



Fourth Global Meeting of the Mountain Partnership side event report form

Name of side event: Mountains, our life, our future: Launch of the Global Synthesis Report

Name and affiliation of organizer:

- Thomas Kohler (Centre for Development University of Bern, Switzerland), (Presentation);
- André Wehrli (Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC) (Moderation)

Topic addressed:

- Presentation of the captioned report — which was part of the material handed out to all participants of the global meeting

Objective of side event:

- Discussion on how to use the synthesis report (and the regional reports on which it is based) for promoting the case of mountains in the post-2015 process (SDGs)

Topics discussed:

- A short introduction was given to the global synthesis report
- A joint offer was then made by ADA, SDC, and UNEP to prepare a series of thematic /sectorial policy briefs for informing the country delegates / members of the Open Working Groups (OWGs) of the Post-2015 Process on the importance of mountains. The themes proposed were chosen in line with the agenda of the upcoming OWG meetings. These will be: energy; DRR and climate change adaptation; biodiversity and forestry. Water security and food security are also planned to be covered owing to the importance of mountains in these two realms.
- In addition to the above sectorial briefs, the offer foresees a brief on mountains as a specific development context
- The discussion showed that the participants supported the preparation of such briefs. The topics suggested were seen as relevant.
- Language will be crucial to win delegates; it was thus proposed to have the briefs available in several languages if time allows.
- The thematic briefs will be prepared by UNEP (MPS through FAO offers support in thematic backstopping and translation), while the brief on mountains as a specific development context will be prepared by MPS / FAO

Follow-up actions planned, if any:

- A first meeting between SDC, UNEP and CDE was scheduled to take place immediately after the side event (time lines, deadlines...)
- CDE will provide UNEP will all requisite background thematic material produced in the course of the Rio+20 process in order to facilitate the preparation of the briefs in time.

Members planning to join this activity after the side event, if any:

- MPS / FAO has shown a strong interest to be involved in the preparation of the policy briefs (discussion of format and contents; translations; production of general brief on mountains). CDE is interested in active involvement in discussions on format and contents.

Please attach list of participants (sign-in sheet provided by MPS): See scanned list