Fifth Mountain Partnership Global Meeting
11-13 December 2017, Rome-Italy
SIDE EVENT CONCEPT NOTE

Launch of Mountains 2018

Sustainable Development in Mountain Regions

12 December, **12:30 - 14:00**
(Conference Room Espace Gabon)

Goals

The main objective of this event is to dissemination information about Mountains 2018, an international conference that will bring together academics, professionals, politicians and others involved in multiple aspects of mountain systems, to be held in Nova Friburgo, Brazil from December 10 to 14, 2018.

Description

Despite having extensive mountainous areas in various parts of its territory, Brazil has not yet begun the construction of a national policy for these environments. However, several initiatives, since 2002, have been promoting the exchange of information and debate on the conservation and sustainable use of mountains.

Mountains 2018 seeks to stimulate and disseminate knowledge on the subject, based on lessons learned from scientific research and practical experiences related to the use and challenges of promoting sustainable development in mountain territories, including how these regions can contribute to attaining the Sustainable Development Goals.

Previously, at Mountains 2016, held in Bragança-Portugal, the **Lusophony Mountain Research Network-Lumont** was launched to encourage exchange among Portuguese-speaking members. The establishment of this network provided additional support to Brazil to organize this next Conference.

Likewise, the growing participation of Brazilian institutions in the Mountain Partnership and the association of international institutions in the preparation of Mountains 2018 in Brazil, provide a fundamental framework for promoting public policies to advance the sustainable development of the country's mountains.

As Lumont was established in Mountains 2016, Mountains 2018 also aims to expand the exchange between countries and organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean.

During the session, we will connect with Brazil via teleconference, formalizing the launch of the events that comprise Mountains 2018: the **III Workshop on Sustainable Development in Mountain Environments**, and the **II International Conference on Research for Sustainable Mountain Development**. A video about the host city of the event, Nova Friburgo, will also be presented, as well as an historical account of the movement for mountain environments in Brazil.

Agenda and confirmed panellists

- The Mountain Environments Movement of Brazil.
    - Luis Felipe Cesar - Crescente Fértil
- History and objectives of Mountain 2018.
    - Adriana M. Aquino - Embrapa Agrobiology
- Adress from CIMO / Polytechnic Institute of Bragança - Portugal.
    - Isabel Ferreira, CIMO Coordinator
- Presentation of the Embrapa.
    - Gustavo Xavier - Head of the Embrapa Agrobiology *(from Brazil via Teleconference)*
- Invitation by the Municipal Mayor of Nova Friburgo.
    - Renato Bravo *(from Brazil via Teleconference)*
- Video presentation about the municipality of Nova Friburgo.
- Presentation of the partners of the event.
    - João Azevedo - CIMO Vice-coordinator / Polytechnic Institute of Bragança
    - Carolina Adler - Mountain Research Initiative (MRI)
    - Marisa Young - Fundación Agreste - Argentina
    - Andrew Taber - The Mountain Institute
- Signing of the Cooperation Agreement.
- Acknowledgments and closing.

Expected results

- Dissemination of the goals of Mountains 2018 at different scales (local, national and international).
- Increase the collaborative dialogue with participating organizations and governments for the consolidation of new alliances for the implementation of Mountains 2018.
- Formalization of the inter-institutional agreement for the realization of the 2018 Mountains.
- Contribute to strengthen the exchange and creation of multi-sectoral collaborative spaces in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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