

## GLOBAL MEETING OF THE MOUNTAIN PARTNERSHIP

Side event  
12 December 2017

**“Promoting Mountain Products to improve local economies and livelihoods”  
The Mountain Partnership Products Initiative**

**12:00 – 12:30** Light lunch including tasting of mountain products

### LOCATION:

Sheikh Zayed Centre  
12:00-14:00

### ORGANIZERS:

FAO, Italy, Switzerland, Slow Food



### ABSTRACT

As a strategy to develop mountain economies and better livelihoods, the Mountain Partnership Secretariat and Slow Food jointly developed a voluntary labelling scheme for mountain products to support small mountain producers from developing countries. The scheme includes value chain improvement, marketing strategy development and the granting of the Mountain Partnership Product label. The side event will present the main achievements of the first phase of the Mountain Partnership Products (MPP) Initiative and will offer the opportunity to discuss on sustainable food systems, market linkages and the role of partnerships, with representatives from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Swiss Permanent Mission to FAO, Slow Food and FAO representatives. Practical experiences from two pilot cases of the MPP Initiative will be shared.

### SPEAKERS

#### Opening remarks

- 12:30** **Grammenos Mastrojeni**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate General for Development Cooperation, **Italy**  
**12:35** **François Pythoud**, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to FAO, IFAD and WFP, **Switzerland**  
**12:40** **Marcela Villarreal**, Director Office for Partnerships and South-South Cooperation Division, DPS, **FAO – Partnerships**

#### Designing Sustainable Mountain Food Systems

- 12:45** **Giorgio Grussu**, Project Coordinator, FAO: *The Mountain Partnership Products Initiative*  
**12:55** **Florence Tartanac**, Senior officer and group leader of the Market Linkages and Value Chain Group, ESN, FAO: *Mountainous Sustainable Food Systems: a global point of view*  
**13:05** **Federico Mattei**, Project Development and International Relations, Slow Food: *Slow Food and the Mountain Partnership*

#### Practical experiences – MPP pilot cases

- 13:15** **Kaylan and Anita Paul**, directors, Pan Himalayan Grassroots Development Foundation, India  
**13:25** **Sonia Salas Dominguez**, Head, Red de Agroindustria Rural del Perú (REDAR Perú)

### DISCUSSION

- 13:35** All participants

### CLOSING

- 13:55** **Mauro Ghirotti**, Senior Policy Implementer, Food and Nutrition Security, Rural Development, Environment and Sustainable Natural Resources Management, Italian Development Cooperation Agency (AICS)

More information is available on: <http://www.fao.org/mountain-partnership/our-work/regionalcooperation/climate-change-and-mountain-forests/mountain-products/en/>