



Peak to Peak: Mountain Partnership Newsletter

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working together for mountain peoples and environments



International Mountain Day preparations begin

International Mountain Day (IMD) is held every year on 11 December and is an occasion to celebrate the importance of mountains for highlands and lowlands worldwide. This year the IMD 2015 theme is “Promoting mountain products”. Even though mountain agriculture cannot compete with the prices and volumes of lowland production, it can concentrate on high value, high quality products to boost local economies ...

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HIGHLIGHTS



For sustainable mountain development in Africa

The Albertine Rift Conservation Society (ARCOS) and the East African Community (EAC) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to join their efforts in enhancing environment and sustainable natural resource management in the Albertine Rift ... [Read More »](#)



Pastoralists plan knowledge hub

The Central Asian Meeting of Pastoralists was held in Hustai National Park in Mongolia to set up the Pastoralist Knowledge Hub on 26–29 July 2015. Around 40 representatives of pastoralist communities and pastoralist leaders from eight Central Asian countries – the Altai ... [Read More »](#)



A self-sustaining Peruvian community

Andean rural areas in South America are home to native ancient ethnicities such as Quechuas and Aymaras and Huancas. These custodians of the Andean cultural heritage, through their biodiversity in crops and local knowledge, demonstrate that ancient technologies can ... [Read More »](#)



Call for displays at climate change summit

Civil society organizations have a chance to be seen or heard at the 21st session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21/CMP11) on 30 November–11 December 2015 in Paris, France ... [Read More »](#)

FEATURED NEWS

- **Solar bread in Tajik mountains**
- **The role of mountain conservation in Costa Rica**
- **Adapting to climate change in Taita Hills**
- **Making mountain cities resilient**
- **Hindu Kush Himalayas media fellowship**
- **Building mountain research capacity**
- **Japan to celebrate mountains every 11 August**
- **Georgian law approves mountain development**
- **Mobilization for climate in Europe**
- **Volunteering for the MP Secretariat**
- **In memoriam: Dr. Festus D. Kibiri Bagoora**
- **Desarrollo de ciudades de montaña resilientes**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Third Union of International Associations Round Table Asia-Pacific**
Venue: Bangkok, Thailand
- **Regional Training Workshop for Journalists**
Venue: Kathmandu, Nepal
- **Italian Society for Mountain Medicine XVII National Congress**
Venue: Mont Blanc, France
- **CIPRA Annual Convention**
Venue: Rugell, Liechtenstein

CALL FOR PICTURES

We are currently seeking pictures of people living and working in mountains – in agriculture, tourism, forestry – for upcoming publications. Photos of mountain products - coffee, cocoa, honey, herbs, spices and handicrafts are needed in particular. Please send to: mountains.mps@gmail.com

NEW MEMBERS

Currently, the Mountain Partnership has 259 members: 56 governments, 14 intergovernmental organizations, 186 major group organizations (e.g. civil society, NGOs and the private sector) and 5 subnational authorities. We welcome the following new members. Please feel free to contact them for possible collaborative projects and ideas.

- [MiratecArts](#)

PUBLICATION



The forty-third issue of the Asia Pacific Mountain Network (APMN) thematic digest on mountain livelihood and technology.

[Read online](#)

VIDEO



Thomas Gass, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs talks about the vital goods and services that mountains provide to communities and the role of partnerships in promoting sustainable mountain development.

[Watch](#)

CALL FOR NEWS

Keep other Mountain Partnership members informed about your activities! Please mia.rowan@fao.org info about new projects and programmes, initiatives, events, publications, newsletters, vacancies and calls for papers.

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