



Fourth Global Meeting of the Mountain Partnership
Erzurum, Turkey
Side Event Schedule
17-19 September 2013

Tuesday 17 September 18:00 - 19:00

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) – United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) – Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) – International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)

Climate Change Impacts in Major Mountainous Regions of the World: Multidisciplinary Network for Adaptation Strategies (Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe)

Sports Meeting Room

Contact: Anil Mishra, UNESCO

UNESCO's project on Climate Change Impacts in Major Mountainous Regions of the World: Multidisciplinary Network for Adaptation Strategies provides an opportunity for the regions of Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean to learn from each other's experiences.

Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs of Turkey

Anatolian Approach for Mountain Development

Astrila Meeting Room

Contact: Ibrahim Yamac, FAO Subregional Office for Central Asia

Representatives of the Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs of Turkey present the strategy for sustainable mountain development at the regional and local level.

The Altai Republic of the Russian Federation – Foundation for Sustainable Development of Altai (FSDA) – Aigine Cultural-Research Center – University of Central Asia (UCA)

Cultural Values of Mountains

Kalikala Meeting Room

Contact: Chagat ALMASHEV, FSDA

This session will include the world premiere of "Tourists and Pilgrims at the Pastures of Heaven," a 30-minute film by Christopher MacLeod, a case study on the Altai and Central Asian Mountains and a panel discussion.



Wednesday 18 September 13:30 -14:30

University of Bern Centre for Development and Environment (CDE) – Foundation for Sustainable Development in Mountain Regions (FDDM)

Walk the talk! Actions of SMD at the sub-national level

Karin Meeting Room

Contacts: Eric Nanchen (FDDM) and Thomas Kohler (CDE)

Based on projects developed in Valais, Switzerland, by CDE and FDDM, this side event will describe sustainable development activities currently implemented in local mountain communities. Participants will discuss the issues in their respective regions and share their experiences and lessons learned.

Ecological Tourism in Europe (ETE) – Carpathian Convention/UNEP

Strategy for the Future Sustainable Tourism Development of the Carpathians

Sports Meeting Room

Contacts: Michael Meyer, ETE, and Matthias Jurek, Carpathian Convention

Seven countries in the Carpathian Mountain region are developing a strategy on sustainable tourism to minimize the impact on ecosystems and provide benefits to local communities. This side event invites stakeholders from the Carpathians and beyond to discuss and contribute to the draft Carpathian Tourism Strategy and to discuss opportunities for similar initiatives around the globe.

Ministry of Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources of Tunisia

Regional Initiative for Mountains for the MENA Region

Kalikala Meeting Room

Contact: Abid Habib, Ministry of Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources of Tunisia

The Middle East and North African (MENA) regional group will continue to plan their collaborative efforts. Following a December 2012 decision to form a regional group, the side event will allow participants to discuss their countries' key issues, establish what the MENA initiative's priority areas should be and plan its next steps.

Prakriti Group and Centre for Environment Education Himalaya (CEE Himalaya)

Adaptation and Mitigation in Increasing Disasters in the Mountains

Private Meeting Room

Contact: K N Vajpai, CEE Himalaya

In the context of a recent flood disaster in Uttarakhand, India, the Prakriti group and CEE Himalaya invite stakeholders from the Himalayan region and beyond to share experiences and develop a consensus on immediate and long-term measures for mountain area disaster risk management.



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Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) – Austrian Development Agency (ADA) – University of Bern Centre for Development and Environment (CDE)

Knowledge Management on Sustainable Development in Mountain Areas – working together for the dissemination of research results, good and bad practices

Kalikala Meeting Room

Contacts: André Wehrli (SDC), Elisabeth Sötz (ADA) and Thomas Kohler (CDE)

In a joint project, SDC, ADA and CDE combined efforts to support the sharing of research, knowledge management and experiences about development issues in mountain areas. The purpose of this side event is to present the project and invite other stakeholders (national governments, NGOs, scientific bodies or donors) to contribute (topics, authors, additional financial or other support).

MAB-6 Center et al

Opportunities and challenges for knowledge transfer and trans-national scientific networking in the Caucasus

Karin Meeting Room

Contacts: Alexey Gunya, MAB-6 Russia, and Matthias Jurek, Carpathian Convention/UNEP

This side-event discussion will delve into the activities of the recently created Scientific Network in the Caucasus Mountain Region.

University of Central Asia (UCA) et al

Mountain Livelihood and Transformational Role of Women

Astrila Meeting Room

Contact: Elbegzaya Batjargal, UCA

This side event will see the participation of several MP Central Asian members who will discuss the role of women in sustainable mountain development. Topics will include mountain livelihoods and the global and local drivers affecting them, such as climate change, migration, environmental aspects, social inequity and inclusiveness, financing sources (microcredit/cooperatives), subsistence vs. sustainable income and alternative income-generating opportunities.

Abertine Rift Conservation Society (ARCOS) et al

Mountain Partnership Africa: progress in sustainable mountain development

Sports Meeting Room

Contact: Sam Kanyamibwa, ARCOS

The Africa Mountain Partnership work plan will be presented, as well as the on-going activities of Mountain Partnership members on sustainable mountain development in Africa.



Thursday 19 September 13:30 -14:30

University of Bern Centre for Development and Environment (CDE) – Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

Mountains, Our Life, Our Future: Launch of the Global Synthesis Report

Sports Meeting Room

Contacts: Thomas Kohler, CDE, and André Wehrli, SDC

After presentations of 11 regional reports on *Progress and perspectives on sustainable mountain development* were given at Rio+20, a global synthesis report was prepared. This side event will introduce the report in a short presentation, followed by a discussion on lessons learned, challenges and regional and global perspectives on the way forward for sustainable mountain development.

Ministry of Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources of Tunisia

Toward a Strong and Active Mediterranean Mountain Initiative

Kalikala Meeting Room

Contact: Abid Habib, Ministry of Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources of Tunisia

This side event will examine the problems affecting Mediterranean mountain areas and identify priorities for action, taking biodiversity of the various climatic zones into account.

Broad Initiatives for Negros Development (BIND) et al

Tropical Mountain Forest Conservation and the Green Economy

Astrila Meeting Room

Contact: Benedicto Q. Sanchez, BIND

This side event seeks to build South-South and North-South synergies for a global project, using best practices and lessons learned on building a mountain green economy. Adopting a participatory approach, it aims to define the follow-up process to build an organizational mechanism for consolidating and coordinating group efforts after the Global Meeting.
