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MOUNTAIN POLICY PROJECT

Project for Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development in Mountain Regions (SARD-M)

***"Strengthening mountain populations' livelihoods with improved
policies for sustainable agriculture and rural development"***

**Statistical analysis of the database on the organizations,
projects and programmes working on SARD-M Project
issues**

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Foreword

Operational framework

This database contains not only organizations, but also national, regional and international programmes and projects addressing the issues of Sustainable Agricultural and Rural Development in Mountain Regions (SARD-M), and more particularly organizations concerned with policies, institutions and governance issues, which are the key objectives¹ of the SARD-M Project, and are considered to be essential factors for improving the livelihoods of the mountain communities.

This targeted inventory therefore concerns stakeholders whose missions and objectives are consistent with those of the SARD-M Project, and those who already are, or could become project partners, in order to act together to pursue this common goal.

The information found in the database has been taken from the Internet (particularly the web sites of the stakeholders, where these exist) and from documents submitted to us by our partners.

This database does not claim to be exhaustive, and some organizations, programmes and projects may have been inadvertently omitted.

This paper analyses the recorded data on a total of **111 organizations, programmes and projects**.

The main numbers to be borne in mind are:

- **Organization type:** mainly nongovernmental or civil society organizations (48%)
- **Year of establishment:** mostly during 1990-1999 (38%)
- **Working language:** English is the main working language (60%)
- **Geographic breakdown:** 30% operate worldwide
 - Asia-Pacific (22%): Himalayas
 - Europe (22%): Alps, Balkan region, Carpathian, Caucasus and Italian peninsula
 - South America (13%): Andes
- **Activities:** mainly training and capacity building, information exchange, research, networking and coordination (18%, 17%, 16% and 16% respectively)
- **Themes:** the policy aspect at the centre of the SARD-M issue (81%)
- **Related themes:** the most frequent ones are environment, natural resources and water (over 40 organizations for each one of these)
- **Financing:** the main financiers: governments (42%), international organizations (24%).

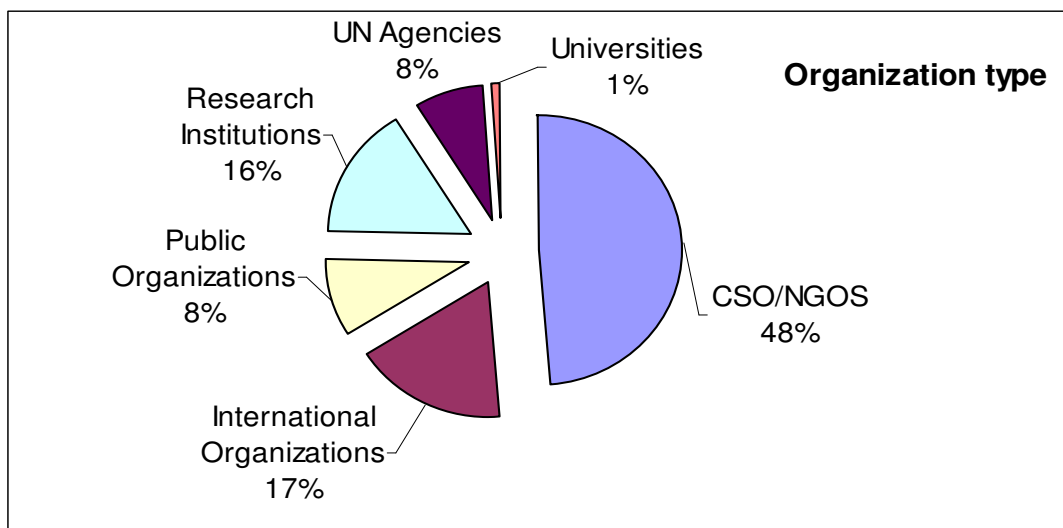
¹ To qualify for inclusion, the institutions must meet at least three criteria in each of the following theme areas: Sustainable Development, Agriculture, Rural Development and Mountains, and in one of the following three: Policies, Institutions and Governance.

