



## Peak to Peak: Mountain Partnership Newsletter

working together for mountain peoples and environments



### FAO launches funding mechanism for mountains

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Mountain Partnership Secretariat announced on 22 April 2016 that they would start a Mountain Facility, or funding mechanism, to address the rising threat of hunger in the mountain areas of developing countries. The announcement was made at a meeting at FAO in Rome, Italy, convened by the Permanent Missions to the UN ...

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### HIGHLIGHTS



**Critical transitions a year after Nepal quake**



**MP members to form renewable energy group**



**Project to help mountain farmers in East Africa**



**'Mountains 2016' to focus on climate change**

One year after the devastating 2015 Nepal earthquakes, many households are still in the earliest stages of recovery. The relief effort was quite rapid and far-reaching, but the next stages of recovery and reconstruction are slow going. Many families continue to sleep in tents and temporary shelters, and eat in their damaged homes; others have been temporarily relocated to camps because ...

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The [Global Himalayan Expedition](#) (GHE), an initiative focused on providing access to energy and education opportunities to remote mountainous communities, proposes forming a Mountain Partnership Energy Access Group. Mountain Partnership members concerned with access to renewable energy sources in the mountains are invited to take part. Communities ...

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A new initiative will focus on implementing research-based interventions to support the food security and reduce the vulnerability of smallholder farming families in Jimma Highlands, Ethiopia, Taita Hills and Murang'a, Kenya and Mt Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. Called "Adaptation for Ecosystem Resilience in Africa (AFERIA)" the two-year initiative has been launched to implement ...

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[Euromontana](#), the European Association of Mountain areas with the [Mountain Research Centre](#) (CIMO) of the Polytechnic Institute of Bragança (IPB) and the Association for the Development of Viticulture in the Douro Region (ADVID) in Portugal are organizing the X European Mountain Convention, focusing on "Mountains' vulnerability to climate change: how can people and territories ...

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## FEATURED NEWS

- [Call for nominations for mountain legacy medal](#)
- [Local government action in Panama mountains](#)
- [Mountain Research and Development issue online](#)
- [Looking at pan-Alpine cooperation](#)
- [Elevating mountain environmental justice](#)
- [Cleaning up water and forests in India](#)
- [Artwork portrays climate change in mountains](#)
- [Members to meet on climate change in the Andes](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

## PUBLICATION



UNEP's Mountain Adaptation Outlook series: Western Balkans - "Climate change action in developing countries with fragile mountainous ecosystems from a sub-regional perspective".

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## VIDEO

- **Mapping the vulnerability of mountain peoples to food insecurity – sharing the results of an FAO study with UN colleagues**  
Venue: New York, USA
- **Mountain Wilderness International General Assembly**  
Venue: Bagà, Catalonia, Spain
- **Anthropology, Weather and Climate Change 2016**  
Venue: London, England



INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN DAY: Reading Mountains-Mountain literature in alpine minority languages. Promoted by the Italian Delegation to the Alpine Convention  
[Watch](#)

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### NEW MEMBERS

Currently, the Mountain Partnership has 274 members: 57 governments, 14 intergovernmental organizations, 198 major group organizations (e.g. civil society, NGOs and the private sector) and 5 subnational authorities. Please feel free to contact them for possible collaborative projects and ideas. We wish to welcome the following new member:

- [Farmer Cooperative Alysh Dan](#)
- [Global and Local Information Partnership \(GLIP\)](#)

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### CALL FOR NEWS

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

### CALL FOR PICTURES

We are currently seeking pictures of people preparing and marketing mountain products, such as coffee, cocoa, honey, herbs, spices and handicrafts. Please send to: [mountains.mps@gmail.com](mailto:mountains.mps@gmail.com)

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