## **Brij Mohan Singh Rathore**

Brij Mohan Singh Rathore, a professional forester from Indian Forest Service, has over 35 years of professional experience in the field of participatory forestry, landscape approach for conservation & development, and environmental education. He has worked in Government (at field, state and national level), national/international research & training institutions and with NGO sector. As Joint Secretary in Ministry of Environment & Forests (2010-2014), he has been country focal point for United Nation Convention for Combating Desertification (UNCCD), and represented country as Vice Chair on UNCCD CoP Bureau, as well as Chair of Asia & Pacific region.

He has been recipient of national award, "Indira Priyadarshini Vraksha Mitra" for community based forest management, and State Governments' Gold Medal for professional excellence in forestry. A gold medallist in Masters of Science (Botany), he holds Masters in Forestry from Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy Dehradun. He has continued his interest in trekking and seeking in Himalayas, visit to Mount Kailash in 2014 being a very special one.

Since 2015, he is with International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), a regional intergovernmental organisation of 8 countries, headquartered at Kathmandu Nepal. As Chief Policy Adviser ICIMOD, he is actively engaged in facilitating multiple stakeholder's processes for sustainable natural resource management at landscape level, with emphasis on improving/strengthening policy environment.