

MOUNTAINS PROTECT AGAINST FLOODS



Next Generation



*Deforestation in mountains
may lead to devastating floods.*

There are going to be more frequent natural disasters and they will complicate the challenge of achieving sustainable development. Recent estimates indicate that roughly US\$40 billion will be required annually until 2050 to neutralize the impacts of climate change, although less than 10 percent of this sum has been available to date. With the likelihood of an increase in the frequency and intensity of climate-related disasters such as floods, droughts and tropical storms, the costs of both disaster risk management and post-disaster relief and construction will further increase.

*Enhancing ecosystem-based adaptation
in mountains is key for protection against floods.*

Mountains in a Rio+20 world

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*Improving coffee production
and productivity provides a unique
opportunity for reducing poverty in Africa.*

There are 25 producing countries,
about 33 million farmers earn
their livelihood from coffee, and coffee
is a major foreign exchange earner.
Africa is endowed with highly diverse
and suitable agroecology for coffee
production and there is an incredibly
vast area of untapped, suitable coffee land
for expansion of coffee production
in the region. Africa's coffee sector
could make a significant contribution
to the development of the continent.

Mountains are up for it.

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