



**Kyrgyz family stars in IMD 2014 campaign**

The Mountain Partnership Central Asia Hub organized for the Amanovs, a family of farmers, to visit the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) office in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, where they met FAO Representative DorjeeKinlay. The farmers were accompanied by Elbegzaya Batjargal, Regional Coordinator of Mountain Partnership Central Asia Hub, and Aida Jamangulova, coordinator of Agency of Development Initiatives (ADI), a network of women self-help groups.

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**HIGHLIGHTS**



**Towards a shared mountain agenda for Africa**

International plans to coordinate Africa's mountain agenda were started in Arusha, Tanzania, on 22-24 October 2014 when more than 100 participants gathered for the First African Mountains Regional Forum...



**The new federation of mountain protected areas**

A new global alliance of mountain protected areas, the Federation of Mountain Protected Areas (FMPA), was announced at the sixth International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Parks Congress in Sydney, Australia, on 13 November 2014...



**Observing mountains and sharing knowledge**

Mountain Research and Development is planning a Focus Issue on "Observing Mountains and Sharing Knowledge". The speed, nature, and dimension of changes in mountains pose complex challenges for mountain societies and mountain



**The future of European mountain areas discussed**

Three hundred people from more than 15 European countries attended the Ninth European Mountain Convention on "Quality from the Mountains: Prosperity for the People and Territories" on 22-24 October 2014 in Bilbao, Spain...

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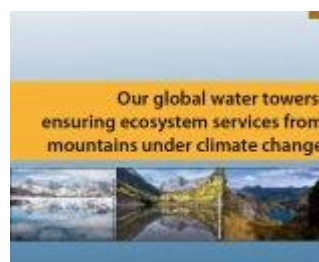
- Meeting adds momentum to Nepal mountain agenda
- Evidence-based assessments of mountain areas
- New book reveals sacred sites in Kyrgyz highlands
- Tyrolean treasures of nature celebrated in Austria
- Experts meet on climate change in the Himalayas
- Tajik mountain tour group wins international prize
- Information centre highlighting mountains globally
- Advocating for Mont Blanc
- Take part in an online climate change conference
- Mountain Societies Research Institute job opening
- Harmonizing protection and development of the Alps

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **The Mountain and Water Pavilion at UNFCCC COP20**  
On: 04.12.2014
- **WIKIAlps Final Conference**  
On: 11.12.2014
- **Third Meeting of the Mountain States**  
From: 10.12.2014 to: 11.12.2014
- **International Mountain Day**  
On: 11.12.2014

#### PUBLICATION



Our global water towers: ensuring ecosystem services from mountains under climate change

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#### VIDEO



Celebrating Mountains on 11 December (available in English and Spanish).

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#### How will you observe International Mountain Day?

As for every year, we encourage MP members and friends to send news, photos and videos of their celebrations to [diletta.deleonardis@fao.org](mailto:diletta.deleonardis@fao.org) for publishing on the web.

#### NEW MEMBERS

Currently, the Mountain Partnership has 236 members: 53 governments, 14 intergovernmental organizations

and 169 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.

- [NIDA Pakistan](#)
- [Focus Humanitarian Assistance Pakistan](#)
- [School of Wildlife, Ecology & Conservation, Zimbabwe](#)
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#### **CALL FOR NEWS**

Keep other Mountain Partnership members informed about your activities! Please send us info about new projects and programmes, initiatives, events, publications, newsletters, vacancies and calls for papers. We would like to receive and share your pictures and videos of mountain communities and environments – please send them to: [mountains.mps@gmail.com](mailto:mountains.mps@gmail.com)

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