Database analysis

I General information

1-1 Organization Type: the vast majority are NGOs and CSOs

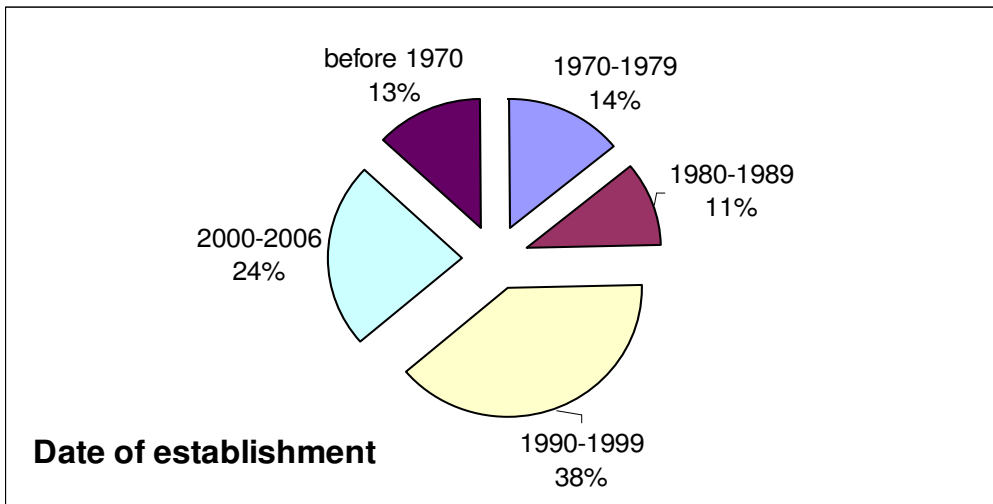
The recorded stakeholders are mostly non-governmental or civil society organizations (48%). The second largest group comprises international organizations (17%)², then research institutions (16%) followed by UN agencies (8%) and public organizations (8%). A large number of universities are also engaged in sustainable agriculture and rural development activities in mountain regions. The selection was more interested with universities whose activities range beyond teaching alone.



1-2 Year of establishment: the 1990s' boom

The majority of the organizations, programmes and projects were created or launched between 1990 and 1999 (38%), compared with 11% in the previous period (1980-1989), and 24% in the following period (2000-2006). The recentness of their establishment may be explained by the emergence of the issue of sustainable development during the 1990s.

² Excluding UN agencies.

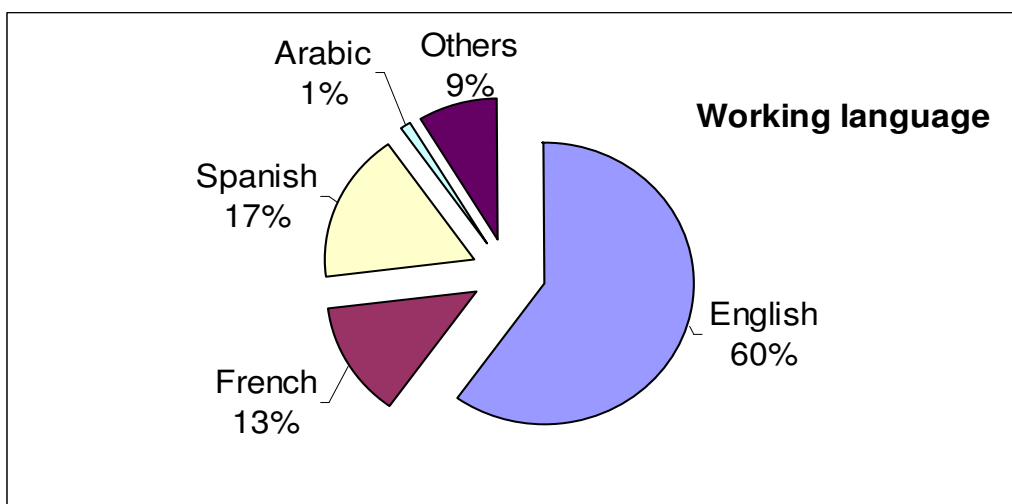


1-3 Breakdown of working languages: predominance of English

The organizations, programmes and projects surveyed sometimes use several different working languages, but in the vast majority of cases English is the most commonly used language (60%). Spanish and French follows with 17% and 13%, respectively.

English is very widely preferred as the working language, above all for communications through the organizations' web sites, especially those working in Asia and the Pacific. While in many cases a translation is available in two or three (and sometimes more) languages, many sites are only available in the one working language used by the organizations. This is often the case in Latin America with Spanish, and in Africa with French. Europe has the largest number of sites using several languages, particularly on the Alpine and Caucasian areas.

