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Dear Colleague,

The United Nations General Assembly has designated 11 December, from 2003 onwards, as “International Mountain Day”. We are pleased to enclose communication and promotional material to help you celebrate this special day and to share it with some of your key relevant partners.

The theme for the International Mountain Day 2007 is “Facing Change: Climate Change in Mountain Areas”. Climate change is a reality today, and some of the best evidence comes from mountain areas: mountain glaciers in nearly all parts of the world have been retreating for decades and, in some cases, have disappeared. This year’s theme presents an opportunity to increase awareness that global climate change is a reality now, that mountains are particularly affected, and that this has important implications for humankind beyond mountain areas.

These communication materials are posted at the following Web site: [http://www.fao.org/mnts/intl\\_mountain\\_en.asp](http://www.fao.org/mnts/intl_mountain_en.asp). For specific questions related to this year’s theme you may wish to contact Alemneh Dejene, Senior Officer, Environmental Assessment and Management Unit (e-mail: [alenmeh.dejene@fao.org](mailto:alenmeh.dejene@fao.org))

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