



Peak to Peak: Mountain Partnership Newsletter

working together for mountain peoples and environments



A UN entity to insure mountains have a voice

Mountain Partnership (MP) members [The Mountain Institute](#) (TMI) and the [Russian Academy of Natural Sciences](#) (RANS) presented an oral statement on behalf of the MP on 7 February 2017 during the 55th Commission for Social Development (CSocD55) at United Nations Headquarters in New York. Their statement called for the creation of a permanent, official UN entity “to insure that mountain stakeholders have a voice

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HIGHLIGHTS



MP Steering Committee plans for 2017

Immediately following the third edition of the [World Mountain Forum](#) in Mbale, Uganda, the Mountain Partnership (MP) Steering Committee held its annual meeting at the Mount Elgon Hotel on 21–22 October 2016. This was the third formal meeting of the Steering Committee after its election at the Fourth Global Meeting of the MP in Erzurum, Turkey in 2013. Reporting and stocktaking, MP governance and strategy,



European mountains face climate change

A new report published by the European Environment Agency (EEA) in January 2017 describes the effects of climate change that Europe’s different regions are facing, including its mountain regions. “Climate Change, Impacts and Vulnerability in Europe 2016” is a comprehensive, mainly indicator-based assessment of past and projected climate change and its impacts on



iAlp, mountain museums going digital

The [Museo Nazionale della Montagna](#) of Turin, Italy and the Musée Alpin of Chamonix–Mont–Blanc, France are building a digital database of their combined cultural assets to be made available to the rest of the world. The “iAlp: Interactive Alpine Museums” project, initiated within the framework of the Mountain Partnership, aims to streamline access to and distribution of historical



In memoriam: Ermanno Zanini

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Professor Ermanno Zanini on 9 February 2017 in Turin, Italy at the age of 71. A professor of Soil Science at the [University of Turin](#) from 1990 to November 2015, Zanini was not only the founder of the Mountain Partnership’s International Programme on Research and Training on Sustainable Management of Mountain Areas (IPROMO) but also its

work planning and prioritization, the financial report ...

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ecosystems and communities. It looks at society's vulnerability to these impacts and ...

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information across borders through innovative museum activities and the use of technologies ...

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heart and driving force. Since the first edition of the course in 2008, Zanini...

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FEATURED NEWS

- **A study on Philippine mountain peoples**
- **Oil and gas exploitation in the Albertine Rift**
- **Climate change certificate programme in Nepal**
- **UVU discusses mountains and the 2030 Agenda**
- **A festival on Portugal's highest mountain**
- **CEE Himalaya celebrates World Wetlands Day**
- **Adaptation Outlook for the Hindu Kush Himalaya**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Mountain Travel Symposium**
Venue: Banff and Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada
- **Mount Kenya Three Peaks Climb**
Venue: Mount Kenya National Park, Kenya
- **European Climate Research Alliance General Assembly**
Venue: Brussels, Belgium

PUBLICATION



New UN resolution on sustainable mountain development

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VIDEO



Innovation for Food Security and Sovereignty in the Andes, a video by the [International Potato Center](#) on enhancing agriculture and nutrition linkages. Watch in [English](#) or [Spanish](#)

MEMBERS

Currently, the Mountain Partnership has 289 members: 57 governments, 14 intergovernmental organizations, 213 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 wish to welcome the following new member:

- [The Rockies Institute \(TRI\)](#)

CALL FOR NEWS

Keep Mountain Partnership members informed of your activities! Please email Sara.Manuelli@fao.org info about new projects and programmes, initiatives, events, publications, newsletters, vacancies or calls for papers.

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. www.mountainpartnership.org

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