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# The RANIKHET DECLARATION

## for a Global MOUNTAIN PGS Network

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This Declaration is the outcome of a workshop entitled “Creating a Global Mountain Participatory Guarantee System (PGS)”, held in Ranikhet, India, from 14 to 19 April 2019, organized by the FAO-Mountain Partnership Secretariat with Mountain Partnership Products initiative representatives from India, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Nepal, Panama, Peru, the Philippines and Viet Nam.

We, as partners of the Mountain Partnership Products initiative, commit to:

1. Adopt environmentally and ethically sound value chain approaches for the promotion of high quality mountain products in order to strengthen the resilience of mountain peoples, economies and ecosystems and to contribute to achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
2. Sustain production systems that safeguard the health of ecosystems and humans, and provide safe food for people;
3. Protect the environment and biodiversity of our mountains by promoting the ten elements of agroecology;
4. Apply the four principles of organic agriculture, comprised of the principles of health, ecology, fairness and care;
5. Empower small-holder farmers by supporting their aggregation into local groups, based on the principles of fair trade and equity, against the use of child labor and ensuring gender equality;
6. Enhance the capacity of institutions and entrepreneurial skills of farmer-producers required for the establishment of sustainable, pro-poor microenterprises and social companies;
7. Work towards the conservation of traditional practices and embrace the whole basket of products coming from mountain farms, aware that this is a way to preserve indigenous agro-biodiversity;
8. Maintain just and respectful relationships amongst key stakeholders, by focusing on short, domestic value chains that ensure transparency and trust between producers and consumers, and fair compensation for the primary producers;
9. Engage in generating long-term market opportunities for mountain products by first exploring local and national markets and prioritizing markets which appreciate the unique health, environmental and social values of mountain products; and
10. Establish, promote and support PGS initiatives that embrace all the above values and principles and are designed to protect the sustainable farming practices of small-holder farmers in mountain regions of the world.



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