



Fourth meeting of the Open-ended Scientific Committee (OESC) for the International Year of Sustainable Mountain Development 2022 (IYM2022)

Summary report
12 July 2022, 15.30-16.30 – Zoom meeting
Chair: Tomas Greene

AGENDA

15.30 – 15.35 Opening, introduction, and adoption of the Agenda

15.35 – 15.40 Tour de table – quick round of introduction of new participants

15.40 – 15.50 Update of the 6th Global Meeting of the Mountain Partnership and advocacy activities

15.50 – 16.10 Brainstorming about how to make more influence in the Rio conventions

16.10 – 16.30 Policy briefs discussion, how to create complementarity within the different working groups

16.30 – 16.50 Other issues

16.50 – 17.00 Conclusions

Opening discussion

Tomas Greene opened and chaired the fourth meeting of the OESC. The agenda was adopted without change.

The Mountain Partnership Secretariat then intervened on how to achieve a greater influence on the UN Convention processes, the main points discussed were:

- the conclusion, by the 56th session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) of the UNFCCC at the Bonn Climate Conference in June 2022, that additional thematic areas under the Nairobi Work Programme should focus on mountains and adaptation possibilities in cryosphere, that represents an important step towards the inclusion of mountain issues in the climate change negotiations;
- the opportunity offered by the current political support to mountains during this IYM2022 and by the work of the OESC to create a nexus between science and policy. The Alpine Convention was cited as having successfully bridged science and policy;
- the role of the scientific community in generating data and figures, and how these can support the choice and measurement of indicators (for example under the CBD and its Programme of Work on mountain biodiversity); and

- the need for the integration of socio-economic and environmental indicators at continental level, for interregional cooperation on data generation and sharing, and the need to prioritize links with policy and decision-making bodies that can provide financial support to mountain policies.

Policy brief discussion

Under this item lead authors updated the group on the status of the Policy briefs on Disaster Risk Reduction, on Keeping mountains waste free, on Mountain soils, and on Climate change adaptation.

Participants also considered:

- the importance of presenting the achievements and progress in SMD made in the last 20 years (since IYM2002) in the briefs and highlighting the gaps;
- exploring how mountains can help to reach net zero target and how to involve the private sector;
- the flexibility of the common template that is meant to help giving all the briefs a similar look and structure but can be adapted to the contents of each individual brief and the needs of the authors;
- that the final format of the briefs will depend on the resources available to the organization that is leading the preparation of the briefs; and
- the possibility of discussing the briefs at the upcoming International Mountain Conference in Innsbruck in September 2022.

Conclusions

A Google Drive central repository will be created for authors to upload the outlines and other relevant work regarding the policy briefs so to facilitate coordination and collaboration.

The next meeting of the OESC will be convened before the 6th Global Meeting of the Mountain Partnership around 10 September, and with Nina Shatberashvili and Paola Fontanella Pisa as co-chairs.

Annex 1: Meeting participants

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