

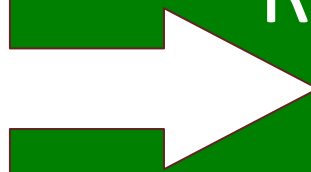


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**RIO+20**  
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# RIO+20 Summit: Outcomes for mountains

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## REPORTING ON RIO+20 AND MOUNTAIN PAVILION ACTIVITIES

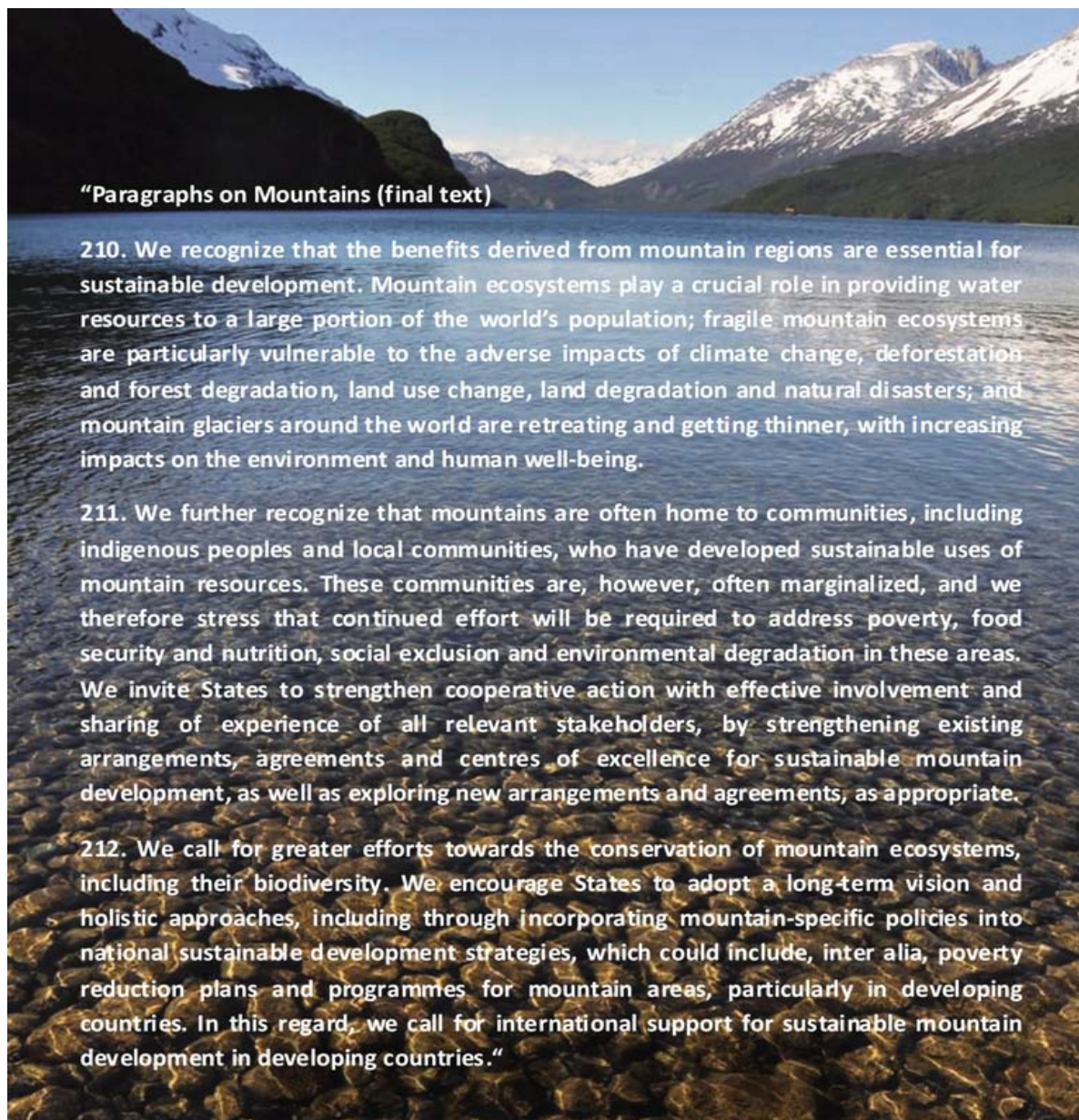
### I. RIO 20 Summit: Outcomes for the Mountains