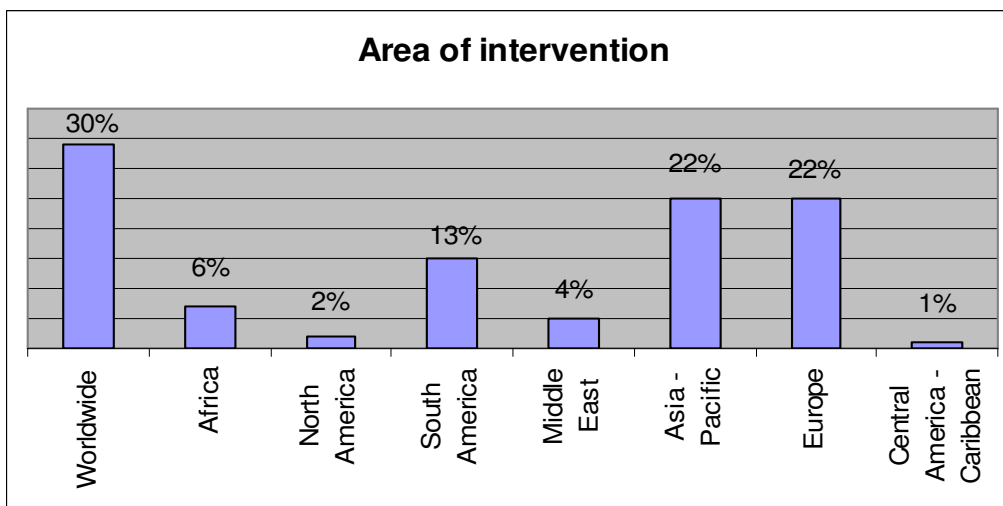
Eight organizations stand out by their use of a working language that is not one of the official United Nations languages, namely, German and Italian.



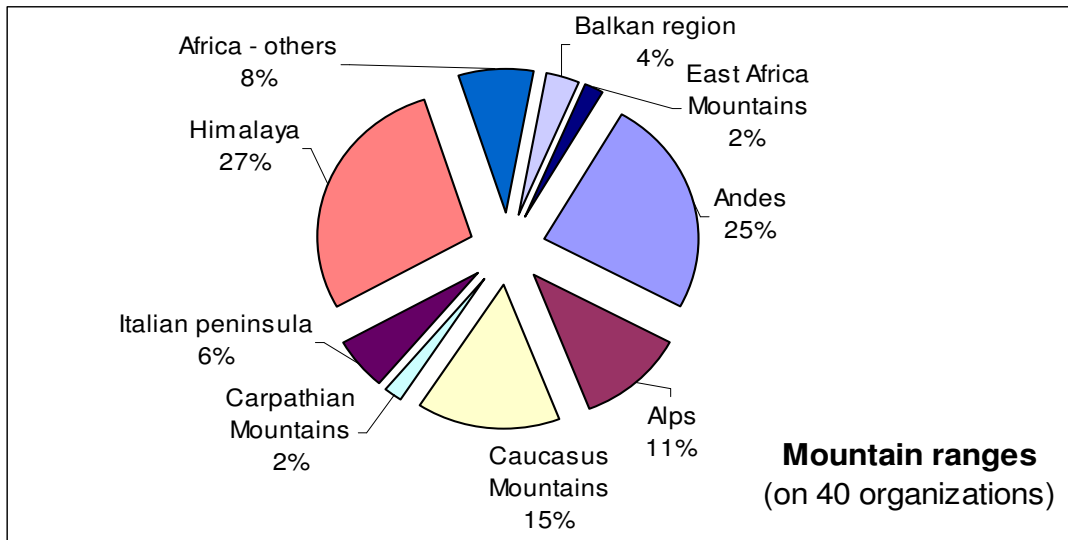
1-4 Mountain partnership: 30 potential partners of the SARD-M Project

Thirty organizations, programmes and projects are members of the Mountain Partnership. The Partnership members are interested in various mountain-related issues. A large number of these organizations do not fall within the scope of the objectives of the SARD-M project, which are more specific (see the list of the member organizations of the Mountain Partnership, in annex 1).

