



## Peak to Peak: Mountain Partnership Newsletter

working together for mountain peoples and environments



### Quality mountain products at Slow Food forum

An initiative to promote mountain products and empower small-holder mountain producers in developing countries was presented at the international Slow Food Forum "Terra Madre Salone del Gusto" in Turin, Italy on Saturday, 24 September. During the session "Living in the Mountains", mountain producers, Mountain Partnership (MP) members from Bolivia, India, the Italian Development Cooperation and ...

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### HIGHLIGHTS



**MP briefing at the World Conservation Congress**

A Mountain Partnership (MP) briefing and member consultation was held on 4 September at the World Conservation Congress (WCC), hosted by the [International Union for the Conservation of Nature](#) (IUCN) in Hawaii, United States. Led by [The Mountain Institute](#) (TMI), the event reviewed the MP's recent activities, progress and challenges



**University opens in Central Asian mountains**

Classes commenced on 5 September 2016 for the first group of undergraduate students to attend the [University of Central Asia](#) (UCA) Naryn campus in the Kyrgyz Republic. The Naryn campus is one of three UCA campuses, each located in a remote mountainous area of Central Asia. The 71 students beginning their studies at UCA come



**The value of carbon stored in mountains**

Adrian Ward, focal point of the University of Queensland's [CarbonLabs](#) sharing his recently completed doctoral thesis revealing the economic value of carbon dioxide sequestered by mountain grasslands and shrublands is between USD 1.24 billion and 11.8 billion per annum, in climate regulation terms. His thesis, "The extent and value of carbon



**Mountains in development policy**

The Central Asia Regional Consultation Meeting was held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan on 20 September 2016 to discuss "Evidence-based decision making: policy and practice interaction on integration of mountain concerns into development processes. Central Asia regional experience sharing". The day-long policy dialogue showcased good

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from Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Pakistan, and Tajikistan. ...

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practices and experiences from the regional countries on integrating mountain ...

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## FEATURED NEWS

- **Funding opportunity for mountains in Africa**
- **Climate change in mountain valleys in Pakistan**
- **Drying causes Mount Kenya glacier to melt**
- **Ecological projects on Qinghai-Tibet Plateau**
- **Mountain Research and Development issue online**
- **The growing profile of glaciers in Peru**
- **Landscape experts met in the European Alps**
- **Volunteering with the MP Secretariat**
- **Community-based mountain tourism in Pakistan**
- **Clean climbing in the Alps**
- **Tri-national youth tour of Mont Blanc begins**
- **Tackling air pollution in mountainous cities**
- **Mountain film festival opens in Italy**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Banff Mountain Film and Book Festival**  
Venue: Banff, Alberta, Canada
- **World Mountain Forum 2016: Mountains for our Future**  
Venue: Mbale, Uganda
- **2016 Mountain Climate Conference**  
Venue: Leavenworth, Washington, USA
- **AlpWeek 2016**  
Venue: Grassau, Germany
- **International Conference on Research for Sustainable Development in Mountain Regions**  
Venue: Bragança, Portugal
- **Tenth European Mountain Convention**  
Venue: Bragança, Portugal

## PUBLICATION



This report provides an overview of the increasing vulnerability of World Heritage sites, including several sites and biosphere reserves located in mountains, to climate change impacts and the potential implications for and of global tourism.

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## VIDEO



Mountain Products have a great potential to improve mountain livelihoods and boost local economies. The qualities associated to the mountains - such as purity and sustainability - can also be found in the several products originating from mountains, such as rice, coffee, cheeses and spices.

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## 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.

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## 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](mailto:Samantha.Abear@fao.org) from now until 11 December 2016 for the IMD website and [interactive map](#).

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## CALL FOR NEWS

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

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