



## Peak to Peak: Mountain Partnership Newsletter

working together for mountain peoples and environments



### International Mountain Day to feature culture

“Mountain Cultures: celebrating diversity and strengthening identity” is the theme chosen for this year’s celebration of International Mountain Day on 11 December 2016. The concept of traditional heritage, culture and spirituality is intrinsically linked with peoples’ livelihoods in the mountains, where it is often traditional ...

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### HIGHLIGHTS



**Course on mountain ecosystem in Spanish**

The [Centro Agronómico Tropical de Investigación y Enseñanza](#) (CATIE), [Fundación para el Desarrollo de la Cordillera Volcánica Central](#) (FUNDECOR) and ProalSUR, with support from the [Mountain Partnership](#) Secretariat, are organizing an international course on mountain ecosystems for professionals ...

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**World Mountain Forum registration now open**

The Government of [Uganda](#) through its Ministry of Water and Environment (MoWE) jointly with [Albertine Rift Conservation Society](#) (ARCOS) and in collaboration with partners in a global programme “Sustainable Mountain Development for Global Change (SMD4GC)” financially and technically ...

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**KIRDARC shares news of its work in Nepal**

The 2015 Quarterly Reflection edition of the electronic newsletter of the [Karnali Integrated Rural Development and Research Centre](#) (KIRDARC) opens with a story about an “umbrella rally” that KIRDARC hosted in Nepal. During the event, organized to mark Global Divestment Day, young people held open umbrellas to ...

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**FAO meeting discusses hunger in the mountains**

The findings of the report, “Mapping the vulnerability of mountain peoples to food insecurity”, were presented during an event at the [Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations](#) (FAO) headquarters on 24 February 2016. Moderated by René Castro Salazar, FAO Forestry ...

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- **Second Montanha Pico Festival triples audience**
- **Mountain award winner launches campaign**
- **In memoriam: Pushkin Phartiyal**
- **Himalayan wetlands celebrated in India**
- **Intensive course in 'recording rock-art'**
- **Early career mountain sentinels**
- **Central Asia mountain grant opportunity**
- **Call for papers: mountain forests and the SDGs**
- **Call for theses on greening Alpine economy**
- **Jobs available at ICIMOD in Nepal**
- **State of the Alps to be presented**



Investing in Sustainable Mountain Development: Achieving the ambitious goals formulated in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development calls for future investments in mountain regions, ... [Read more](#)

#### VIDEO



Bartang – the Valley of hopes: "Little Earth" produces a documentary, about the life in the Pamir Mountains - the harsh natural conditions of the highlands, challenging lifestyle, limited resources, remoteness. [Watch](#)

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Mountain Futures Conference: Nurturing seeds for change in the Anthropocene**  
Venue: Kunming, Yunnan, China
- **9th World Congress on Snow and Mountain Tourism**  
Venue: Sant Julià de Lòria, Andorra
- **First International Alpine Building Conference**  
Venue: Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany
- **International Women's Day Celebration**  
Venue: Orem, Utah, USA

#### NEW MEMBERS

Currently, the Mountain Partnership has 270 members: 57 governments, 14 intergovernmental organizations, 194 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 member:

- [Convivium Ararat](#)
- [Little Earth](#)
- [The Government of India](#)

#### 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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