II Stakeholders present in the great ranges: the Himalayas, the Andes and the Caucasus



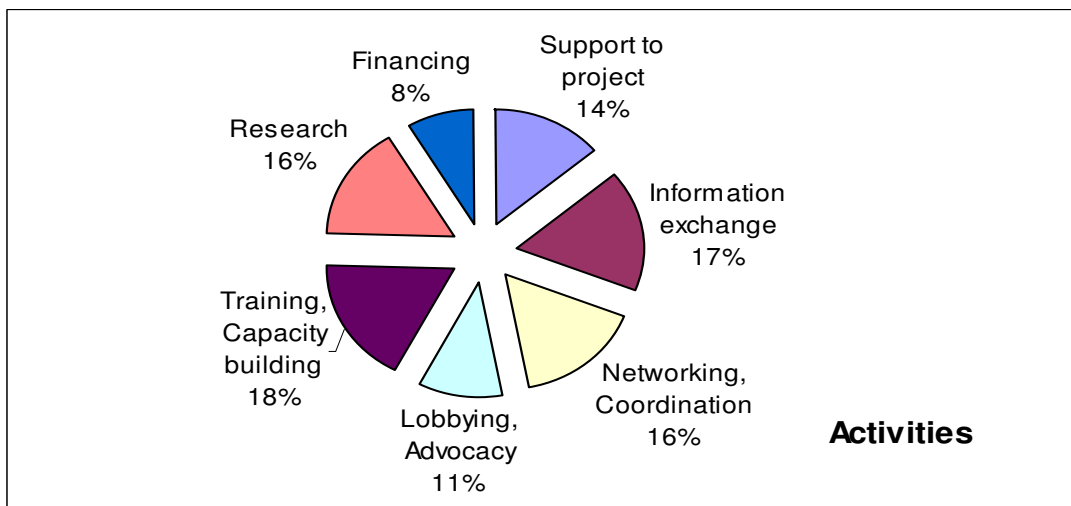
30% of the organizations operate worldwide. The largest number of partners work in Asia and the Pacific (22%) (almost all of them in the Himalaya) and in Europe (22%), where most of the players are working in the Alps and in the Caucasus and, to a lesser degree, in the Balkans, in the Carpathians and the Italian peninsula. South America also has a large number of organizations (13%) concentrating their work in the Andes.



III The work of the organizations: training and capacity building, information exchange, research and coordination

The main activities of the organizations surveyed are training and capacity-building, information exchange, research, networking and coordination, (18%, 17%, 16% and 16% respectively).

Support to projects follows at 14%, followed by lobbying and advocacy (11%) and financing (8%).

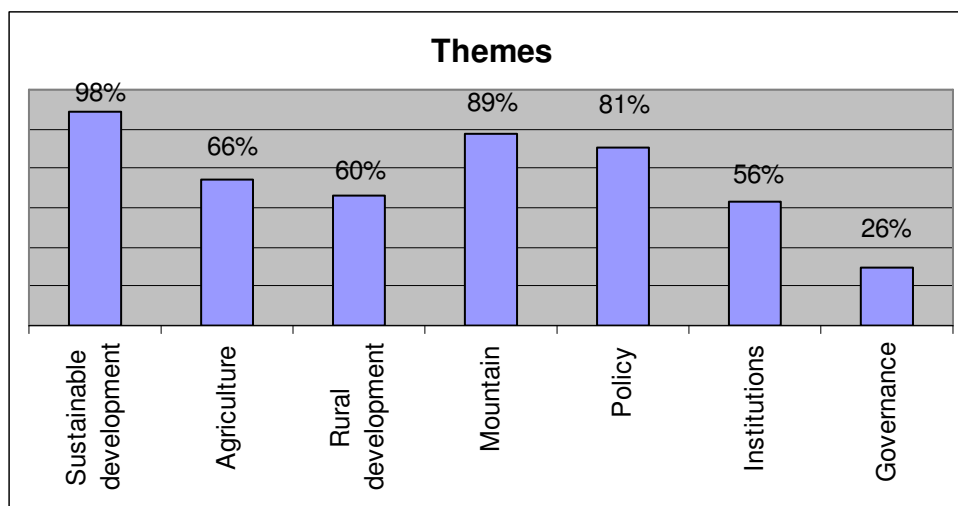


IV Operational themes

4-1 SARD-M: Policy is the focus of interest

Bearing in mind the criteria used for the registration of organizations, programmes and projects mentioned on page 2, we find that the concept of sustainable development is the first (98%) essential feature of all of these organizations. This is followed by the specificity of mountainous territory (89%), which is not always mentioned as such by some organizations whose field of activity mainly concentrates on the mountain ranges.

Areas of activity in agriculture (66%) and rural development (60%) are quite routinely present, and agriculture - and particularly sustainable agriculture in mountain areas - is the most commonly mentioned combination. Once again, many of the organizations do not refer specifically to sustainable development on their web sites, even though their activities appear to make a major contribution to the economic, environmental, social and cultural development of rural mountain zones.

