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MOUNTAINS and DEVELOPMENT

>ECOTOURISM

An ecologically conscious and culturally responsible tourism could form the basis for the growing need for recreation and rehabilitation of growing urban populations

>GREEN ECONOMY

A low carbon footprint economy is essential for global sustainability. Mountain services in terms of water, bio- and crop diversity, cultural heritage and intact nature are essential for greening the global economy

>INVESTMENT

Healthy mountain landscapes are economic assets and investing in them would generate direct fiscal benefits boosting economic wealth

>MOUNTAIN PRODUCTS

Medicinal and aromatic herbs, tea, coffee, horticulture, non-timber forest products could strengthen the value chain in favour of mountain communities. This might enhance return migration by creating new job opportunities

>WATER-ENERGY-FOOD

Even non-mountain countries ultimately depend on healthy mountain ecosystems for their economic prosperity and socio-cultural integrity

The UNCSD Rio+20 summit and the future we want Mountains, living solutions for development



Mountain goods and services sustain our future and are at the heart of a green economy. During Rio+20, a Mountain Pavilion will showcase this and more. While the Mountain Partnership will share the building blocks of a forward-looking strategy at its Third Global Meeting

Mountains generate essential goods which will become increasingly scarce in the 21st century: they provide fresh water and biodiversity. Their immaterial goods, such as landscapes, cultural heritage and clean air, are becoming more and more important in our globalized world. However,

mountains are particularly sensitive ecosystems. They are highly vulnerable to, while proving to be early warning indicators of, climate change.

Adaptation to climate change calls for ecosystem specific measures. This requires not only a high degree of adaptation for around 800 million mountain people, but also for downstream and urban populations.

To seize the opportunities and address the challenges of the future we want, we need to work together for a brighter, and greener, sustainable development. On solid mountain ground.

OLMAN SERRANO
MOUNTAIN PARTNERSHIP SECRETARIAT COORDINATOR

ELECTRONIC CONSULTATIONS A NEW ROADMAP FOR MOUNTAINS

LOG IN TO THE MOUNTAIN PARTNERSHIP WEB SITE
AND GET INVOLVED IN DEVELOPING
THE NEW MOUNTAIN PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY



Since its start in 2002 as a [Type 2 outcome](#) of the World Summit for Sustainable Development (WSSD), the Mountain Partnership has acted as a liaison and networking point among its members, also serving as a catalyst for joint activities.

Rio+20 and its follow-up

One decade of international dialogue on sustainable development since WSSD in Johannesburg, and in particular the concept of a Green Economy, represent an opportunity to raise awareness on the importance of mountains to find solutions to some of the key challenges of the 21st century, such as the water-energy-food security nexus.

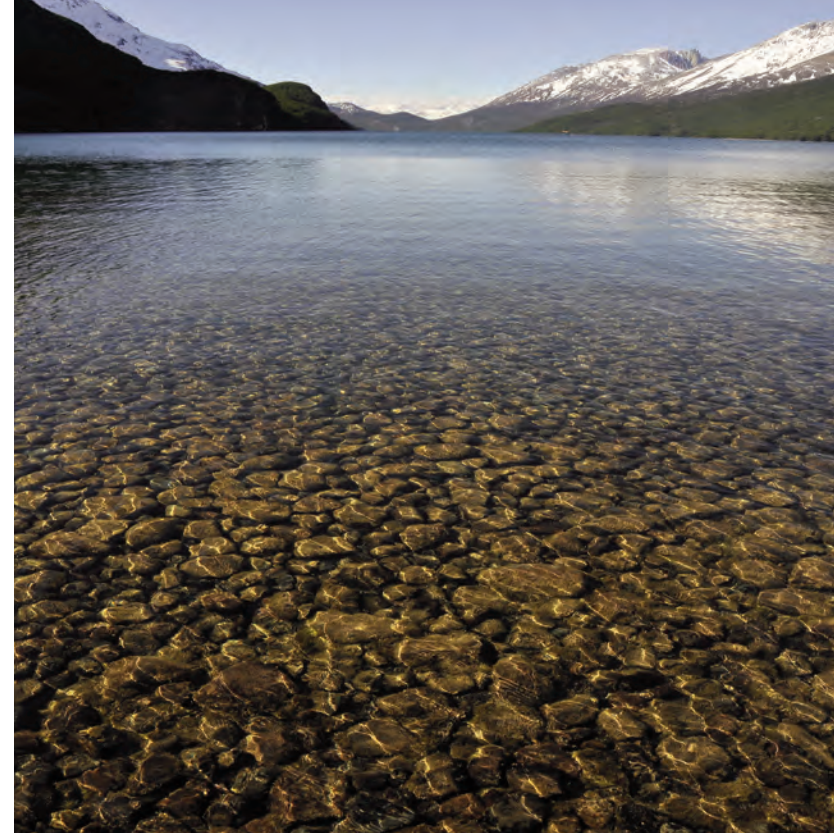
In particular, the Rio+20 process and its follow-up offer an opportunity to the Mountain Partnership to strengthen its networking and advocacy activities in response to climate change and globalization.

