



Sustainable Development Forum for Central Asian Mountain Communities

Energy – Efficiency – Future: Access and Innovation for Mountain Communities

Kalmak Ashu village, Chui Region, Kyrgyzstan
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The CAMP network agencies, under the support of the German Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) and the Principality of Liechtenstein's Ministry of Environmental Affairs, Land Use Planning, Agriculture and Forestry, announce holding its annual Forum for Sustainable Development in Central Asian Mountain Communities "Energy – Efficiency – Future: Access and Innovation for Central Asian Mountain Communities" on 27-29 of August 2013 in Kyrgyzstan.

The network of CAMP (Central Asian Mountain Program) unites four agencies working for sustainable development of mountain villages in Central Asia: CAMP Alatau in Kyrgyzstan, CAMP Kuhiston in Tajikistan, the Mountain Villages Partnership and Development Foundation (MVPDF), and the Alliance of Central Asian Mountain Communities (AGOCA). Since 2002 the CAMP network annually holds a regional Forum, addressing various issues relevant for the development of Central Asian mountain regions.

The implementing agency for the CAMP Forum 2013 is CAMP Alatau, in close cooperation with AGOCA. As the event hosts, CAMP Alatau and AGOCA believe that there is a strong need to address the topic of access and innovation in the energy sector as a basis for improving Central Asian mountain communities' livelihood.

The goal of the CAMP Forum 2013 is to provide a platform for village communities, energy providers, NGOs dealing with energy, researchers and high level decision and policy makers to engage in dialogue on key challenges as well as on potential solutions for Central Asian communities in the domains of sustainable energy sources and technologies, regulatory framework and energy policies, as well as financing and management at the community level.

The objectives of the forum are: 1) To raise awareness of mountain communities of Central Asia on existing tools and solutions for sustainable use and production of energy; 2) To foster a common understanding of sustainable energy and promote alternative energy use; 3) To enhance cooperation and strengthen interaction among energy producers and consumers; 4) Exchange and scaling up best practices; 5) Elaboration of recommendations and ideas for follow-up projects aiming at a sustainable use of energy.

The event will include, among others, plenary discussions, thematic sessions and panels on **innovative energy technologies, energy sources and natural resources, social capital and management of energy in communities, as well as energy policies and financing mechanisms.**

The CAMP Forum 2013 will be held at the **Ashu Guesthouse**, a comfortable family-run guesthouse in **Kalmak Ashu village**, located 2 hours to the east of Bishkek in a vast mountain valley. This decentralised venue will allow us to deepen our focus on mountain communities and enjoy an interactive working environment in a beautiful setting.

The last day of the CAMP Forum 2013 will be dedicated to a glance into practice. All participants will be invited to the **Hands-on Master Class on energy efficient solutions for rural households in mountain communities.** Vulnerable and inefficiently insulated houses in Kalmak Ashu will be insulated, respectively an energy efficient stove will be installed with the active involvement of participants. This event will allow direct exchange of experiences, an opportunity for learning about challenges and potentials for achieving energy efficiency in mountain communities, as well as a direct effect on housing improvement in Kalmak Ashu village.

As a side event, the forum will be accompanied by an **Energy Efficiency Fair**, where innovative and advanced technologies, approaches and materials will be exhibited and information provided.

Following the CAMP Forum tradition, the event will be open to **all mountain stakeholders, including mountain communities, governments, business sector, civil society, academia, as well as international and regional institutions.** Such multi-level and interdisciplinary representation is particularly valued, given the goal of serving as the platform for shared learning, experience exchange and discussions concerning the challenges and opportunities of energy demand and consumption in Central Asian mountain communities.

The Forum's main rationales and outputs will be summarized in a publication for further dissemination among the forum participants, concerned stakeholders and partner organizations.

The forum materials will be also available at www.camp.kg

Simultaneous translation in Russian and English will be provided during the Forum.

Please contact us to discuss the ways of cooperation and participation.

Please pre-register informally at forum@camp.elcat.kg until 31st of May, 2013 to receive further information about the CAMP Forum 2013, specifying your name, organisation/position, and how your experience is linked to Energy Efficiency.

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