



**Second Meeting of the Task Force for
the Five Years of Action for the Development of Mountain Regions**

Summary report

23 October 2023, 14.00-15.30 - Zoom meeting

Agenda

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Opening and background

Rosalaura Romeo, Coordinator of the Mountain Partnership Secretariat (MPS) at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), opened the meeting, welcoming the participants and thanking them for attending.

Antje Grawe, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Kyrgyzstan, expressed her gratitude to the Task Force members for their work and support. She provided details on how the Government of Kyrgyzstan has been supporting the Five Years of Action. Antje anticipated that the next steps will involve prioritizing the Five Years of Action at the global, regional and national level and moving forward with discussions about funding.

The proposed agenda was adopted with no changes.

Tour de table

The following new participants introduced themselves: Munawwar Alam, Valentina Calo, Serge Piabuo and Stefan Schneiderbauer.

See the full list of participants in Annex 1.

Brief recap of the “Global framework for the Five Years of Action for the Development of Mountain Regions 2023-2027”

Fabio Parisi of the MPS provided an overview and an update on the [“Global framework for the Five Years of Action for the Development of Mountain Regions 2023-2027”](#). The global framework is designed to address three long-term impacts through four interlinked pathways, encompassing five key areas for action. He also discussed the next steps for the Task Force and its collaboration with key stakeholders.

Process for updating the global Framework

Fabio, MPS, presented the proposed process for updating the global framework, highlighting three main issues: engaging key stakeholders, determining the frequency for updating the global framework, and clarifying the procedure for these periodic updates.

Wolfger Mayrhofer of the Alpine Convention emphasized the importance of engaging key stakeholders and suggested annual updates to the global framework.

Tim Scott of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) supported the inclusion of key stakeholders to the Task Force and recommended developing criteria for identifying relevant stakeholders. He also proposed clear communication of Task Force member expectations, Task Force objectives, and the new resource mobilization expectations. Additionally, he suggested an informal, rolling update approach to the global framework.

Matthias Jurek of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) expressed concerns that updating the global framework every six months may be too frequent and burdensome.

Nurlan Aitmurzaev, Special Envoy of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic for mountains, provided updates on the Government of Kyrgyzstan’s support for the global framework and sustainable mountain development. He highlighted the publicity that Kyrgyzstan had given to the global framework in July at the High-Level Political Forum and in September at the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly. Nurlan also provided an update on Kyrgyzstan’s participation in the 28th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP 28). He supported the proposal to update the global framework every six months.

Decision:

- Updates to the global framework will occur on an annual basis.

Role of the Task force in the implementation of the Global Framework

Rosalaura, MPS, shared ideas for promoting the global framework, including creating a small working group (WG) to develop concrete ideas on implementing the global framework, and shared that the Government of Andorra has requested an agenda item on mountains and climate change on the UNFCCC COP 28 preliminary agenda.

She encouraged the participants to share information about the global framework and promote its national and regional adoption, and to continue to raise awareness, including by using the [logos](#) of the Five Years of Action.

Antje Grawe, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Kyrgyzstan, supported the idea of creating a small working group and suggested attaching a short timeline to establishing the small working group.

Tim Scott, UNDP, also supported this idea and suggested that members share information about resource mobilization with one another. He then asked for criteria for successful resource mobilization to be defined.

Thomas Hofer, FAO, highlighted that there are ongoing projects already underway that could contribute to the Five Years of Action. He suggested that relevant activities be included in the global framework.

Rosalaura, MPS, clarified that most projects and initiatives listed in the global framework were already agreed and funded prior to the decision related to the Five Years of Action. The real added value of the Five Years of Action would be determined by the new activities and projects launched as a contribution to advance the mountain agenda during this five-year period.

Dario Vespertino, UNDP, expressed support for the small working group. He suggested one focus for the group be on preparing for UNFCCC COP28. He volunteered to take part in this group.

Decision:

- A small working group will be established. Task Force members who are interested in participating should notify the MPS.

Other matters, discussion and conclusions

Rosalaura, MPS, asked participants to email antonella.sorrentino@fao.org if interested in joining the working group. So far, Munawwar Alam, Roza Choibaeva (alias Nuria), Tim Scott and Dario Vespertino have already expressed their interest to join the WG.

There were no further comments and discussion.

Rosalaura, MPS, thanked the participants for joining and closed the meeting.

Appendix 1: Meeting Participants

Last Name	First Name	Affiliation	Country
Aitmurzaev	Nurlan	Government of Kyrgyzstan	Kyrgyzstan
Altymyshevaa	Aliina	WHO	Kyrgyzstan
Bougeard	Chloé	UNWTO	Spain
Calo	Valentina	UNDP	Italy
Carvao	Sandra	UNWTO	Spain
Choibaeva	Nuria	RCO-Kyrgyzstan	Kyrgyzstan
Cholpon	Alibakieva	FAO CO	Kyrgyzstan
Goettner	Patrick	UNCTAD	Switzerland
Grawe	Antje	UN	Kyrgyzstan
Hilke	David	WFP	Kyrgyzstan
Hofer	Thomas	FAO	Italy
Jurek	Matthias	UNEP	Austria
Mayrhofer	Wolfgar	Alpine Convention	Italy
Piabuo	Serge	World Bank	United States of America
Salavat	Baktybek Kyzy	IOM	Kyrgyzstan
Schneiderbauer	Stefan	GLOMOS UNU-EHS	Italy
Scott	Tim	UNDP	United States of America
Vespertino	Dario	UNDP	Thailand
Zholdubaeva	Lira	UNDP	Kyrgyzstan
Alam	Munawwar	UNSDG	Kyrgyzstan
Moldoisaeva	Mirgul	UNDP	Kyrgyzstan

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