



## Peak to Peak: Mountain Partnership Newsletter

working together for mountain peoples and environments



### MP Steering Committee meets in Rome

The Mountain Partnership Steering Committee met on 23-24 April 2018 at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) headquarters in Rome, Italy. This was the second meeting of the Steering Committee after its election at the Fifth Global Meeting of the Mountain Partnership in December 2017. Main items discussed included the Framework ...

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### HIGHLIGHTS



**International Mountain Day 2018 theme declared**

"#MountainsMatter" is the theme chosen for this year's celebration of International Mountain Day (IMD) on 11 December 2018. Even though they are mentioned in the 2030 Agenda, mountains are still often forgotten. Considering



**Visualizing mountain environment conservation**

As the custodian agency of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Target 15.4, the Mountain Partnership Secretariat (MPS) at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) developed the official indicator, the



**Climate resilience in Central Asia's mountains**

Kyrgyzstan is one of the most vulnerable countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia to the impacts of climate change, primarily due to the sensitivity of its agricultural systems to climatic changes. Higher temperatures



**Mountain women advocacy at CSW62**

A 26-member delegation from Utah Valley University (UVU) participated in the 62nd session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW62) at the United Nations (UN) Headquarters on 19-21 March 2018. The

the crucial role they play in providing key ecosystem goods and services to the planet and their vulnerability in the face of climate change, we need to step up and raise attention to mountains.

#MountainsMatter for Water as mountains are the world's 'water towers', providing between 60 and 80 percent of all ...

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Mountain Green Cover Index, for monitoring progress towards the achievement of this target. Baseline data developed for the Mountain Green Cover Index reveals that, as of 2017, 76 percent of the world's mountain areas were covered by a form of green vegetation, including forests, shrubs, grassland and cropland. Across ...

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could cause altered precipitation patterns and more frequent heat waves, leading to increased aridity and drought, particularly in mountain pastures. Since Kyrgyzstan's land area is 90 percent mountainous, it is increasingly important to build the resilience of mountain communities to climate change so they can continue thriving. ...

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priority theme of CSW62 was "Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls". The UVU delegation, led by Baldomero Lago, Vice-Rector for Global Engagement at UVU, included faculty members and students, many of whom are members of the Utah International Mountain Forum ...

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## FEATURED NEWS

- **Call for applications, Forum ODT 2018**
- **CEE Himalaya trains teachers on DRR**
- **CMC joins the Mountain Partnership**
- **Mountain Research and Development issue online**
- **How Sabzali illuminated his mountain village**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Trento Film Festival**  
Venue: Trento, Italy
- **Global Soil Symposium**  
Venue: FAO, Rome, Italy
- **Green Economy in the Apennine region**  
Venue: Camerino, Italy
- **Forest and water in mountain catchments: education, citizen science and the Mountain Partnership**  
Venue: Eger, Hungary

## PUBLICATION



**Sustainability of Smallholder Livelihoods in the Ecuadorian Highlands**

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## VIDEO



**Intangible cultural heritage video production project: Central Asia**

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## MEMBERS

Currently, the Mountain Partnership has 330 members: 59 governments, 7 subnational authorities, 16 intergovernmental organizations and 248 major group organizations (e.g. civil society, NGOs and the private sector). Please feel free to [contact them](#) for possible collaborative projects and ideas. We wish to welcome the following new members:

- [National Agency of Protected Areas of Albania](#)
- [Terra del Terzo Mondo Onlus](#)

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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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The Mountain Partnership is a United Nations voluntary alliance of partners dedicated to improving the lives of mountain peoples and protecting mountain environments around the world.

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