With 40,000 participants representing a wide range of groups and governments, commitment to the sustainable development: economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable future for our planet and for present and future generations has been renewed at the Rio+20, despite some existing skepticism re: lack of concrete actions and implementation plans.

The Rio outcomes specific to Mountains include “Three paragraphs” on mountains forming a part of the Outcome Document, the Rio+20 Declaration, ‘*Our Common Vision*’ have been adopted by Heads of State and high level representatives from around the world.

This has been viewed as major achievement of the Mountain Partnership by many major mountain stakeholders as they highlighted in their speeches (Nepal; ICIMOD and Bhutan).

The *first paragraph* recognizes the ecosystem functions and goods and services provided by mountains and vulnerability to changes while in the *second paragraph*, it sets out the role for multi-stakeholder engagement in SMD. The *third paragraph* calls for international support for the developing countries and holistic approach and policy framework required for mainstreaming mountain specific concerns into development agenda.



## II. Pre-Rio prep work: The Hub for Central Asia took a lead part in following:

- *Inter-ministerial and UN agencies joint Working Group* coordinated jointly by Ministry of Economics and Anti-Monopoly and State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry on formulation of Government of Kyrgyzstan position on Green Economy which integrated mountains as the basis for the country further development. The copy of the position paper has been printed under the UNDP assistance.
- *The position paper* has been validated by the stakeholders at the National Conference took place on May 26-27, 2012 in Ala Archa, with 120 participants representing wide range of stakeholders.
- *Presentations were made* on Mountain Pavilion events, and opportunities for the government delegation and the Regional Report on Rio+20 was officially launched at the National conference (May 26-27, 2012, Ala Archa Residency, Bishkek) on Rio+20 and background materials incl. the Regional report on Central Asia and the MP position on mountain water-energy-food security nexus have been shared and provided to the working group members.
- *Overall coordination of the Kyrgyz Delegation* to the Rio+20 by hosting several rounds of coordination meetings for the delegation members at the UCA; coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for schedule/calendar setting and coordination of activities at the Rio+20.



## III. Mountain Partnership Central Asia Members at Rio+20

- *Financially supported:* A Kyrgyz delegation (1 person/full) and 2 MP members (partial funding).
- *We provided our technical support* to the 1 hour high visibility event on Central Asia focusing on Kyrgyzstan “**Central Asian mountains on the road to Green economy: The Kyrgyz case of Learning and Good practices**”. For more info, please see info below on events on June 20, 2012.
- *We supported the MP members* in identification/approaching and conducting bilateral meetings and networking with the like-minded organizations.
- *Central Asia Poster Exhibition at the Mountain Pavilion:* Composed of 9 full-size posters (standard size) contributed by the MP regional members (MSRC/UCA; CAREC; UNISON; KALFU; IBC; BIOM), the posters added visibility to the region. While touring through the Pavilion, **Mr. J. Otorbaev**, Vice Prime Minister showed interest in the activities by the Mountain Partnership Hub, which is hosted by the UCA's Mountain Societies Research Centre and thanked the institutions for supporting Kyrgyzstan's participation.



