

DECENTRALIZED COOPERATION and SUSTAINABLE MOUNTAIN DEVELOPMENT

IRAN ROOM
Wednesday, 20 June
13:00 -14:30

Objectives of the meeting:

1. To highlight the importance of promoting the territorial or local dimension for sustainable mountain development, and the key role that local authorities from developed countries can play in this context.
2. To re-affirm the importance of sustainable mountain development as part of FAO's work and the need for continued political and financial commitment from member countries.

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- Opening remarks from the Chairperson: Ambassador Maria Esther Bondanza, Director General for Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Argentina
 - Introductory remarks – Jan Heino, Assistant Director-General, Forestry Department, FAO
 - Experiences and perspectives from Europe:
 - Jaime Izquierdo – Head, Technical Department of SERIDA (Institute for Agrifood Research and Development) of Asturias Principality (Spain)
 - Gildo Baraldi – Director, Interregional Observatory for Development Cooperation (Italy)
 - Nicolas Evrard – Secretary General, European Association of Elected Representatives from Mountain Regions
 - Discussion
 - Closing remarks