil society communities, leadership, coordination, planning and organization, and teamwork in multi-cultural/multi-national environment. He has research and work experiences in Asia, Europe, North America, and Africa in collaboration with scientists and experts from these regions.

#### Contributions to global/regional assessments on climate change/air pollution, methodology reports

1. **Section Editor** (w/Prof. Mark Lawrence): International Initiatives for Co-controlling Air Pollution and Climate Change in the Handbook on Air Quality and Climate Change, and CA to a chapter on Regional Air Pollution in South Asia (eds. Prof. H. Akimoto and Dr. H. Tanimoto), Springer (2023)
2. **Expert on emission inventory**: IPCC TFI's Methodology Report on SLCFs (2020-22)
3. **Lead Author (LA)**: Air Pollution in Asia and the Pacific: Science-based Solutions, UNEP (2019)
4. **Contributing Author (CA)**: The Hindu Kush Himalaya Assessment, Springer-Nature (2019)
5. **LA**: Atmospheric Brown Clouds Emission Inventory Manual, UNEP (2013)
6. **Contributor**: On Thin Ice: How Cutting Pollution Can Slow Warming & Save Lives, World Bank (2013)
7. **LA**: Atmospheric Brown Clouds: Regional Assessment Report with Focus on Asia, UNEP (2008)
8. **CA**: Integrated Assessment of Black Carbon and Tropospheric Ozone, UNEP/WMO (2011)
9. **Contributor**: Climate Change in the Hindu Kush-Himalayas, ICIMOD (2011)

#### Professional services

**International Committees**: iCACGP (International Commission on Atmospheric Chemistry and Global Pollution) (2023-); Member: AAKASH Project, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan (2023-); WG3 (Nutrients and pollutants) of the Earth Commission (2021-); South Asia Working Group of TOAR II (Tropospheric ozone assessment report II) (2021-). **Visiting Scientist**: International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (07/2012-12/2015). **Professional Consultancy**: Asian Institute of Technology (2021-2026)); Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), UK (2018-19); Common Market for

Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and Ministry of Education, Rwanda (2014); International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Nepal (2013). **Invited Expert:** 30 plus invited talks at atmospheric/climate science conferences, UN agencies, UNFCCC COPs, high level panels, science-policy dialogues, universities; Judge for oral and poster presentations in the international conferences; Senior scientist for interactions between early career and senior scientists; Evaluator of research proposals on research and development issues (e.g., UNEP's programs); **Presentations:** Since 2006, 130+ presentations at the international conferences, summer schools, and science-policy dialogues. **Co-director/Convener/Chair:** 50+ international summer schools, seminars, conferences, science-policy forums, side-events (e.g., at UNFCCC COPs). **Research Supervision:** 4 post-doctoral fellows; in supervision committees of 3 PhD (1 mentor), 7 MSc (supervised - 2, co-supervised-2), 4 Special research; 2 research associates, and 5 research fellows (hosted 3 senior fellows) who studied various aspects of air pollution, climate change, and energy. **Journal Editorial Board:** Guest Editor: Science of the Total Environment (2023- ); Guest Editor: Remote Sensing (June 2020-2-22); Associate Editor: "Elementa - Science of the Anthropocene" (2013 -2017); Review Editor: Frontiers in Sustainable Cities (Sep 2020 -) and Frontiers in Environmental Science (until Mar. 2019); Member: Air, Soil and Water Research (Jun. 2019-); Reviewer: More than a dozen scientific journals in atmospheric/climate issues (e.g., Environ. International, Sci. Total Environ., Environ. Poll., Atmos. Chem. Physics, Atmos. Environ., J. Geophys. Res., Atmos. Res.). **Member of the professional societies:** European Geosciences Union (EGU).

### Academic qualifications

- **PhD (Atmospheric Science)**, Dalhousie University, Canada, 2006 (Advisor: Prof. Ulrike Lohmann)
- **MSc (Environ. Eng. and Management)**, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand, 2000 (Advisor: Prof. N.T. Kim Oanh)
- **MSc (Physics)**, Tribhuvan University, Nepal, 1997 (Advisor: Prof. Shekhar Gurung)

### Academic and professional experience

- **Research Group Leader:** Research Institute for Sustainability – Helmholtz Centre Potsdam (RIFS) (formerly Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)), Potsdam, Germany (5/2012- to date). Principal Investigator (PI) of a major initiative on studying air pollution and its impacts and mitigation in South Asia, PI of a major international atmospheric observation campaign in South Asia in 2012-13 (*SusKat-ABC*); and participant in atmospheric characterization field campaigns in the past.
- **Guest Lecturer:** Atmospheric Science in the Anthropocene (Main Instructor: Prof. Mark G. Lawrence) at University of Potsdam, Potsdam, Germany (2014 -)
- **Lecturer** for MSc thesis supervision at Technische Universität-Berlin, Germany (9/2014-2/2015)
- **Coordinator of the Asia Secretariat of the** UNEP's Project Atmospheric Brown Cloud (ABC), UNEP Regional Resource Center for Asia and the Pacific (UNEP RRCAP), Thailand (1/2010-4/2012)
- **Senior Program Officer** for UNEP's Project ABC, UNEP RRCAP, Thailand (3/2006-12/2009)
- **Research/Teaching Assistant:** Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada (9/2001-4/2006)
- **Research Associate:** Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok, Thailand (9/2000-8/2001)
- **Lecturer (Assistant Professor):** Central Department of Physics, Tribhuvan University (TU), Kathmandu, Nepal (12/1997-12/1998)

### Peer-reviewed scientific papers on atmospheric/climate science (journals only)

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  6. Rupakheti, D., Rupakheti, M., Rai, M., Yu, X.N., Yin, X.F., Kang, S.C., Orozaliyev, M.D., Sinyakov, V.P., Abdullaev, S.F., Sulaymon, S.D., Hu, J.L.: Characterization of columnar aerosol over a background site in Central Asia, *Environ. Pollut.*, 316, 120501, 2023
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