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**Mountain Partnership**  
working together for mountain peoples and environments



Food and Agriculture Organization  
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## MOUNTAINS ARE VITAL FOR OUR LIVES



Almost  
**1 billion** people live  
in **mountain** areas.



Mountains are **home**  
to a variety of different  
**languages, ethnic  
groups, religions**  
and **belief** systems.



### Highlighting indigenous mountain food systems

Discussing what is needed to maintain indigenous food systems in mountain areas was the primary focus of a session held during the High-Level Expert Seminar on Indigenous Food Systems. The seminar was hosted by the Food and Agriculture [Read More](#)





### [Measuring the Mountain Green Cover Index](#)

From 26 - 29 November, 18 participants representing 18 different countries participated in "Measuring the Mountain Green Cover Index" a capacity building workshop at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Rome, Italy. Participants from various technical. [Read More](#)



### [The Indigenous Mountain Peoples Database is live!](#)

The Mountain Partnership Secretariat (MPS) in close collaboration with the [Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment \(GMBA\)](#) has developed a database and an [interactive map](#) which connects indigenous mountain communities and the mountain range they inhabit... [Read More](#)



### [Romania adopts national mountain law](#)

Following fifteen years of efforts, the official Romanian "Mountain Law" for a better future in mountain areas was adopted during the 11th "Euromontana" Convention that took place 25-27 September 2018 in Suceava County (North Carpathians), Romania. [Read More](#)



### [Workshop on mountain transboundary cooperation](#)

Mountain transboundary cooperation was the topic of a one-day expert workshop organized by the Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO) of the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium, on 9 November 2018. [Read More](#)



### [Touring the Pamir mountains](#)

A group of Bartang women participated in a study tour in the Pamir mountains to learn about natural resource management, tourism and vocational training. [Read More](#)



### [Mountain agriculture, key to achieving zero hunger in Asia](#)

The Regional Initiative on Zero Hunger in Asia and the Pacific has identified the "strengthening of mountain agriculture and food systems" as one of the key programmatic work areas. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) "International Workshop and Regional Expert Consultation on Mountain Agriculture Development and Food [Read More](#)



### [Raising awareness of protected mountain areas](#)

The future of Indigenous and Community Conserved areas (ICCAs) was discussed by a variety of stakeholders including community members, NGOs, donor organizations and academics at the ICCA Consortium in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan from 29-31 October 2018. [Read More](#)



### [Sustainable mountain development in Morocco](#)

An international conference organized by the General Council for Agricultural Development of Morocco and the French General Council of Agriculture on the theme "How to address development challenges in mountains" took place in Marrakech, Morocco from 16-19 October. [Read More](#)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**75 years of development  
in mountain areas  
Bern, Switzerland**



**Mountain regions  
moving towards  
carbon neutrality  
UNFCCC  
Katowice, Poland**



**Mountains 2018  
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## Mountain Glaciers: Vanishing Sources of Water and Life

Mountain glaciers are among the most visible and emblematic indicators of climate change. Worldwide, glaciers are losing mass at unprecedented rates – a process that has accelerated in recent decades, with record losses in the 21st century.

### MEMBERS

Currently, the Mountain Partnership has 348 members: 60 governments, 7 subnational authorities, 16 intergovernmental organizations and 266 major group organizations (e.g. civil society, NGOs and the private sector). Please feel free to contact them for possible collaborative projects and ideas. We wish to welcome the following new member:



The International Institute for Sustainable Mountain Development



Asociación para el estudio de la montaña CRYOSANABRIA

### CALL FOR NEWS

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