



AFRICAN MOUNTAINS PROGRAM



IPROMO Course 2014: Promoting Sustainable Farming in Mountain Regions

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Introduction

- ARCOS: Established in 1995. Registered in UK as Charity and Company Limited by Guarantee. Regional office in Kampala/Uganda and offices in Rwanda and Burundi.
- **Mission:** “to enhance biodiversity conservation and sustainable use of natural resources in the Albertine Rift region through the promotion of information exchange and collaborative conservation action in the region”
 - **Thematic areas of focus:** biodiversity, ecosystem services, mountains and climate change, capacity building, information exchange and policy support.



Introduction of the SMD4GC Pilot phase

- Meeting in Rwanda on 20th February 2013
- Need to promote SMD and enhance cooperation and networking among members of the MP in Africa.
- Priority areas to advance the Mountain Partnership Agenda including the Africa Water Towers Initiative.
- The Africa AMPCC established
- Africa Mountain Partnership Work Plan 2013-2015 developed.



Introduction of the SMD4GC Pilot phase.....

- Financial support from the SDC = SMD4GC pilot phase **“Sustainable African mountains. Exploratory Phase: Building Bridges between Policy and Science for Sustainable Mountain Development”**.
- 1 August 2013-30 April 2014



Goals of the SMD4GC Pilot phase

- To contribute to the AMP Work Plan 2013-2015, by promoting regional collaborative actions that address major issues affecting mountain ecosystems and communities in Africa
- Support informed decisions for SMD in African mountains.



Activities and Achievements

- **Act. 1.1. Compile information on status, trends and level of threats affecting mountain ecosystems and communities (including climate change, extractive industries, natural disasters, water resources, landuse changes and food security) - Eastern Africa, Southern Africa, Central Africa, West Africa).**
 - ✓ This info compiled in the “African Mountains Status Report.
 - ✓ Compilation was done in-house through: desk study (review of existing literature), interactions with MP members in Africa and internet research.
 - ✓ Contents of the AMSR will feed into the African Mountains Atlas, a publication of UNEP currently under peer review.



Activities and Achievements

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- **Act 1.2. Establish and maintain a Portal on Mountains in Africa in close connection with the mtnforum.org portal and knowledge hub**
 - ✓ Portal in its advanced stages of development.
 - ✓ Please send us mountain related info (news, pictures, video) for posting to/sharing through the portal.



Activities and Achievements cont.....

Act 1.3. Produce and disseminate awareness materials (fact sheets, policy briefs). ARCOS produced a:

- ✓ Fact sheet: African Mountains: the Challenges and Actions Needed.
- ✓ *Policy brief “African Mountains: Water Towers in Need of Attention” .*
- ✓ *Call: “Mountains: Need for more attention and mention in the proposed SDGs and Targets.*
- ✓ *2 bilingual “African Mountains Echo” Newsletters which serve as aid for promoting awareness on mountains.*



Activities and Achievements cont.....

- **Act 2.1. Conduct policy analysis to identify gaps affecting sustainable mountain development in selected African countries**
 - ✓ This activity was done through the AMSR. Chapter 5.
- **Act 2.2. Engage selected policy processes (at least 3 meetings engaged)**
 - ✓ The 5th special session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) in Gaborone, Botswana in October 2013 and presented the mountain agenda.
 - ✓ International Mountains Day celebrations on 11th December 2013.
 - ✓ World Mountains Forum 23-24th May 2014 in Cusco, Peru.



Activities and Achievements

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Act 3.1. Assess funding opportunities for mountains in Africa.

ARCOS has submitted a number of proposals to different funding organizations including the Waterloo Foundation and MacArthur Foundation.



Activities and Achievements cont.....

- **Act 3.2. Develop strategic partnerships with key potential funders on Sustainable African mountains.**
 - ✓ SDC: Provided funds for project/gram implementation.
 - ✓ EAC, ARCOS, ADC, UNEP and MP sec- co-organizing the Africa Mountains Regional Forum.
 - ✓ AfroMont: Signed a contract with ARCOS, for undertaking research to guide decision making.
 - ✓ Mountain Partnership (ARCOS hosts the secretariat for AMPCC) and works closely with AMPCC, AMP members and the Mountain Partnership Secretariat).



Activities and Achievements cont.....

- ***Act 3.3. Develop follow up proposal(s)***
 - ✓ Follow up proposal developed for the global initiative “Promoting Sustainable Mountain Development for Global Change (SMD4GC”).





SMD4GC Programme

- **The first phase of the SMD4GC programme started with pilot phase on 1 August 2013 and will end 31.12.2017**
- *Overall budget=CHF 1,275,000*
- *SDC contribution -CHF 550,000*
- *ARCOS/AMPCC contribution= CHF 725,000*





Aim of the SMD4GC Prog.

- To strengthen key partners and networks in major mountain regions in order to contribute to SMD under uncertain changes in climatic, environmental and socio-economic conditions, with a specific focus on water, food security, energy, migration, and extreme events.





Some of the activities under SMD4GC

A number of activities have been aligned:

- Mainstreaming SMD issues in policy processes at Africa level
- Strengthening the capacity of African MP member institutions already working with Mt communities.
- Supporting income gen. and benefit sharing activities in mountain areas.





Some of the activities under SMD4GC

- Engage in national policy processes to mainstream SMD
 - National Sustainable Mountain Development Committees initiated and launched in Mountain Partnership member countries including Uganda, Ghana, Cameroon and Madagascar.



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