



Fourth Global Meeting of the Mountain Partnership side event report form

Name of side event: Knowledge Management on sustainable development in mountain areas

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Topic addressed:

Presentation of the new project on knowledge management, coordinated by DCE, financed by SDC and ADA, and invitation to all GMP members for more input

Objective of side event:

- GMP members know that the project is going on, and that it offers information and case studies
- Some more GMP members to contribute to the project, in one way or the other
- Participants do confirm that the contents and forms of publication and communication do match their needs, or do propose other contents and forms

Topics discussed:

- Target groups: the main target groups are the scientific community (do disseminate the results of their research) and Practitioners (to get useful information for their daily work); anyway, participants underline the importance to address mass media and policy makers, both groups that will rather read some short Policy briefs/Fact sheets than a 80-page publication
- forms of knowledge management: publications (Brochures, policy briefs) foreseen in the project, should be matched with personal communication => conferences/meetings play a crucial role; social media and databases are interesting, although the project will not be able to cover all, and it might also be better to use existing tools (see Mountain Forum and others)
- language: although information to shared globally should be in English, for practitioners it is important to translate the publications in other languages, especially in Spanish
- topics for further publications: Energy; private investments, including sensible questions like mining

Follow-up actions planned, if any:

The project steering group notes the proposed topics and will take it into account when discussing new publications in 2014

Participants will send their ideas for contribution to the publications already in preparation (Mountains and climate change / Sustainable Tourism / Mountain farming) to

elisabeth.soetz@ada.gv.at, Elisabeth will forward them to the respective editorial committees

Members planning to join this activity after the side event, if any: to be confirmed (e.g. AIMF declared interest); some of the participants are already involved in one form or another (FAO, UNEP, ICIMOD, etc.)

List of participants :

Luis Delgado	Yachay Wasi
Orlando Paredes	Ecuador
Thomas Hofer	FAO /MPS
Karinjo DeVore	AIMF
Eric Smith	AIMF
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