



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

Summary report  
10 March 2022 – Zoom meeting

Chair:  
Sam Kanyamibwa, Albertine Rift Conservation Society (ARCOS)

### **AGENDA**

- 1. 15:00-15:05** Opening, introduction and adoption of the agenda
- 2. 15:05-15:10** Tour de table – quick round of introductions by new participants
- 3. 15:10-15:15** Update from the Mountain Partnership Secretariat
- 4. 15:15-15:25** Terms of Reference discussion and adoption
- 5. 15:25-15:45** Policy briefs discussion: authors/themes, options for launch/presentation, production process
- 6. 15:45-16:00** Key facts and messages – update
- 7. 16:00-16:15** Other issues
- 8. 16:15-16:30** Conclusions



## Opening

Sam Kanyamibwa, Executive Director of the Albertine Rift Conservation Society (ARCOS) opened the meeting. The agenda was adopted without change.

Prior to the meeting, the OESC members received and reviewed the draft Terms of Reference (ToRs) for the OESC, the MP 2022 planning calendar, a list of potential policy briefs to be produced for the International Year of Sustainable Mountain Development 2022 (IYM2022) and a list of proposed key messages related to communication for the IYM2022. It was highlighted that the planning calendar should be seen as a working document and an opportunity for OESC members to provide information on additional events.

The following sections summarize the outcomes of the discussions.

## Terms of Reference

### Outcome:

The TORs were finalized and will be posted on the Mountain Partnership (MP) website. They will also be shared with the MP Steering Committee.

The timeline for the work of the OESC will be kept open, as the dates of several key events are yet to be decided and more events may arise.

## Policy briefs

### Outcome:

The policy briefs will highlight the specific needs of mountain regions, their commonalities and their differences. They will show – whenever possible – the achievements and remaining challenges since the first International Year of Mountains in 2002 and will provide recommendations. Regional-level perspectives will be considered in the policy briefs. The policy messages of the briefs would be an important outcome of the IYM2022 and would be owned by OESC.

The policy briefs are also meant to promote the work of the members of the OESC and will be published with the names and logos of the participating organizations. The Mountain Partnership Secretariat (MPS) will facilitate the process, and can help coordinate and publish the briefs on the MP website.

A possible template, developed by the MPS, could be used as a model to give the policy briefs an overall unity to showcase them as a work of the IYM2022.

The number of proposed policy briefs should be reduced by combining thematic areas and focusing on selected topics. OESC members will work together to consolidate the themes of the policy briefs.

The list of policy briefs will be updated with the indication on OESC members willing to lead, co-lead or contribute to the topic(s) of their interest.



The following confirmations were received at the meeting:

- The Mountain Research Initiative (MRI) volunteered to lead a policy brief on climate change in mountains.
- The Consortium for Sustainable Development of the Andean Ecoregion (CONDESAN) volunteered to integrate a forthcoming brief on climate change in the Andes into the policy brief on climate change.
- The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations' Global Peatlands Initiative team volunteered to support the mountain wetlands and peatlands policy brief.
- The Canadian Mountain Network (CMN) offered to connect the findings of their project on bridging scientific and indigenous knowledge.

## Key facts and messages

### Outcomes:

The key messages are the building blocks of the IYM2022 communication plan to increase awareness of the importance of mountains, empower mountain peoples and build their resilience, and enhance the conservation and sustainable use of mountain ecosystems.

Strategic, positive, forward-looking, novel key messages will be developed, without compromising mountains' needs and urgency, building on what has been achieved. They will highlight the vulnerability dimension of mountains and will include the gender aspect.

The upcoming United Nations Secretary-General report on sustainable mountain development is an opportunity to include policy recommendations.

The MPS will make the messages available as part of a toolkit, following the OESC's many inputs, including to structure them according to the benefits and challenges. The recently released Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Cross-Chapter on Mountains will be important to consider, as well as messages on food security, poverty, pollution and waste.

## Other issues and conclusions

The next meeting of the OESC will be convened in late-April 2022.



## Annex 1: Participants' list

Last name	First name	Affiliation	Country
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Carvão	Sandra	World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)	Spain
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Egerer	Harald	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	Austria
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Fouinat	Laurent	GRID-Arendal	Norway
Freppaz	Michele	University of Turin - Department of Agricultural, Forest & Food Sciences (DISAFA)	Italy
Gaido	Maria Soledad	World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)	Spain
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Jurek	Matthias	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	Austria
Kaim	Dominik	University of Krakow	Poland
Kanyamibwa	Sam	Albertine Rift Conservation Society (ARCOS)	Rwanda
Kaufmann	Manfred	Adaptation at Altitude (SDC)	Switzerland
Kushlin	Andrey	Mountain Expert	Russia
Liniger	Hanspeter	World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies (WOCAT)	Switzerland
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Lomineishvili	Sophiko	Sustainable Caucasus & Scientific Network for the Caucasus Mountain Region (SNC-mt)	Georgia
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