



## The Mountain Partnership Secretariat



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The Mountain Partnership Secretariat is currently funded by the Italian Development Cooperation, the Swiss Federal Office for Agriculture and FAO. But additional resource partners are needed to ensure the Secretariat can respond to the urgent challenges facing mountain peoples and environments. Appropriate measures must be rapidly implemented to assist communities in coping with the impact of climate change and lift mountain peoples out of hunger and poverty. Action is also crucial as mountains provide clean water resources for up to 80 percent of the world's population.

The Mountain Partnership Secretariat promotes sustainable mountain development through:

### Advocacy

- **Implementation of the Mountain Partnership Framework for Action (2017):** leading international campaigns and events to promote implementation of sustainable mountain development in the 2030 Agenda [SDGs, Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Paris Agreement].
- **Global outreach:** drafting briefs on mountain issues, key messages for international campaigns

and negotiations, and United Nations reports; representing mountain communities and mainstreaming mountain issues during major UN events including the Conference of Parties (COPs) of the three UN Rio Conventions on climate change, biological diversity and desertification.

- **National policy and strategy support:** assisting countries in developing policies and strategies that bring adequate attention to development of mountain regions and peoples; supporting the work of national committees for mountains, and encouraging regional mechanisms for sustainable management of mountain areas.

### Capacity development

- **Summer courses:** in collaboration with universities, training sessions are designed and held – for example, courses on sustainable mountain development; agrobiodiversity; promotion of mountain products. The IPROMO training programme has had 300 graduates since it began in 2008.
- **South-South knowledge exchanges and technology transfers:** regional workshops held on climate change negotiations, mountain

products development and in-country technical training.

- **Mountain Green Cover index trainings to monitor Sustainable Development Goal 15 (Life on Land):** international and in-country workshops are held on data collection and monitoring.

- **Mountain Green Cover Index data collection:** monitors progress on SDG 15 (Life on Land); specifically, target 15.4 measuring changes of vegetation in mountain areas.

## Joint Action

- **Facilitation:** networking and collaboration between members.
- **Joint proposal preparation:** sharing information about project calls and funding opportunities; supporting members to develop proposals and projects to further sustainable mountain development and conservation.
- **National level project implementation:**
  - Mountain products: strengthen value chains of mountain products and develop voluntary labelling schemes -- to date, some 16 products labelled in seven countries.
  - Mountain Forest Biodiversity for REDD+ programme: monitor mountain forest areas in Papua New Guinea and technical assistance to national forest management.

## Knowledge sharing and communications

- **Knowledge products:** publications, including such technical publications as *Mapping the vulnerability of mountain peoples to food insecurity* (2015) and *Understanding mountain soils* (2015); annual reports, brochures, fact sheets and newsletters; the Mountain Partnership website; social media channels such as Facebook; production of promotional videos for International Mountain Day; media coverage through editorials and articles on the Mountain Partnership and its initiatives; developing knowledge management platforms and databases, such as those on resource mobilization, mountain education and mapping indigenous mountain peoples.
- **Evidence building:** conduct research and analysis of data to increase understanding of mountain peoples and environments.



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