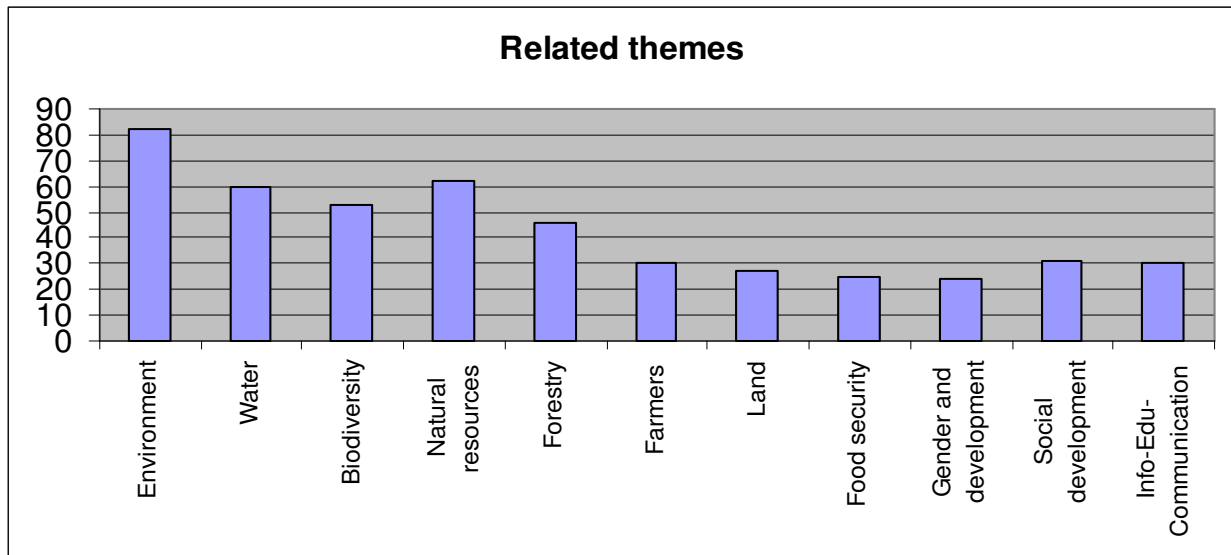


Most of the organizations have been grouped together in terms of their commitment to SARD-M issues, but we have also tried to link them to at least one of the following aspects: policy, institutions and/or governance. Policy is by far the most common (81%), followed by institutions (56%) and governance (26%).

Only six organizations work in all the project's areas of interest (SARD-M, mountains, policies, institutions and governance), while 48 are concerned with SARD-M policies and institutions, 21 with SARD-M policy and governance, and lastly 14 in issues relating to a SARD-M institutions and governance.

Policy is the most frequently mentioned, by 85 organizations (SARD-M policies).

4-2 Environment, natural resources, water and biodiversity: the most frequently mentioned related themes



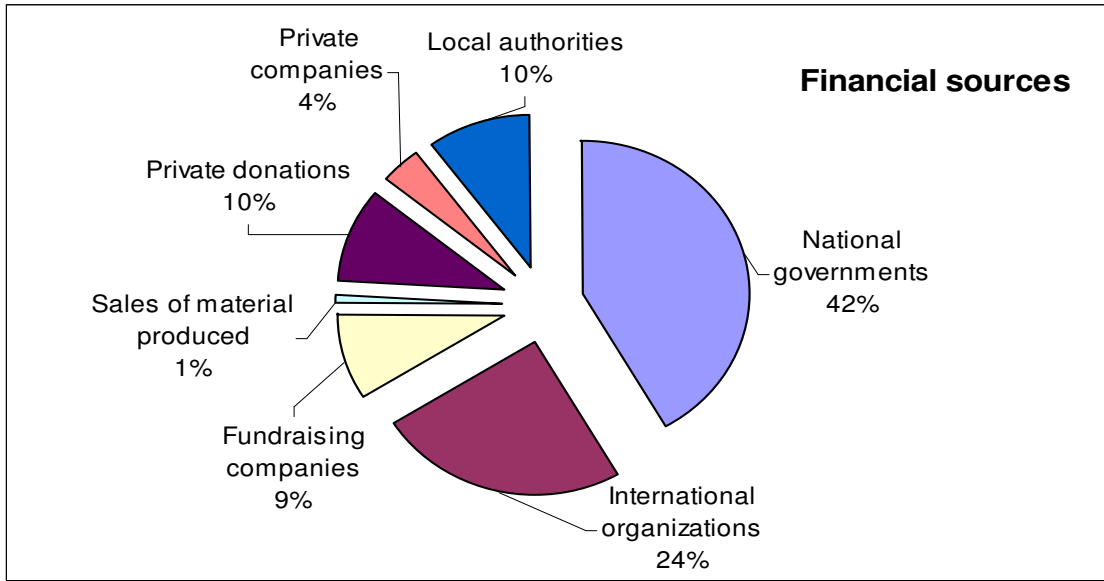
The most frequently addressed issues and themes are environment, natural resources and water (over 44 organizations for each of these three), followed by forestry and biodiversity (between 30 and 40 organizations). These issues are all closely linked to the specific features of mountains.

