





SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

United Nations International Workshop:

"Global Mountain Safeguard"

Emerging Risks and Future Challenges for Mountain regions worldwide

Organized by the

United Nations University & Eurac Research

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Government of South Tyrol

Bozen / Bolzano, Italy, 17 - 19 October 2018



Venue: Eurac Research, Viale Druso 1, 39100 Bozen/Bolzano, Italy

Eurac Research and the **United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security**, through their new joint programme, *Global Mountain Safeguard Research* (*GLOMOS*), are organising the above United Nations International Workshop in order to enhance *Disaster Risk Reduction*, *Climate Change Adaptation*, and *Emergency Response Preparedness* in global mountain regions to increase the resilience of mountain communities towards natural and man-made hazards and disaster risks, to protect the wealth of biological and cultural diversity, and to support the sustainable development of the highly sensitive social-ecological systems.

Registration for the conference is now open on our website under: http://glomos.eurac.edu/

Please note that registration is limited and will therefore be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis in combination with a balanced representation of all the different communities we want to bring together during this event. Conference registrations will be accepted until **Friday**, **June 15**th, **2018** (or until maximum capacity is reached). No registration will be accepted after this date.

A first **confirmation of registration** will be mailed to all applicants of the conference. As an important note, only selected participants will receive a later, separate **confirmation of acceptance** for this conference!

Please also note that there will be no registration fee for this conference. However, unfortunately, we are also NOT able to provide any financial support for participants with regard to travelling and accommodation.

The entire conference will be held in the English language without any further translation.

GOALS: major aims of this conference are, first, to discuss contemporary and future challenges in mountain areas worldwide and, second, to bridge between the international academic community and the United Nations system by translating science into action. The conference will therefore act as a platform for communication and exchange inviting interested researchers from numerous disciplines, practitioners, government representatives and NGO's, UN agencies, public and private institutions, the private sector, as well as international networks and organizations related to mountain specific challenges.

Format: during the first day of the conference selected keynote speeches will introduce to the general topic of the event, followed by a high-level expert panel. The respective list of confirmed speakers and panelists will be provided soon on our website.

On the second day the following dedicated working groups will take place moderated by selected experts in the thematic field:

Working groups:

- 1. Mountain ecosystems and biodiversity, Environmental Assessment, Ecosystem Based Adaptation, Ecosystem Services;
- 2. Innovative approaches in the fields of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), Disaster Risk Management (DRM), and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA), vulnerability and climate risk assessment, settlements in mountainous regions, adaptive planning;

- 3. Mountain Infrastructure, renewable energy, transport systems, protection engineering structures, private sector engagement and innovation technology, climate insurance-related solutions;
- 4. Mountain livelihoods, demography and migration, minorities, gender equality, mountain sacredness and spiritualism;
- 5. Mountain development and governance, economy, urban rural linkages; tourism;
- 6. Mountain Disaster Management, Mountain Emergency Medicine, Civil Protection, Humanitarian Aid, Emergency Response Preparedness;
- 7. Earth Observation / Monitoring, Geomatics, ICT and
- 8. Higher Education, capacity development, and training.

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