



Mountains under pressure climate, hunger, migration

11-13 December 2017

FAO HQ, Rome, Italy

Background

Almost one billion people live in mountain areas, and over half the human population depends on mountains for water, food and clean energy. Yet mountains are under threat from climate change, land degradation and natural disasters, with potentially far-reaching and devastating consequences both for mountain communities and the rest of the world.

The extreme vulnerability of mountains puts their natural resources under increasing pressure, which in turn affects mountain peoples, exacerbating hunger, poverty and forcing migration. The vast majority of mountain dwellers live below the poverty line, and one-third face the threat of food insecurity. Despite clear evidence of their importance and vulnerability, mountains continue to be marginalized in international negotiations and national policy-making efforts.

Coinciding with International Mountain Day and the 15th anniversary of the Mountain Partnership, the Global Meeting of the Mountain Partnership will raise awareness of the need to place mountain ecosystems and peoples at the centre of international negotiations, policies and investments. The meeting will launch a Framework for Action to support concrete actions, put in place long lasting processes and establish policies that strengthen the resilience of mountain peoples and environments. It will also aim to ensure that sustainable mountain development is integrated into the 2030 Agenda and in the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Those who will be invited to participate in the meeting will include high-level representatives from mountainous countries, goodwill ambassadors, and representatives of UN conventions, intergovernmental organizations, private sector and civil society, in addition to Mountain Partnership members.



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PROVISIONAL AGENDA - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Day 1 - Monday 11 December 9:00 -17:00

| High-Level Segment RED ROOM (A121) | |
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| 7:30 – 8:30 | Registration |
| 8:00 – 9:00 | Welcome Coffee |
| 9:00 – 10:00 | Opening of the High-Level Segment and celebration of International Mountain Day |
| <p>Moderator: Thomas Hofer, MPS Coordinator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks founding members (Italy tbc; Switzerland tbc; Marie Helena Semedo, FAO Deputy Director, Ibrahim Thiaw, UNEP Deputy Executive Director) • Remarks by high-level speakers and MP Ambassadors (His Holiness Drikung Kyabgön Chetsang, Arjun Gupta, Jake Norton) • Remarks by the Mountain Partnership Steering Committee chair (Andrew Taber) • Video International Mountain Day | |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | Launching of the Framework for Action |
| <p>Moderator: Switzerland tbc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mountains under Pressure - Keynote speaker (Petteri Taalas, Secretary-General, WMO) • Launch of the Framework for Action (Grammenos Mastrojeni, ADG, Coordinator for the Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy) • Statement from Cardinal Turkson, First Prefect - Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development • Statements from Governments • Conclusion | |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | The Framework for Action and the 2030 Agenda – Challenges and Responses |
| <p>Mountains: Climate change and disaster risk management – moderated by a Government representative plus two speakers (ISDR, IPCC)</p> <p>Mountains: food and water – moderated by a Government representative plus two speakers (FAO; Flavia Schlegel, ADG UNESCO)</p> | |
| 12:15 – 14:00 | Lunch – Opening Exhibition |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | The Framework for Action and the 2030 Agenda – Challenges and Responses (cont'd) |
| <p>Mountains and their goods and services – moderated by a Government representative plus two speakers (UNEP)</p> <p>Mountain communities and migration – moderated by a Government representative plus two speakers (Basanta Shrestha, Director of Strategic Cooperation, ICIMOD; Alejandro Argumedo, Director, ANDES)</p> <p>Conclusions Q&A</p> | |
| 15:30 – 17:00 | Making a Global Framework Work - Showcasing Practical Approaches |
| <p>Panel discussion:</p> <p>Regional country-led alliances: Global Snow leopard & Ecosystem Protection Program (GSLEP)</p> <p>Global Island Partnership (GLISPA)</p> <p>Carpathian Convention</p> <p>Discussion and conclusions of High-Level Segment</p> | |





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Day 2 - Tuesday 12 December 9:00 – 19:30

Fifteen Years of the Mountain Partnership Stocktaking and New Priorities for the Global Framework RED ROOM (A121)

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| 8:00 – 09:00 | Coffee |
| 9:00 – 10:30 | MP Global achievements, priorities and challenges Presentation of progress made and results achieved - Thomas Hofer, MPS Coordinator |
| 10:30 – 12:00 | Reports by Steering Committee members on the achievements, priorities and challenges of their constituencies <ul style="list-style-type: none">Steering Committee membersDiscussion, Q&A |
| 12:15 – 14:00 | Lunch break – Side events |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | Governance issues (closed meeting) Moderator: Andrew Taber, Chair, MP Steering Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none">Learning from major players: donors, private sector, partnerships with civil society (including AKDN, GCF, GEF, IKI, UNDP, WB) |
| 15:30 – 17:00 | Governance issues (for MP members only) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Revision of Governance paperDiscussion about the Steering Committee composition – i.a. Central Asia representation, alternate SC MembersAny other matters (membership fees scheme, inactive members, MPS, hosting arrangement, funding, communication issues) |
| 17:30 – 19:30 | SIDE EVENTS |
| Group dinner | |

Day 3 - Wednesday 13 December 9:00 – 17:00

Gearing up the Partnership to Support the Global Framework Implementation RED ROOM (A121)

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| 8:00 – 9:00 | Coffee |
| 9:00 – 10:00 | Reporting from side events day 2 |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | Breakouts by electoral groups – endorsement of candidates for Steering Committee (for MP members only) |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | Reporting by electoral groups and election of the Steering Committee (for MP members only) |
| 12:15 – 14:00 | Lunch break – Speed Geeking session |
| 14:00 – 16:00 | The Mountain Partnership looks ahead – setting priorities and identifying the main areas of work for the next biennium Breakout sessions according to main priorities of members: Advocacy, Capacity Development, Joint Action, Communications sessions Regional or Thematic Topics |
| 16:00 – 17:00 | Discussion and conclusions |
| 17:30 – 19:30 | Steering committee meeting (closed) |





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14-15 December

Training workshop on Green Cover index (FAO) Iraq Room (A235)

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| 14 December | Training workshop |
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| 15 December | Training workshop |
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| 9:00 -17:00 | Collect Earth - Second part |
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Ecosystem-based Adaptation Training (TMI – GIZ) Malaysia (Room B227)

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