



Peak to Peak: Mountain Partnership Newsletter

working together for mountain peoples and environments



National climate change plans cite mountains

Of the 163 countries that submitted national climate change plans to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), 48 referred to mountains. Prior to their 21st session which was held in Paris, France, in December 2015, 29 percent of UNFCCC Country Parties specifically mentioned mountains in their Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs)...

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HIGHLIGHTS



Agro-ecology training in mountains of Morocco

[Migration & Développement](#) started a project to train a network of farmers in



Mountains at the World Conservation Congress

This year the World Conservation Congress, hosted by the International Union



Marketing mountain products in Kyrgyzstan

The felted handicrafts that come from the Kyrgyz Republic are still just being



Japan celebrates the first-ever Mountain Day

Japan celebrates its newest national holiday "Yama no Hi", or Mountain Day, for the

southern Morocco in the ways of agro-ecology. To resolve two of the challenges that farmers in rural areas of the Moroccan Mountains are facing, namely poverty and the harsh living conditions, and environmental degradation due to climate change, this project aims to develop and disseminate ...

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for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), will feature a number of events that address mountains on 1–10 September in Hawaii, USA. The discussions will revolve around the theme of “Planet at the crossroads”, signifying that “the ecosystems that underpin our economies, well-being and survival are collapsing.” ...

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discovered by the European and American markets. Kyrgyz artisans are the “master felt makers” of the world. The Kyrgyz come from a nomadic mountain tribal culture, and continuing their felt-making craft is keeping their history and culture alive. Historically the Kyrgyz shepherds would move through the high mountains of ...

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first time today, 11 August 2016. The holiday has been introduced for the purpose of celebrating a day which offers people the opportunity to come close to mountains and appreciate their benefits. On this day, the nation will honour its extensive mountain regions. Influenced by Shintoism, Japanese culture ...

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FEATURED NEWS

- **Mount Kenya elephant survey conducted**
- **Environmental calendar drawn up in Argentina**
- **The summit is not always the highest point**
- **Adaptation to climate change in Gandaki basin**
- **Calling for protection of the Ghats mountains**
- **Access resources through the MP database**
- **Prospects and opportunity in the Italian Alps**
- **Newsletter about mountains in Argentina**
- **Demography, culture and life in the Alps**
- **Partnerships boosting mountain businesses**
- **A Kyrgyz mountain water legend**
- **Apply for Green Climate Fund observer status**
- **Paintings showcase mountains in Pakistan**

PUBLICATION



Climate change and biocultural adaptation in mountain communities: second international learning exchange of the International Network of Mountain Indigenous Peoples ...

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **IUCN World Conservation Congress**
Venue: Hawaii, United States
- **Mountains, uplands, lowlands. European landscapes from an altitudinal perspective**
Venue: Innsbruck and Seefeld, Austria
- **Terra Madre Salone del Gusto 2016**
Venue: Turin, Italy
- **Asia Pacific Youth Forum 2016**
Venue: Kathmandu, Nepal
- **Forum Carpaticum 2016**
Venue: Bucharest, Romania

VIDEO



The Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of Argentina presents Pachamama, the Goddess honoured by the indigenous peoples of the Andes. Referred to as Mother Earth, she presides over planting and harvesting and embodies the mountains.

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NEW MEMBERS

Currently, the Mountain Partnership has 286 members: 57 governments, 14 intergovernmental organizations, 210 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:

- [Irupana Andean Organic Food S.A.](#)

CALL FOR IMD PLANS

The theme chosen for this year's celebration of International Mountain Day (IMD) is "Mountain Cultures: celebrating diversity and strengthening identity". Please submit a description of your plans for IMD 2016 to Samantha Abear at Samantha.Abear@fao.org from now until 11 December 2016 for the IMD website and [interactive map](#).

CALL FOR NEWS

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

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