Presentation of a Global Initiative

Mountain Partnership
Haines, Alaska

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IN THIS PRESENTATION:

- The current issues in mountain communities
- How mountains contribute to livelihoods
- What the Mountain Partnership is doing
WHY MOUNTAINS?

• 22% of the earth land surface
• 915 million people = 13% of global population
• 60 - 80% of global freshwater provided
• 25% of terrestrial biodiversity
• 60% of all Biosphere Reserves
• 15-20% of global tourism
Mountain peoples are among the world’s poorest and hungriest
2012 Rio+20 – The Future We Want paragraphs 210, 211, 212

2002 World Summit Sustainable Dev Plan of Implementation, para 42

1992 Rio Earth Summit Chapter 13
The Partnership is a United Nations alliance of governments and civil society organizations dedicated to improving the lives of mountain peoples and protecting mountain environments around the world.
The Mountain Partnership is a platform for:

- advocating for mountains,
- sharing knowledge and communicating,
- building capacities to better face challenges and
- joining forces to work on initiatives.
MEMBERSHIP

• Members: 270
• Countries: 57
• Intergovernmental Organizations: 14
• Major Groups: 199
SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

A source of:

• livelihood and income diversification

• wildlife habitats, ecosystem and biodiversity preservation

• community services and infrastructure improvement

• local culture and traditional lifestyle appreciation
TOURISM IN MOUNTAINS

• Attractions for everyone
• Sport, adventure, recreation, health, spirituality
• Must involve and benefit local communities
• Hindrances need to be reduced or removed
• Capacity building
MOUNTAIN PRODUCTS INITIATIVE

• **Goal**: better the livelihoods of mountain communities

• **Approach**: light voluntary labelling scheme for products and services by small mountain producers in developing countries

• **Opportunity**: tourism as an activity and as a market
SOCIO-ECONOMIC ISSUES IN MOUNTAINS

Global challenges:
• Climate change
• Economic hardship
• Conflict
• Isolation
• Migration

1 in 3 mountain people in developing countries is facing hunger and malnutrition.
The Mountain Partnership is now proposing a facility, to support sustainable development projects in mountains. A strong alliance of donors to:

• develop capacity at local level
• generate local and downstream benefits
• slow outmigration from mountains
• break the poverty cycle
INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN DAY

This year’s theme: “Mountain Cultures: celebrating diversity and strengthening identity”

#WeLoveMountains #MountainsMatter
Sustainable global development requires investment in mountains

Create partnerships to:

• improve local livelihoods
• enhance mountain tourism
• increase the resilience of mountain peoples and environments
THANK YOU

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