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Peak to Peak: Mountain Partnership Newsletter

working together for mountain peoples and environments



IPROMO 2018: Bio economy in mountain areas

The bioeconomy of the world's mountains will be under discussion at the 2018 International Programme on Research and Training on Sustainable Management of Mountain Areas (IPROMO) in Ormea and Pieve Tesino, Italy, from 18 June to 2 July. Some 37 technical officers and researchers from more than 20 countries will take part in the intensive training course, which ...

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HIGHLIGHTS



Spotlight on Water and Mountains in Tajikistan

A High-level meeting on water for sustainable development opened on 20 June 2018 in the heart of a mountainous region where the thaw of the Himalayan and Hindu Kush glaciers threatens water stability for 1.35 billion people. The High-level International Conference on the International Decade for action "Water for Sustainable Development" was held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. The conference was organized to mobilize efforts of the governments, UN institutions, international



Mountain Partnership members meet in Kyrgyzstan

The Mountain Societies Research Institute of the University of Central Asia (MSRI\UCA) hosted a meeting of Mountain Partnership members in Central Asia on 22 June 2018. Representatives of MSRI, Aigine Cultural Research Center, PF EKOIS, Institute for Sustainable Development Strategy Public Fund (ISDS), Federation of Organic Development BIO-KG (FOD Bio-KG), Association of forest and land users of Kyrgyzstan (AFLU Kyrgztan), Alliance of Central Asian Mountain



Mountain Futures in China

Researchers and representatives from governments, mountain communities and private sector companies from across the globe meet at the four-day Mountain Futures 2018 conference to discuss inspiration and innovation from the world highlands. The conference, organized by the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) and Kunming Institute of Botany (KIB), Chinese Academy of Sciences, was an occasion for over 200 mountain experts from around the world to discuss and present



Agreement to improve mountain livelihoods

IFOAM – Organics International and FAO signed an agreement on June 1 2018 in Rome, Italy to improve the livelihoods of rural peoples, including mountain smallholders, by strengthening market access and value chains for small-scale producers, enhancing the conservation and use of biodiversity and reducing food loss and food waste. The agreement was signed at FAO headquarters by the FAO Assistant Director-General of the Forestry Department, Hiroto Mitsugi

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FEATURED NEWS

- **Sustainable water management at ForumAlpinum**
- **Mountain Sentinels Collaborative Network survey**
- **Call for Mountain Postcards from the Alps**
- **Mountain development and prioritizing the SDGs**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)**
Venue: New York, United States of America
- **Global Mountains**
Venue: Cambridge, England
- **International Conference on Natural Hazards and Disaster Management**
Venue: Melbourne, Australia
- **Fifth Horizontal Learning Exchange of the International Network of Mountain Indigenous Peoples**
Venue: Kyrgyzstan

PUBLICATION



Bioeconomy in the Mountains: An Opportunity for Local Development

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VIDEO



SDG 15 - Indicators of sustainable forests and mountains

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MEMBERS

Currently, the Mountain Partnership has 335 members: 59 governments, 7 subnational authorities, 16 intergovernmental organizations and 253 major group organizations (e.g. civil society, NGOs and the private sector). Please feel free to [contact them](#) for possible collaborative projects and ideas.

STAFFING CHANGES IN THE MOUNTAIN PARTNERSHIP SECRETARIAT



Please join us in welcoming **Yuka Makino** as our new Team Leader of the Water and Mountains Team and Coordinator of the Mountain Partnership Secretariat!

Yuka has over 24 years operational experience in managing and developing programs in disaster and geo-hazard risk management, forestry and natural resources management, and climate change adaptation. Her experience spans East Asia, South Asia, Eastern Europe and Africa with field postings in Nepal, Cambodia, Bangladesh and Japan.

Prior to joining the FAO, Yuka was a Senior Natural Resources Management Specialist at the World Bank (2001-2018), a JICA expert on

community-based disaster management in Nepal (1997-2000), and an Environment and Natural Resources Program Officer in UNDP Cambodia (1994-1997). She has a BA in International Environmental law from the International Christian University, Japan, and an MSc and PhD in Terrestrial Ecosystem Management with a focus on Himalayan mountain ecology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA.

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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.

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