



working together for mountain peoples and environments



**Water and ecosystems, most pertinent to mountains**

Diplomats representing 15 governments and heads of several US-based Major Groups decided on 29 April 2014 that the mountain agenda should hone in on two succinct but compelling arguments for the 11th session of the UN Open Working Group (OWG) on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). During a meeting hosted by the Permanent Mission of Romania to the UN in New York, USA, participants chose to concentrate on ‘water’ and ‘ecosystems’.

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**HIGHLIGHTS**



**The Andes to ‘bridge’ six nations**

On 7-9 May 2014 in San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina, government officials representing Argentina, Bolivia, Chile and Colombia further elaborated an Andean governmental mechanism for the



**Local mountain communities key to sustainable economies**

Professors, students and researchers of economics from around the world discussed the importance of sustainable mountain economies and development in mountain areas at a



**Reducing mountain land degradation in Uzbekistan**

The training workshop “Assistance in the reduction of land degradation in mountains territories” for farmers, experts, representatives of local and municipal authorities took place in



**A walk through Lebanon’s mountains**

The Lebanon Mountain Trail Association (LMT) completed its six annual, month-long thru-walk on 4 May 2014. The long-distance walk (470 km) started in Marjaayoun, in south Lebanon, and headed

sustainable development of the Andean mountains.

symposium organized by Guizhou University in Guiyang, China, on 6-8 May 2014 .

the Akhangaran area of Uzbekistan's Tashkent region on 19 April 2014.

north to Andqet in north Lebanon bringing together 220 hikers.

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Worldwide
- [World Mountain Forum](#)  
Cusco, Peru
- [National Youth Day in Tajikistan](#)  
Khorog, Tajikistan
- [Transnational Working Table 2](#)  
Courmayeur, Italy
- [World Landslide Forum 3](#)  
Beijing, China
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## PUBLICATION



ARCOS and the Africa Mountain Partnership members have issued the first edition of the bilingual, biannual newsletter: Africa Mountains' Echo.

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## VIDEO



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