



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 the 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.

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





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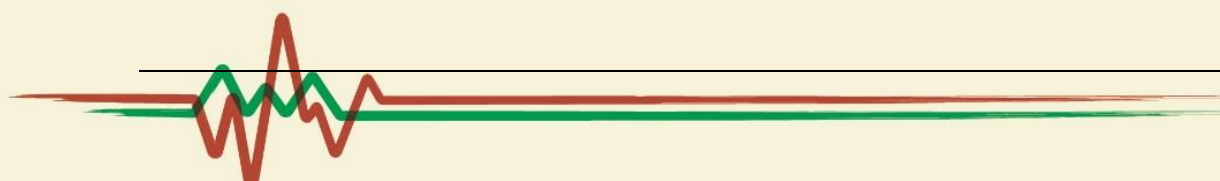
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Day 1 – Monday, 11 December 09.00–17.00

High-Level Segment RED ROOM (A121)	
08.00–09.00	Registration
08.00–09.00	Welcome coffee
09.00–10.00	Opening of the High-Level Segment and celebration of International Mountain Day
<p>Moderator: Thomas Hofer, Coordinator, Mountain Partnership Secretariat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Remarks by founding members: Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General, FAO; Andrea Olivero, Vice Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policy, Italy; Dominique Kohli, Assistant Director-General, Federal Office for Agriculture, Switzerland; and Tim Christophersen, Coordinator of Freshwater, Land and Climate Branch, UN EnvironmentRemarks by Mountain Partnership ambassadors: His Holiness Drikung Kyabgön Chetsang; Arjun Gupta, founder, TeleSoft Partners; and Jake Norton, founder, MountainWorld ProductionsVideo message: Carlo Petrini, founder, Slow FoodRemarks by Andrew Taber, Chair, Mountain Partnership Steering CommitteeVideo: <i>International Mountain Day</i>	
10.00–11.00	Launch of the Framework for Action
<p>Moderator: Dominique Kohli, Assistant Director-General, Federal Office for Agriculture, Switzerland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mountains under pressure. Keynote speaker: Petteri Taalas, Secretary-General, WMOLaunch of the Framework for Action: Grammenos Mastrojeni, Assistant Director-General, Coordinator for the Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ItalyStatements from governmentsConclusion	
11.00–12.00	The Framework for Action and the 2030 Agenda – challenges and responses
<p>Moderator: Grammenos Mastrojeni, Assistant Director-General, Coordinator for the Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy</p> <p>Session: Mountains: climate change and disaster risk management</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">“Climate change in the mountains: trends, impacts, challenges and opportunities”, Martin Price, UNESCO Chair, University of the Highlands and Islands, United Kingdom; andTitle tbc, Shukri Ahmed, Deputy Strategic Programme Leader – Resilience, FAO <p>Moderator: Ambassador Isauro Torres, Director of Environment and Ocean Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile</p> <p>Session: Mountains: food and water</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">“Climate change and water security”, Anil Mishra, Programme Specialist, Section on Hydrological Systems and Water Scarcity, International Hydrological Programme, Division of Water Sciences, UNESCO; and“Sustainable management of mountains for food and water: experiences from Mount Elgon, Uganda”, Paul Mafabi, Director of Environment Affairs, Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda	
12.15–14.00	Lunch and opening of the exhibitions
14.00–15.30	The Framework for Action and the 2030 Agenda – challenges and responses (cont.)
<p>Moderator: Ambassador Christian Guillermet-Fernández, Director-General of Foreign Policy, Costa Rica</p> <p>Session: Mountains and their goods and services</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">“Understanding the benefits of mountain ecosystems: 15 years of progress”, Tim Christophersen, Coordinator of Freshwater, Land and Climate Branch, UN Environment; and“Securing mountain goods and services through local enterprise: works in progress”, Andrew Taber, Executive Director, The Mountain Institute <p>Moderator: Ambassador Mumtaz Kassam, Minister Plenipotentiary, Uganda</p> <p>Session: Mountain communities and migration</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">“Migration in the HKH region: governance, drivers and consequences”, Laurie Vasily, Knowledge and Communication Manager, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development; and“Mountains communities and migration: perspectives from the International Network of Mountain Indigenous Peoples”, Alejandro Argumedo, Director, Asociación ANDES <p>Conclusions and Q&A</p>	



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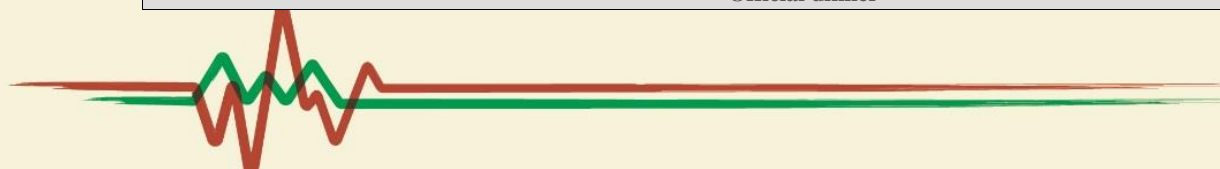
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15.30–17.00	Making a Global Framework work – showcasing practical approaches
<p>Moderator: Tehmina Akhtar, Deputy Global Manager, GEF Small Grants Programme, UNDP</p> <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chyngyz Kochorov, Programme Officer, Secretariat of the Global Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Protection Program tbc; • Matt T. Reed, Chief Executive Officer, Aga Khan Foundation, Aga Khan Development Network; • H.E. Ambassador Hersey Kyota, Ambassador of the Republic of Palau to United States of America, Board Chair, Global Island Partnership; and Kate Brown, Executive Director, Global Island Partnership; and • Matthias Jurek, Programme Management Officer, UN Environment, Carpathian Convention <p>Discussion and conclusions of High-Level Segment</p>	