V Financing: governments are by far the main donors for SARD-M issues

The information gathered includes reference to sources of finance, but not the actual amounts received. Although they are not always specified, we can see that in the vast majority of cases the main financiers are governments (42%). International organizations are nevertheless present (24%), followed by local authorities and private donations (10% each) and fund-raising organizations³ (9%)

The proceeds from the sale of materials produced are more limited sources of finance.

³ A number of foundations are raising funds in a number of ways for the benefit of not-for-profit organizations



Annex 1: List of Mountain Partnership member organizations

Acronym	Name	Web Site
ADB	Asian Development Bank	http://www.adb.org/
AIA	The Alliance in the Alps	http://www.alpenallianz.org/e/allianz.htm
AEM	Association des Elus de Montagne	http://www.promonte-aem.net/AEM/
APMM	World Mountain People Association	http://www.mountainpeople.org/
APMM - Madagascar	World Mountain People Association - Madagascar	http://www.madagascar-mountain.org
AMA	African Mountain Association	http://www.madagascar-mountain.org/ama.htm
AMWF	Akwapim Mountain Women's Forum	http://www.amwf.org/
BABF	Federal Institute for Less-favoured and Mountainous Areas	http://www.bergbauern.net/2005/index.php
BFSF	The Balkan Foundation	http://www.balkanfoundation.org
CAREC	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation	http://www.carec.kz/english/
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity	http://www.biodiv.org
CIP	International Potato Center	http://www.cipotato.org/
CIPRA	International Commission for the Protection of the Alps	http://www.cipra.org
CONDESAN	Consortio para el desarrollo sostenible de la ecoregión Andina	http://www.condesan.org
EURAC	European Academy	http://www.eurac.edu/index/
Euromontana	EUROMONTANA	http://www.euromontana.org/
IDRC	International Development Research Centre	www.idrc.ca
FDDM	Fondation pour le développement durable des régions de montagne	http://www.fddm.ch/
PROYUNGAS	Fundación ProYungas para el Desarrollo y la Conservación de las Selvas Subtropicales de Montaña	http://www.proyungas.com.ar/
ICIMOD	International Center for Integrated Mountain Development	http://www.icimod.org/
MAKMONTANA	Association for the Sustainable Development of Mountain Regions in the Republic of Macedonia	http://www.makmontana.org
MI	The Mountain Institute	http://www.mountain.org
MP	Mountain Partnership	http://www.mountainpartnership.org/
MTN	Mountain Forum	http://www.mtnforum.org/
EOMF	European Observatory of Mountain Forests	http://www.eomf.org
PlaNet Finance	Planet Finance	http://www.planetfinance.org/
UNCENM	Unione Nazionale Comuni Comunità Enti Montani	http://www.uncem.it/
SARD-M	Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development in Mountain Regions Project	http://www.fao.org/sard/sard-m/
WWF NEPAL	WWF Nepal Program	http://www.panda.org/about_wwf/where_we_work/asia_pacific/where/nepal/index.cfm
WOCAN	Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management	http://www.wocan.org
World Bank	The World Bank Group (ARD Department)	http://lnweb18.worldbank.org/ESSD/ardext.nsf/11ByDocName/AboutUs

