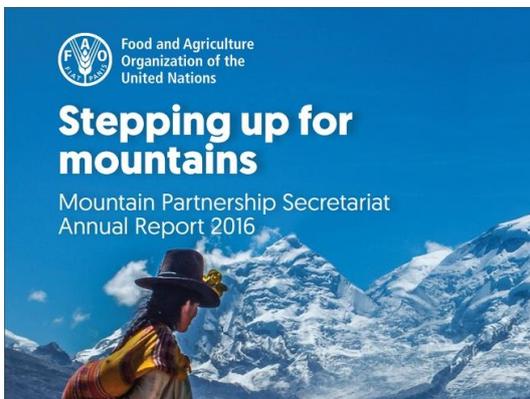




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### Stepping up for mountains in 2016

The Mountain Partnership Secretariat (MPS) reflects on its key achievements in promoting sustainable mountain development last year in its 2016 annual report. Titled “Stepping up for mountains: Mountain Partnership Secretariat Annual Report 2016”, the publication documents the Secretariat’s work in the areas of advocacy, communication and knowledge management, promoting International Mountain Day ...

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### HIGHLIGHTS



**Towards a regional vision of the Andes**

Bogotá, Colombia hosted a week dedicated to mountains. From 10 to 14 July 2017,



**Mountain tourism course scholarships announced**

The [World Tourism Organization](#) (UNWTO) and its UNWTO.Themis Foundation are



**Mountain village alliance holds annual meeting**

The [Alliance of Central Asian Mountain Communities](#) (AGOCA) convened



**Making mountain cities resilient**

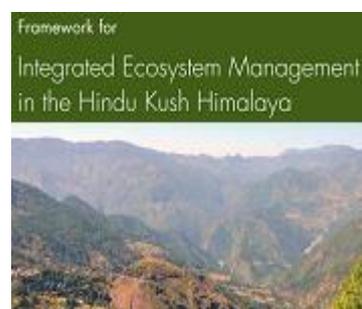
Two examples of increasing the resilience of mountain communities in

<p>Mountains' Week offered a space to discuss the strategic importance of paramos and mountain ecosystems in the Andean region. Within the framework of Mountains' Week, the International Congress of Paramos and Mountain Ecosystems took place on 12–14 July, to discuss how to position the Andes in the public agendas of the Andean countries. The theme of the Congress was "Towards a Regional Vision of the Andean ...</p>	<p>offering one scholarship to officials from UNWTO Member States and one scholarship to graduates from UNWTO.TedQual certified programmes for the first international Postgraduate Diploma in Mountain Destination Management, to be held from October 2017 to June 2018. For many mountain destinations, tourism has become a key sector driving the socio-economic growth and development of local communities. Mountain areas often ...</p>	<p>an annual meeting that brought together 15 members for three days of intensive exchange about the progress accomplished on projects and the remaining challenges of Territorial Public Self-Governances (TPS). The meeting was held on 15–17 June 2017 in 'Kun-Elek' village, located in the high Alai Mountains of southern Kyrgyzstan. AGOCA is an association of mountain villages in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan ...</p>	<p>Panama to disaster, written by Mountain Partnership member <a href="#">Fundación CoMunidad</a>'s director, Alberto Pascual, have been published in the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)'s 2017 edition of "How To Make Cities More Resilient: A Handbook For Local Government Leaders". The handbook is a contribution to the UNISDR Making Cities Resilient Campaign, which aims to support sustainable urban ...</p>
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## FEATURED NEWS

- **Case studies on mountain migration trends**
- **Mountain Partnership Products selling in Nepal**
- **A workshop on mountains of the Mediterranean**
- **New issue of eco.mont journal now available**
- **Andean tourism hotspot faces water challenge**
- **Resilience in mountain ecosystems of Armenia**
- **UN days celebrated across the Indian Himalayas**

## PUBLICATION



**This document provides background, principles and key terms for ecosystem management in the context of the Hindu Kush Himalaya.**

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## VIDEO

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **International Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Conservation Forum**  
Venue: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- **World Water Week 2017**  
Venue: Stockholm, Sweden



Get ready for the upcoming International Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Conservation Forum. [Watch](#)

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### MEMBERS

Currently, the Mountain Partnership has 299 members: 56 governments, 15 intergovernmental organizations, 222 major group organizations (e.g. civil society, NGOs and the private sector) and 6 subnational authorities. Please feel free to [contact them](#) for possible collaborative projects and ideas. We wish to welcome the following new members:

- [Albanian Alps Alliance](#)
- [Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment \(ATREE\)](#)
- [Association of the Mountain Cheese Trail "Szlak Oscypkowy"](#)
- [Tignes Developpement](#)
- [World Tourism Organization \(UNWTO\)](#)

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### CALL FOR NEWS

Keep Mountain Partnership members informed of your activities! Please email [Sara.Manuelli@fao.org](mailto:Sara.Manuelli@fao.org) info about new projects and programmes, initiatives, events, publications, newsletters, vacancies or calls for papers.

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### CALL FOR PHOTOGRAPHS

We are currently looking for pictures that show mountains under pressure, including images revealing the effects of climate change, natural disasters, hunger and out-migration on mountain communities and environments. Please send high resolution jpeg or tiff files to: [mountains.mps@gmail.com](mailto:mountains.mps@gmail.com)

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