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Peak to Peak: Mountain Partnership Newsletter

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Action in mountains vital to global goals

United Nations (UN) diplomats in New York, USA, called for efforts to address the rising rate of food insecurity in the mountainous areas of developing countries on 6 May 2016, and to meet the goals defined in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Gathered by the Permanent Missions to the UN of [Italy](#), the [Kyrgyz Republic](#), [Malawi](#) and [Peru](#) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Liaison Office in New York, ...

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HIGHLIGHTS



Holding the water on Mount Kenya

[Mount Kenya Trust](#) (MKT) is an NGO working to protect and conserve the forest, water and wildlife around Africa's second highest mountain - Mount Kenya. The Afromontane forests, vast bamboo stands and moorlands host incredible biodiversity



Urbanites and mountain smallholders in Peru

Given the regional geographic specificities of Central Andean valleys, the social and environmental impact of dispersed urbanization on smallholder farmers is particularly high in the new urban peripheries of Peruvian mountain cities. Collaborative planning is



MPS Coordinator urges action on mountains

A paradigm shift is needed in recognition of the global importance of mountains and the ecosystem services they provide, Thomas Hofer, Mountain Partnership Secretariat (MPS) Coordinator told United Nations Radio in May 2016 ahead of a meeting



Mountains for Europe's future

The [Mountain Research Initiative](#) and the Swiss-Austrian Alliance for Mountain Research would like to draw your attention to the Strategic Research Agenda "Mountains for Europe's Future", a publication was launched in Brussels, Belgium, on 25

including numerous species of IUCN concern such as African Elephant and Mountain Bongo, along with 81 ...

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seen as a promising approach to achieve sustainable use of the remaining agricultural areas. Cognitive ...

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with diplomats about hunger in the mountains. "There is a mismatch. There is the fact that mountain areas ...

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April 2016. The authors of the strategic research agenda made it their ambitious aim to see more mountain ...

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FEATURED NEWS

- **9 events, 8 countries, 1 goal for mountains**
- **Group for sustainable Himalayan development**
- **'We are all mountain people', a roundtable says**
- **Video captures Alpine languages and cultures**
- **Radical sustainability in the Apennines**
- **Method for climate adaptation in the mountains**
- **Grants for writing Himalaya atmosphere news**
- **MountaiNow - an app for mountain safety**
- **A fête for nature, land, oceans and mountains**
- **New medical centre for Kyrgyz mountain town**
- **The role of ethics in alpinism**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Global Himalayan Expedition 2016**
Venue: Ladakh, India
- **VII Meeting of Knowledge and Practices of Rural Andean Peoples**
Venue: Andahuaylas, Peru
- **Mountain Pastures and Livestock Farming Facing Uncertainty: Environmental, technical and socio-economic challenges**
Venue: Zaragoza, Spain
- **Alpine Summer School**
Venue: Valsavarenche, Italy
- **Joint International Summer School: Advanced methods and new integrated approaches to study soil processes in mountain ecosystems**
Venue: Pieve Tesino, Italy

PUBLICATION



The Impact of Nepal's 2015 Gorkha Earthquake-Induced Geohazards
Published by ICIMOD to help policy and decision makers in their efforts to prepare for geohazards and improve geohazard management.

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VIDEO



Mapping the vulnerability of mountain peoples to food insecurity
Produced by the MPS, a call for concerted action to end hunger in the mountains.

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NEW MEMBERS

Currently, the Mountain Partnership has 275 members: 57 governments, 14 intergovernmental organizations, 199 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 welcome the following new members:

- [Ethiopian Wildlife and Natural History Society](#)
 - [Total LandCare](#)
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CALL FOR NEWS

Keep other Mountain Partnership members informed about your activities! Please email 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

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