Annexe 2: List of organizations publishing newsletters

Acronym	Name	Web Site
APMM	World Mountain People Association	http://www.mountainpeople.org
BABF	Federal Institute for Less-favoured and Mountainous Areas	http://www.bergbauern.net/2005/index.php
CAMP	Central Asian Mountain Partnership	http://www.camp.kg/eng/index.html
CENN	Caucasus Environmental NGO Network	http://www.cenn.org
CONDESAN	Consortio para el Desarrollo Sostenible de la Ecoregión Andina	http://www.condesan.org
CAN	Comunidad Andina	http://www.comunidadandina.org/index.htm
CGIAR	Collaborative Research Program for Sustainable Agricultural Production in Central Asia and the Caucasus	http://www.icarda.org/CAC/
CIPRA	International Commission for the Protection of the Alps	http://www.cipra.org
EURAC	European Academy	http://www.eurac.edu/index
GBPIHED	G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment & Development	http://envfor.nic.in/gbpihed/gbpihed.html
ICIMOD	International Center for Integrated Mountain Development	http://www.icimod.org/
IDRC	International Development Research Centre (Canada)	www.idrc.ca
IFAD	The International Fund for Agricultural Development	http://www.ifad.org
MP	Mountain Partnership	http://www.mountainpartnership.org/
MSSRF	MS Swaminathan Research Foundation - MSSRF	http://www.mssrf.org/
NARC	Nepal Agricultural Research Council	http://www.narc-nepal.org
Pragya	Pragya	http://www.pragya.org/index.htm
PDRS – GTZ	Programa Desarrollo Rural Sostenible - GTZ	http://www.gtz-rural.org.pe/index.php
REC Caucasus	The Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus	www.rec-caucasus.org
RRN	Rural Reconstruction Nepal	http://www.rrn.org.np
Sawtee	South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics & Environment	www.sawtee.org
TMI	The Macaulay Institute	http://www.macaulay.ac.uk
UPWARD	Users' Perspectives With Agricultural Research and Development	http://www.cip-upward.org/main/CMS_Page.asp?PageID=1
VA	Veneto agricultura - Veneto Region's company	http://www.venetoagricoltura.org/Default.aspx

Annexe 3: List of organizations publishing magazines and journals

Acronym	Name	Web Site
DGF	Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'environnement et des ressources hydrauliques (Direction Générale des Forêts)	http://www.ministeres.tn/html/indexgouv.html
IDRC	International Development Research Centre (Canada)	www.idrc.ca
IMS	International Mountain Society	http://www.mrd-journal.org/about_mrd.htm
MSSRF	MS Swaminathan Research Foundation - MSSRF	http://www.mssrf.org/
MTN	Mountain Forum	http://www.mtnforum.org/
NARC	Nepal Agricultural Research Council	http://www.narc-nepal.org
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development	http://www.oecd.org/
PASOLAC	Programa para la Agricultura Sostenible en Laderas de América Central	http://www.pasolac.org.ni/
RRN	Rural Reconstruction Nepal	http://www.rrn.org.np
VA	Veneto agricultura - Veneto Region's company	http://www.venetoagricoltura.org/Default.aspx

Annexe 4: List of organizations offering audiovisual materials

Acronym	Name	Web Site
ADB	Asian Development Bank	http://www.adb.org/
APMN	Asia Pacific Mountain Network	http://www.mtnforum.org/apmn/apmn.htm
CDE	Centre for Development and Environment	http://www.cde.unibe.ch/
CIPRA	International Commission for the Protection of the Alps	http://www.cipra.org
ICIMOD	International Center for Integrated Mountain Development	http://www.icimod.org/
ICRAF	World Agroforestry Centre	http://www.worldagroforestry.org/
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development	http://www.ifad.org
MP	Mountain Partnership	http://www.mountainpartnership.org/
MSSRF	MS Swaminathan Research Foundation - MSSRF	http://www.mssrf.org/
SF	Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture	http://www.syngentafoundation.org/index.htm
VA	Veneto agricoltura - Veneto Region's company	http://www.venetoagricoltura.org/Default.aspx
WN	World Neighbours	http://www.wn.org

Annexe 5: List of organizations producing training materials/tools

Acronym	Name	Web site
AHI	African Highlands Initiative	http://www.africanhighlands.org/index.html
CAN	Comunidad Andina	http://www.comunidadandina.org/index.htm
CDE	Centre for Development and Environment	http://www.cde.unibe.ch/
CIHEAM	Centre International de Hautes Etudes Agronomiques Méditerranéennes	http://www.ciheam.org/
CIPRA	International Commission for the Protection of the Alps	http://www.cipra.org
IAMB	Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari	http://www.iamb.it/
ICARDA	International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas	http://www.icarda.org
ICRAF	World Agroforestry Centre	http://www.worldagroforestry.org
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development	http://www.ifad.org
INRENA	Instituto Nacional de Recursos Naturales	http://www.inrena.gob.pe/
MTN	Mountain Forum	http://www.mtnforum.org/
PDRS - GTZ	Programa Desarrollo Rural Sostenible - GTZ	http://www.gtz-rural.org.pe/index.php
TCF	The Carpathian Foundation	http://www.carpathianfoundation.org
VA	Veneto agricultura - Veneto Region's company	http://www.venetoagricoltura.org/Default.aspx