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Day 2 – Tuesday, 12 December 09.00–19.30

Fifteen years of the Mountain Partnership Stocktaking and new priorities for the Global Framework RED ROOM (A121)	
08.00–09.00	Coffee
09.00–10.30	Mountain Partnership global achievements, priorities and challenges
<p>Moderator: Eva Müller, Director, Forestry Policy and Resources Division, Forestry Department, FAO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of progress made and results achieved: Thomas Hofer, Coordinator, Mountain Partnership Secretariat; and • Discussion: remarks and feedback by members 	
10.30–12.00	Reports by Steering Committee members on the achievements, priorities and challenges in their constituencies
<p>Moderator: Andrew Taber, Chair, Mountain Partnership Steering Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steering Committee members • Discussion and Q&A 	
12.30–14.00	Lunch and side events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting mountain products to improve local economies and livelihoods – SHEIKH ZAYED CENTRE (Atrium) • Education in mountains – PAKISTAN ROOM (A127) • Launch of Mountain 2018 – ESPACE GABON (A024)
14.00–15.30	Resource mobilization
<p>Moderator: Andrey Kushlin, Deputy Director, Forest Policy and Resources Division, Forestry Department, FAO</p> <p>Learning from major players:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arjun Gupta, founder, TeleSoft Partners; • Tehmina Akhtar, Deputy Global Manager, GEF Small Grants Programme, UNDP; • René Castro Salazar, Assistant Director-General, Climate, Biodiversity, Land and Water Department, FAO; and • Sameer Karki, GEF Expert, FAO 	
15.30–17.00	Governance issues (for Mountain Partnership members only)
<p>Moderator: Thomas Hofer, Coordinator, Mountain Partnership Secretariat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion and endorsement of the Governance Paper • Discussion of Options Paper for membership fee scheme • Discussion and endorsement of Advocacy Strategy • Discussion and endorsement of Communication Strategy 	
17.30–19.30	Side events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding landscape and watershed management in mountains – ETHIOPIA ROOM (C285/289) • Science and research for evidence-informed policy and action on the ground: experiences and outlook in mountain-specific cases – LEBANON ROOM (D209) • Andean Mechanism – PAKISTAN ROOM (A127)
Official dinner	





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Day 3 – Wednesday, 13 December 09.00–17.00

Gearing up the Mountain Partnership to support the Global Framework implementation RED ROOM (A121)	
08.00–09.00	Coffee
09.00–10.00	Reports from side events (day 2)
10.00–11.00	Breakouts by electoral groups – endorsement of candidates for Steering Committee (for Mountain Partnership members only)
11.00–12.00	Reports by electoral groups and election of the Steering Committee (for Mountain Partnership members only)
12.30–14.00	Lunch and speed geeking session – SHEIKH ZAYED CENTRE (Atrium)
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advocacy, capacity development, joint action and communications sessions; and• Regional or thematic topics
16.00–17.00	Discussion and conclusions
	Closing remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hiroto Mitsugi, Assistant Director-General, Forestry Department, FAO;• Thomas Hofer, Coordinator, Mountain Partnership Secretariat• Andrew Taber, Chair, Mountain Partnership Steering Committee• Grammenos Mastrojeni, Assistant Director-General, Coordinator for the Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy; and• François Pythoud, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to FAO, IFAD and WFP, Switzerland
17.30–19.30	Steering Committee meeting (Steering Committee members only)





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Workshops

Training workshop on Mountain Green Cover Index

IRAQ ROOM (A235)

PHILIPPINES ROOM (C277)

The training, organized by FAO, aims to illustrate the possible application of the Collect Earth system to results-based monitoring, where the outputs can be visually assessed through high and very high resolution satellite images and derive products such as vegetation trends. Case studies on the assessment of the Mountain Green Cover Index (Sustainable Development Goal indicator 15.4.2) in agriculture, forestry and land use from past applications will be described in order to provide greater detail and reference. The training will comprise a review of Collect Earth functionalities and context, hands-on assessment of case studies, data analysis and discussion, and possible applications for current or future projects.

14 December	Training workshop
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09.00–17.00	Collect Earth – part I
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15 December	Training workshop
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09.00–17.00	Collect Earth – part II
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Mainstreaming Ecosystem-based Adaptation into development planning

MALAYSIA ROOM (B227)

The two-day training session, developed by GIZ and offered in cooperation with The Mountain Institute and IUCN at the Mountain Partnership Global Meeting, allows participants to become familiar with the latest international political and conceptual discussions on Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) mainstreaming issues and provides an overview of the basic steps of the EbA mainstreaming cycle. The training will focus specifically on mountain ecosystems.

14 December	Training workshop
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09.00–17.00	Mainstreaming EbA – part I
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15 December	Training workshop
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09.00–17.00	Mainstreaming EbA – part II
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