Get involved: e-consultations on the new web site

Electronic consultations have officially started. Each member is encouraged to log in to the new Mountain Partnership web site.

Two draft papers will be available to members for their suggestions and comments. The first paper presents the proposed strategic objectives of a forward looking strategy 2013-2017. Members are also invited to revisit the [current governance](#) structure with the aim to align it to the main principles of the Mountain Partnership: participation, accountability, responsiveness, consensus, transparency and flexibility. The second paper sketches the new governance structure.

Log in with your username and password, click on “Services”, “Members” then “E-Forum”. Both papers will be open for comments and suggestions until Thursday, 14 June 2012



Do not miss this opportunity to actively outline the future roadmap of the Mountain Partnership!

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LOG IN
TO THE MP WEB SITE



*“The mountains
are calling
and I must go”*

John Muir (1838-1914)

Rio+20 Side Event on PES application in Central Asia Pro-Poor Payment for Ecosystem Services

According to the Zero Draft of the Outcome Document, poverty eradication, food security and sound water management are among the priority objectives of the green economy theme. The concept of Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) can contribute to the achievement of those three targets. Although PES was initially intended to achieve conservation goals, the dependence of the majority

of rural populations upon local ecosystems have brought about a consideration of PES designed to be both pro-poor and community-based. The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC), a Mountain Partnership member, will be holding the side event on PES during the UNCSD Rio+20 summit.

16 JUNE 2012, 13:30 - 15:00 HOURS
RIO CENTRO, ROOM T3

COMMITTED TO MOUNTAIN REGIONS THE MOUNTAIN PAVILION

LED BY PERU, THE INITIATIVE HAS ASSEMBLED
AROUND 35 STRATEGIC PARTNERS. MOUNTAIN ASSETS
WILL BE SHOWCASED AROUND FIVE MAIN THEMES



Strategic partners in the Mountain Pavilion initiative so far include the Governments of Chile, Italy, Nepal and Switzerland. Together with 35 associates, they will showcase advances and achievements in promoting sustainable development in the world's mountain regions.

Moving mountains to Rio

The Pavilion will be set up at the Athletes' Park, between 13 and 24 June 2012, and open to the general public between 13 and 18 June from 11 to 19 hours. Specifically, the Mountain Pavilion will facilitate the following:

- High level Ministerial Meeting on Sustainable Mountain Development
- The Third Global Meeting of the Mountain Partnership
- Side events highlighting the contribution of mountain regions to green growth
- Thematic Conferences, workshops and multi-stakeholder dialogue
- Stands and a project market place
- Posters and exhibitions

- Multimedia presentations
- Press (social media, podcasts, live streaming, radio/TV, press conferences etc.)

Thematic areas

The content of the 'Mountain Pavilion' is articulated around five main thematic areas:

- Adaptation to Climate Change and Disaster reduction; coordinated by SDC-HA
- Water and Mountains; coordinated by CPWF-Management Team-CONDESAN
- Investment in Mountains: Extractive industries, tourism, infrastructure, clean energy and land-use changes; coordinated by UNEP
- Food Security, Food Sovereignty and gender; coordinated by FAO - Mountain Partnership Secretariat
- Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity; coordinated by ICIMOD.

THE MOUNTAIN PAVILION AT RIO+20

13 - 24 JUNE 2012
11:00 - 19:00 HOURS
ATHLETES' PARK



Countries of the Andean Community approve the Andean Environmental Agenda 2012-2016

The Andean Environmental Agenda 2012-2016 approved by Colombia, Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia in April 2012 aims to guide joint activities for the coordination of community policies and strategies which contribute to sustainable development in harmony with nature. "Its objective is to strengthen joint actions in the Integrated Management of Water Resources," said Santiago Cembrano, Director General of the Andean Community Secretariat. In addition to water resources, the Andean Environmental Agenda focuses on biodiversity and climate change.