Annexe 6: List of organizations offering training courses

Acronym	Name
AJPN	Asian Japan Partnership Network for Poverty Reduction
APMN	Asia Pacific Mountain Network
ASARECA	The Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa
CDE	Centre for Development and Environment
CIAT	International Center for Tropical Agriculture
CIHEAM	Centre International de Hautes Etudes Agronomiques Méditerranéennes
CIPRA	International Commission for the Protection of the Alps
EURAC	European Academy
Euromontana	EUROMONTANA
GBPIHED	G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment & Development
GIAHS	Globally Important Ingenious Agricultural Heritage Systems
GMP	The Global Mountain Programme
HCEFLCD	Haut Commissariat aux Eaux et Forêts et à la Lutte Contre la Désertification
HFRI	Himalayan Forest Research Institute
IAMB	Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari
ICARDA	the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas
ICIMOD	International Center for Integrated Mountain Development
IDRC	International Development Research Centre (Canada)
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IREALP	IREALP
MACP	Mountain Areas Conservancy Project
MAKMONTANA	Association for the Sustainable Development of Mountain Regions in the Republic of Macedonia
MI	The Mountain Institute
MSSRF	MS Swaminathan Research Foundation - MSSRF
MTN	Mountain Forum
EOMF	European Observatory of Mountain Forests
PlaNet Finance	Planet Finance
PELUM	Participatory Ecological Land-Use Management Association
PRONAMACHCS	PRONAMACHCS -MIMAG
REC Caucasus	The Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus
RMA	The Rural Mountain Alliance Project
RRN	Rural Reconstruction Nepal
SARD-FSE	Evolution of Farming Systems for Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development
SARD-I	SARD Initiative
Sawtee	South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics & Environment
SDPI	Sustainable Development Policy Institute
SIPAE	Sistema de Investigaciones sobre la Problemática Agraria en el Ecuador
TMI	The Macaulay Institute
UNSD	United Nations Division for Sustainable Development
VA	Veneto agricultura - Veneto Region's company
WOCAN	Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management

Annex 7: Subscription form

Project for Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development in Mountain Regions

*"Strengthening mountain populations' livelihoods with improved policies
for sustainable agriculture and rural development"*

Acronym :

General Information

Name	
Address	
Post Code	
Town – Country	
Phone	
Fax	
E-mail	
Website	

Contact Person

Ms Mr

Name	
Surname	
Function	
Comments	
E-mail	
President	

Creation year:

Working Language

- English
 - Spanish
 - French
 - Arabic
- Others (specify):**

Type of Organisation

- Research Institution
 - NGOs/OSCs
 - International organization
 - UN Agency
 - Private company
 - University
 - Public organization
- Others (specify):**

Territory of intervention

WORLDWIDE

- [Middle East](#)
- [Africa](#)
- [Asia-Pacific](#)
- [Europe](#)
- [Latin America- Caribbean](#)
- [North America](#)
- [South America](#)

Themes

- Sustainable Development
 - Agriculture
 - Rural Development
 - Mountain
 - Policy
 - Institutions
 - Governance
- Others (specify):**

Mountain Range :

Countries :

Local areas :

Activities

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Training, capacity building |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support to projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Financing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lobbying, Advocacy | Others (specify): |

Member of the Mountain Partnership

Membership:

Related Themes

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Security | <input type="checkbox"/> Population/immigration | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Climate | <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biotechnology | <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous | <input type="checkbox"/> Trade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Small-scale agro-industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Fisheries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition | <input type="checkbox"/> Credit | <input type="checkbox"/> Microenterprises |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biodiversity | <input type="checkbox"/> Info/Edu/Communication | <input type="checkbox"/> Water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gender and development | <input type="checkbox"/> Social development | Others (specify): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farmers | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency/Relief/Rehabilitation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer's issues/Food safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Land | |

Financial Sources

- Fundraising Companies
- International Organizations
- National Governments
- Local Authorities
- Private Companies
- Private Donation

Others (specify):

Material Produced

- Audiovisual Material
- Periodicals
- Reports
- Website
- Newsletter
- Radio Programmes
- Training Material
- Publications
- Sales of materials produced

Others (specify):

Links to publications:

Description of missions
