



## Peak to Peak: Mountain Partnership Newsletter

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working together for mountain peoples and environments



### UN day puts mountains in world spotlight

More than 50 events marked International Mountain Day (IMD) around the world on 11 December 2014, when mountain lovers, governments and civil society groups joined forces to raise the flag for mountain peoples and environments. As the lead coordinating UN agency for the preparation of ...

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### HIGHLIGHTS



**Asia celebrates mountains**

On 11 December 2014, events took place throughout Asia to celebrate International Mountain Day (IMD). For example, the Alpine Club of Iran, in collaboration with the Islamic Republic of Iran Mountaineering and Sport Climbing Federation...

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**Mountains are the 'magic' in this world**

This year the Americas took centre stage in the celebrations of International Mountain Day (IMD) with advocacy and other events held in New York, United States, Lima, Peru and more. The Permanent Mission of Argentina, the Food and Agriculture...

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**Africa's annual tribute to mountains**

Celebrations of International Mountain Day (IMD) took place all throughout the African continent on 11 December 2014. An opportunity to share experiences and create awareness among the local, national and global communities...

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**Celebrating mountains in Europe**

Governments and organizations in Europe engaged in celebrations of International Mountain Day (IMD) in December 2014 throughout Europe. Among the event organizers was Club Serres for the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural...

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## FEATURED NEWS

- **Mountains draw audience during climate summit**
- **Himalayan youth attend climate change workshops**
- **Submit your abstracts for mountain conference**
- **What to do about climate change in mountains**
- **Raising the voice of mountains at climate summit**
- **New film on Mount Elgon National Park in Uganda**
- **greenAlps partners call for action on biodiversity**
- **Mountains of opportunities in new European policy**
- **Alpine guidelines for adapting to climate change**
- **Winners of online mountain photo contest**
- **Mountain Partnership region has new website**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **The Economics of Climate Change Mitigation Options in the Forest Sector**  
From: 06.02.2015 to: 27.02.2015
- **Frontiers in Environmental and Water Management Conference**  
From: 19.03.2015 to: 21.03.2015
- **Naturally, on Tour**  
From: 21.02.2015 to: 21.02.2015
- **Feast of the Other Snow**  
From: 06.03.2015 to: 08.03.2015
- **Resilience in Rural Futures: Mountains, Drylands and Small Islands**  
From: 14.03.2015 to: 18.03.2015

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## CALL FOR PICTURES

We are currently seeking pictures of people living and working in mountains – in agriculture, tourism, forestry – for upcoming publications. Photos of mountain environments - glaciers, waterfalls, close-ups of landscapes, forest soils, degraded soils, biodiverse soils, livestock degraded soils are needed in particular. Please send to: mountains.mps@gmail.com

## NEW MEMBERS

Currently, the Mountain Partnership has 249 members: 55 governments, 14 intergovernmental organizations and 173 major group organizations (e.g. civil society, NGOs and the private sector). We welcome the following new members. Please feel free to contact them for possible collaborative projects and ideas.

- [Government of Burundi](#)
- [Government of Costa Rica](#)
- [Sapienza University of Rome](#)

## PUBLICATION



A new report by WWF, funded by USAID, outlines the most recent science on the impacts of climate change across the major mountain ranges of Central Asia.

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## VIDEO



'The Water Tower' shows the implications of the changes occurring at Mt Kenya, which provides 70% of the country's fresh water.

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- [Association for Development of Mountain Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria](#)
  - [Avalon Historico-Geographical Society](#)
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#### **CALL FOR NEWS**

Keep other Mountain Partnership members informed about your activities! Please [mia.rowan@fao.org](mailto:mia.rowan@fao.org) info about new projects and programmes, initiatives, events, publications, newsletters, vacancies and calls for papers.

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The Mountain Partnership is a United Nations voluntary alliance of partners dedicated to improving the lives of mountain peoples and protecting mountain environments around the world. [www.mountainpartnership.org](http://www.mountainpartnership.org)

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