



Mountain Partnership
Rio+20

Selected events to be carried out in the Mountain Pavilion



1. Third Global Meeting of the Mountain Partnership

Venue: Mountain Pavilion, Rio Centre, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Date: Tuesday, 19 June 2012

Time: 16:00-19:00

What: The event is envisaged as a moment of celebration on the occasion of the first 10 years of the Mountain Partnership. The opening with invited speakers representing active Members and Donors will be followed by time for general discussion. Rio+20 provides a unique opportunity as many country delegations (including of member countries) and Major Groups will be participating in the Summit.

Why: To strengthen contact with Mountain Partnership Members. To revive their interest in, and commitment to, sustainable mountain development. To reinforce Members' participation in shaping a looking-forward strategy of the Mountain Partnership. Parallel to the strategy will be the identification of better ways to operationalize the Mountain Partnership governance, so as to make the Mountain Partnership more effective in responding to the challenges of a fast-paced world.

Who: *The event will bring together Representatives of Member Countries and Major Groups.*



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2. Global Call for Action on Mountains

Venue: Mountain Pavilion, Rio Centre, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Date: **Thursday, 21 June 2012**

Time: 11:00-13:00

What: Using the unique platform provided to mountain countries and multilateral institutions by Rio+20 and the Mountain Pavilion, this event will promote solidarity and cooperation among all the stakeholders wishing to respond to mountain challenges in a holistic manner. It will also be a forum for sharing and deliberation on best practices, lessons learnt, and agreements on joint action after Rio+20 to work in a more coherent, coordinated, and synergistic manner including through the Mountain Initiative and Mountain Partnership, in order to help raise the voice and concerns of mountain people in international forums related to Rio Conventions as well as in all global development forums.

Why: Conservation of mountain ecosystem services and endangered flora and fauna is not only important for people living upstream, but also for those living downstream. Given this, conservation of these critical ecosystems must be made a priority in order to improve livelihood opportunities for close to one billion mountain people through greener growth and climate change resilience at the local, national, regional, and international levels. This new Mountain Agenda should be properly articulated in the Rio+20 outcome document and effectively implemented in the post Rio+20 scenario.

Who: *Prime Minister of Nepal, President of Peru, President of Switzerland, Heads of Delegations, multilateral institutions and international organizations*

3. World Agricultural Heritage Systems, towards a sustainable development

Venue: Mountain Pavilion, Rio Centre, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Date: **Thursday, 21 June 2012**

Time: 18:00-19:00

What: The Side Event will present FAO's experiences and lessons learned in promoting sustainable agriculture and rural development through safeguarding and revitalizing agricultural heritage. Presentations will demonstrate concrete actions rooted on the ground, simple and practical actions in (i) exploring local solutions to improve food security and rural livelihoods; (ii) emphasizing a balance between conservation, adaptation and socio-economic development;



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and (iii) sustaining agriculture development while maintaining the harmony between nature and people – as a major contribution to UNCSO important goals.

Why: Mountain ecosystems play a critical role in our world development: they provide key environmental services such as freshwater, biodiversity conservation and hydropower to more than half of humanity. An integrated approach linking crop-forestry-pasture, taking into account indigenous knowledge, could unlock the climate-smart potential of mountains and their benefits.

Who: *Mountain Partnership Secretariat, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Guest speaker: Dr David Molden, Director General, ICIMOD*

4. Sustainable mountain development challenges in islands. The Global Island Partnership meets the Mountain Partnership

Venue: Mountain Pavilion, Rio Centre, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Date: **Friday, 22 June 2012**

Time: 13:00-14:00 (Lunch time)

What: This event is expected to encourage the dialogue between two global partnerships on a common ground: the sustainable management of mountain ecosystems. The unique management challenges of mountainous islands will be discussed comparatively with those experienced by continental mountain regions.

Why: To build alliances between the two global partnerships by promoting the dialogue on a common ground: the specificity of insularity in the sustainable management of mountain ecosystems. In their effort towards sustainable development -and in spite of their isolation- mountainous islands might face problems that can be more related to those faced by some continental mountain regions than to the problems of other islands, such as the atolls. If properly shared, the knowledge acquired within one partnership could be particularly valuable to a number of members of the other, and help identify knowledge gaps as well as prioritize research activities to ensure proper tailor-making of development actions to the islands' specificities.

Who: *Mountain Partnership Secretariat, Italian Development Cooperation representative, Small Island States representatives*