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Andean regional project to strengthen the sustainable development of mountains

"Strengthening participative management for sustainable development of the Andes" is a project aiming to conduct a regional diagnosis of the mountain status validated by Andean countries. With an emphasis on training, it intends to capitalize on the many regional integration efforts and valuable experiences that take place in the Andean region. Six countries are involved: Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia. Currently in its second year, the project is led by FAO in the framework of the Mountain Partnership, with support from CONDESAN and Infoandina.

**MOUNTAIN RESEARCH
AND DEVELOPMENT
Key Contact Workshop
4 July 2012
Ankara, Turkey**

A Key Contact Workshop (KCW) is a one-day event facilitating and fostering the dialogue between scientists with various backgrounds. **The workshop format stimulates interdisciplinary thinking and allow peers to take a fresh look at their research activities.** The workshop accommodates a maximum of 24 participants from both natural and social sciences. KCWs usually precede major conferences that mountain researchers attend anyway, in this case the **3rd SEEmore Conference on Mountain Resources and their Response to Global Change**, to be held in Ankara (Turkey), on 5 and 6 July 2012.

Registration deadline: 4.7.2012

**The future potential
of European
Mountain forests
(28 June 2012, Italy)**

**Final conference
of the MANFRED project**

The Final Conference of the European Project Management Strategies to adapt Alpine Space Forests to Climate Change Risks (MANFRED) will be held on 28 June 2012, on the premises of the Food and Agriculture Organization

of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome (Italy). The conference, titled **“The future potential of European Mountain forests: challenges and solutions between Green Economy and Climate Change”**, will be organized by the MANFRED project partners in cooperation with the Mountain Partnership Secretariat.

The event aims to explore future scenarios for European mountain forests as linked to the challenges posed by climate change and the opportunities presented by a green economy.

Launched in the framework of the

European Territorial Cooperation Programme “Alpine Space 2007-2013” to implement the Alpine Convention Protocol on “Mountain Forests”, MANFRED aims at defining adaptation strategies for the alpine forests, in light of the potential impacts and hazard factors connected to climate change. Please fill in the **registration form** and contact info@manfredproject.eu for further information on the conference.



The Alps: pilot region for cross-border cooperation
The Alps form a coherent habitat and natural area that is linked to its surroundings. Climate change, international economic competition, trans-Alpine traffic, decreasing biodiversity and demographic change, require cross-border strategies. Since 1991, eight Alpine states have been working together within the framework of the **Alpine Convention** in order to promote sustainable development. The European Union supports economic development in the Alps, the establishment of local partnerships or strategic networks and the exchange of mountain-specific knowledge by means of the **Alpine Space Programme**.



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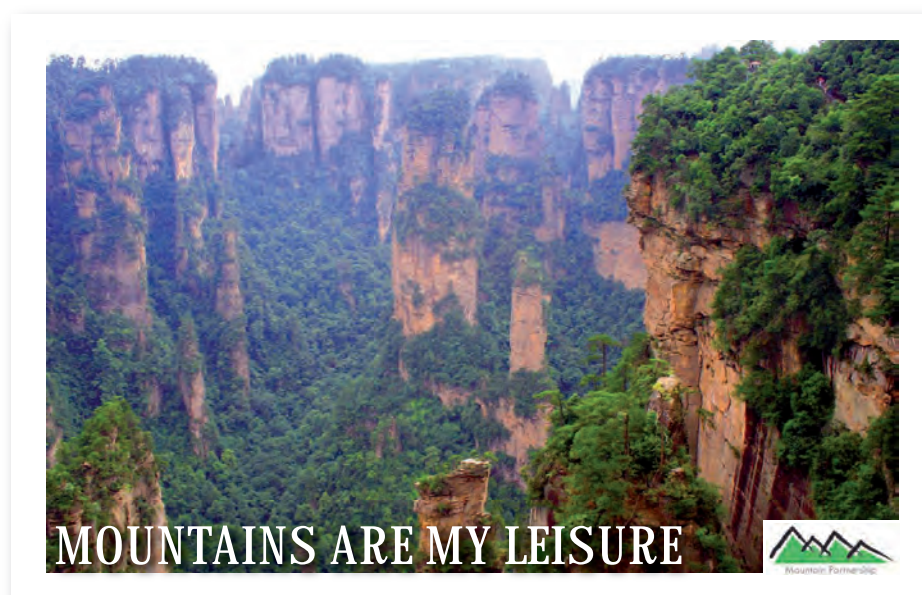


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Postcard from the mountains



The toolkit **“Communicating mountains in Rio+20”** is aimed at providing crisp, up-to-date messages on the benefits the “mountain package” provides for “the future we want”. Click!