

Side event Concept

Title: The Andean Mountain Initiative: A regional vision on Sustainable Mountain Development in the Andes.

Organizers: Andean Mountain Initiative: Regional Coordination and Technical Secretariat. Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile and the Consortium for Sustainable Development of Andean Ecoregion (CONDESAN).

Abstract:

The Andes are approximately 7,000 km long and are the world's longest terrestrial mountain range, running parallel along the entire west coast of South America.

Under the framework of the Mountain Partnership, the seven governments of the Andean countries (Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela) have consolidated a regional platform which is named the Andean Mountain Initiative (AMI).

The AMI's main purpose is the articulation of the several actions, strategies, and policies that are being implemented in the mountain areas of the Andean countries at regional, national, and local levels, in order to achieve an adequate complementation of resources and capacities for a better convergence between public and private, national, regional, and international levels, with the aim of designing and implementing comprehensive mountain policies.

The regional collaboration and coordination of activities represents a great opportunity for mountain communities and ecosystems and the AMI is building its vision and strategies for the region. 2018 will be a great year for the development of new proposals and strategies and the consolidation of the Action Plan for the Andes.

This side event is aimed to showcase the Andean Mountain Initiative to all the members of the Mountain Partnership and to define the relevant opportunities for joint working and collaboration of the governments and other stakeholders. Furthermore, this event aims at enriching the vision of this platform with contributions from participants.

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Speakers:

- Mountain Partnership Secretariat- FAO – RosaLaura Romeo
The Mountain Partnership in the Andes: a regional background
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile-Isauro Torres.
The Andean Mountain Initiative: Present and future
- UN Environment- Matthias Jurek.
Strategic Agenda on Adaptation Climate Change in the Andes
- Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation -Manfred Kaufmann
Working vision in the Andes: an institutional point of view on Sustainable Mountain Development in the region.

- CONDESAN – María Argüello
Role of social organizations in the Sustainable Mountain Development in the Andes

Agenda

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17:30	Introduction	Alejandra Godoy Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile
17:35- 17:50	The Mountain Partnership in the Andes: a regional background	Rosalaura Romeo Mountain Partnership Secretariat, FAO
17:50- 18:05	The Andean Mountain Initiative: Present and future	Isauro Torres Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile Regional Coordination of the AMI
18:05- 18:20	Strategic Agenda on Adaptation Climate Change in the Andes	Matthias Jurek UN Environment
18:20- 18:35	Working vision in the Andes: an institutional point of view on Sustainable Mountain Development in the region.	Manfred Kaufmann Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
18:35- 18:50	Role of social organizations in the Sustainable Mountain Development in the Andes	Maria Argüello CONDESAN
18:50- 19:05	Participants questions	
19:05	Conclusions	Alejandra Godoy Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile