



Mountains under pressure climate, hunger, migration

11-13 December 2017

FAO HQ, Rome, Italy

Provisional programme – subject to change

Background

Almost one billion people live in mountain areas, and over half the human population depends on mountains for water, food and clean energy. Yet mountains are under threat from climate change, land degradation and natural disasters, with potentially far-reaching and devastating consequences both for mountain communities and the rest of the world.

The extreme vulnerability of mountains puts their natural resources under increasing pressure, which in turn affects mountain peoples, exacerbating hunger, poverty and forcing migration. The vast majority of mountain dwellers live below the poverty line, and one-third face the threat of food insecurity. Despite clear evidence of their importance and vulnerability, mountains continue to be marginalized in international negotiations and national policy-making efforts.

Coinciding with International Mountain Day and the 15th anniversary of the Mountain Partnership, the Global Meeting of the Mountain Partnership will raise awareness of the need to place mountain ecosystems and peoples at the centre of international negotiations, policies and investments. The meeting will launch a **Framework for Action** to support concrete actions, put in place long lasting processes and establish policies that strengthen the resilience of mountain peoples and environments. It will also aim to ensure that sustainable mountain development is integrated into the 2030 Agenda and in the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Those who will be invited to participate in the meeting will include high-level representatives from mountainous countries, goodwill ambassadors, and representatives of UN conventions, intergovernmental organizations, private sector and civil society, in addition to Mountain Partnership members.



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Day 1 - High-Level Segment 9.00 - 17.30, Monday 11 December	
7.30 – 8.30	Registration
8:00 – 9.00	Welcome Coffee
9.00 – 10.30	Opening of the High-Level Segment and celebration of International Mountain Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks by host country • Remarks by host organization (FAO) • Remarks by high-level speakers and Mountain Partnership Ambassadors • Remarks by the chairperson of the Mountain Partnership • Video International Mountain Day/Launch of publication
10.30 – 12.30	Launch of a Framework for Action to bring about change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch by the champion mountain country of the Framework for Action plus four statements • Closure of the High-Level Segment
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 17.30	Roundtable on: “The Mountain Agenda – leaving no one behind” <p>Mountains and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): presentation of the mountain-related targets and indicators in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - keynote speaker</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mountains: climate change and disaster risk management moderator plus five speakers 2. Mountains: food and water security moderator plus five speakers 3. Mountains and their goods and services (tourism, biodiversity, energy, mountain products) moderator plus five speakers 4. Mountain communities and migration moderator plus five speakers
17.30 - 19.30	Side events





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Day 2 - Plenary session 9.00 – 17.30, Tuesday 12 December

9.00 – 10.30	Fifteen years of the Mountain Partnership: taking stock and looking ahead to bring mountains into the global spotlight
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Presentation of progress made and results achieved

Learning from successful examples:

- SIDS - Rain Forest movement – REDD - GLISPA
- Tapping into the new financial opportunities (GEF/GCF/IKI)
- Discussion – Q+A

10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
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11.00 – 13.00	The Mountain Partnership looks ahead – setting priorities and identifying the main areas of work for the next biennium
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Breakout sessions according to MP's pillars of work:

1. Advocacy
2. Communications and Knowledge Management
3. Capacity Development
4. Joint activities
5. Resource Mobilization
6. Mountain economies and mountain products

13.00 -14.00	Lunch
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14.00 – 17.30	Reports by MP Steering Committee members on the achievements, priorities and challenges of their constituencies
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Discussion and conclusions

17.30 -19.30	Side events
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Group dinner





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Day 3 - Plenary session 8.30 – 17.30, Wednesday 13 December

8.30 – 10.30	Taking stock of the Mountain Partnership Governance four years after adoption
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of governance paper • Discussion about introducing a membership fees scheme • Discussion about the Steering committee composition – i.e. Central Asia representation, alternate SC member • Any other matters
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 12.00	Breakout sessions by electoral group
	An opportunity for members of the electoral groups to discuss regional topics and nominate the candidates for the election of the Steering Committee
12.30 -13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 15.30	Reporting to Plenary and election of the Steering Committee
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports of electoral groups to plenary • Election of the new members of the Steering Committee
15.30- 17.30	Final remarks and conclusions
17.30 – 19.30	First meeting of the newly elected Steering Committee (closed meeting)

14-15 December Training workshop on Mountain Green Cover index

14 December	Training workshop on Green Cover index 9.00 -17.00
	Collect Earth - Theoretical part
15 December	Training workshop on Green Cover index 9.00 -17.00
	Collect Earth - Practical part

