

MOUNTAIN PARTNERSHIP

***International Programme on Research and Training on
Sustainable Management of Mountain Areas***

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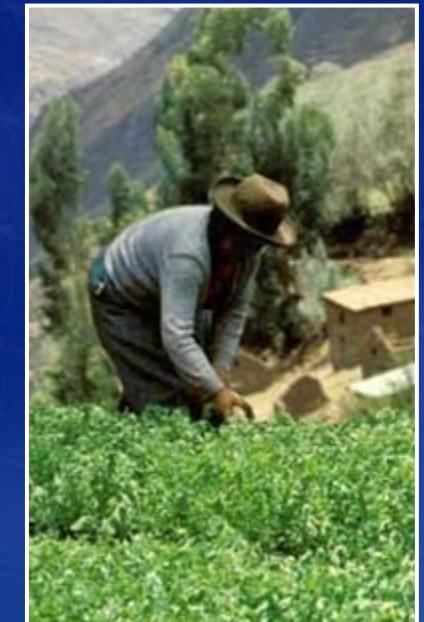
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The Mountain Partnership

A new approach to development...

- Johannesburg – 2002
- Building on existing alliances
- Alliance that is voluntary and inclusive (Governments – IGOs – NGOs – Private Sector)
- Adding value to existing efforts



Membership

153 members:

50 countries

15 IGOs

88 major groups



Enhances collaboration and action through ...

- **information & knowledge**
- **dialogue & debate**
- **joint programmes & projects**
- **networking**

Working in several thematic areas...

- **Policy and law**
- **Research**
- **Sustainable livelihoods**
- **Watershed management**
- **Gender**
- **SARD-M**

Working in several thematic areas...

- Decentralised cooperation and governance
- Eco-tourism
- Mountain Products

And in different regions...

- Andes
- HKH
- Africa
- Central Asia
- Europe
- N. America

Supported by a Global Secretariat:

- **hosted by UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Rome**
- **supported by UNEP for environmental concerns**

Decentralized hubs at regional level:

- Asia (ICIMOD, Nepal)
- Latin America (CIP/Condesan, Peru)
- N. America (Banff Centre, Canada)
- Other regional offices planned

Secretariat supports members through:

- **facilitating contacts, outreach and sharing of information**
- **brokering collaborative activities, projects and programmes**
- **resource mobilization**
- **advocacy and political support for mountains**

Communication Tools

- **E-mail distribution lists**
- **Web site**
- **Newsletter**
- **Databases**
- **Collaborative workspaces**
- **E-consultations**



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Leading role in UN system for sustainable mountain development:

- **Task Manager - Chapter 13, Agenda 21**
- **Lead Agency – International Year of Mountains**
- **Host of Mountain Partnership Secretariat**

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**Technical programmes in mountain areas
dealing with:**

- **Food security and nutrition**
- **Livelihood support and rural development**
- **Integrated watershed management**

IPROMO 2008: What's next?

New opportunities for:

- **building a network of Alumni**
- **being an agent for change within your institution**
- **proactively brokering new collaboration in the SMD context**

IPROMO 2008: What's next?

- **suggestions about how to improve the course**
- **ideas for future themes of the course**



Thank you!



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