## The Kyrgyz Team who took part in the Mountain Pavilion activities:

### MP members:

1. Mr. Burkhanov, KALFU
2. Ms. Abdyrasulova, UNISON
3. Mr. Ismail Dairov, SAEPF
4. Mr. S. Charre, CAREC KG
5. Ms. Aida Kapygaeva, CAREC KG
6. Mr. Aidaraliev, National Mountain Development Center

### Others:

1. Mr. Korotenko, BIOM
2. Mr. Iliia Domashev, BIOM
3. Ms. Anna Kirilenko, BIOM
4. Mrs. Kalia Moldogazieva, Tree of Life
5. Mrs. Zukhra Abaikhanova, Climate Change Center



### A List of Official Side events organized by/presented Central Asia:

1. June 16, 2012: UN Conference on Sustainable Development Side Event 1. Payment for Ecosystem Services organized by CAREC KG office, MP member
2. June 17, 2012: UN Conference on Sustainable Development Side Event 2. Nepali Government on Community based Forestry (MP member KALFU for establishing contacts with FECOFUN/Global Alliance of Community Forestry/REDD+ and Sustainable Forestry Finland Group)
3. June 18, 2012 09:30-11:00, Mountain Pavilion Side Event on Mountain knowledge solutions for sustainable green economy and improved water, food, energy, and environment nexus, P3-A, Rio Centro, Rio de Janeiro, Side event organized by ICIMOD and co-organizers: Govt. of Nepal, Mountain Partnership Secretariat, GWP, SIWI, EVK2CNR, and GGCA. Panelists: Ministers/decision makers from different Mt. regions – HKH, Central Asia, Alps, African highlands, Andes.





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4. June 19, 2012. **Third Global Meeting of Mountain Partnership**

**“The future we want: mountains as living solutions for development”**

**The program included the following:**

- “The future we want: Mountains as living solutions for development”  
*A video message by Reinhold Messner, first Mountain Partnership Ambassador*
- “10 years of the Mountain Partnership: Members in action”  
*Testimonials from regions*
- “Towards the future we want: the Mountain Partnership Strategy”  
*The new strategic objectives and governance structure.*

**The Central Asia participation was provided in the following way:**

- Six member organizations from Kyrgyzstan/Central Asia attended the Global Meeting of the Mountain Partnership.
- The Central Asia has been complimented by our major donors and the Central Hub of the Secretariat for their active networking; capacity support and knowledge sharing work, linkage with the governments and mountain stakeholders.
- Mr. Ismail Dairov, Advisor to State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry delivered a 5 minute speech sent by Mr. Atadjanov, Director SAEPF on their cooperation with the MP.
- Ms. Elbezaya Batjargal took in a panel discussion highlighting the need to honor the commitment to the MP by its members while respecting competing interests and varying priorities for each of the MP members. She has also expressed the pressing need in raising regional voices to the international fora and vice-versa.





## 5. The Mountain Pavilion Side Event:

### “Central Asian mountains on the road to Green economy: The Kyrgyz case of Learning and Good practices”

**Moderator:** Mr. Heinrich Wyes, Deputy Director, CAREC, Almaty

#### **Event Program included:**

1. An Opening video “Kyrgyzstan: A Country of Celestial mountains” 3’
2. Thematic presentations and Panel Discussion:
  - Thematic Presentation 1: Kyrgyz Case of relating mountains to Green economy by Mr. Yismayil Dairov, Adviser, SAEPPF, Kyrgyzstan 7’
  - Thematic Presentation 2: Mountain Biodiversity of KG: a source of ecosystem goods & services by BIOM, Kyrgyzstan 7’
  - Thematic Presentation 3: Kyrgyzstan’s case of applying the CBNRM for sustainable use and management of mountain forest resources by Mr. Aitkul Burkhanov, Head, Kyrgyz Association of Land and Forest Users 14’
  - Thematic Presentation 4: Public participation in Decision Making for Climate change mitigation and adaptation work 7’
  - Thematic Presentation 5: Opportunities for PPP in pursuit of green growth and sustainable development by Ms. Aibike Esengulova, IBC. 7’
3. Panel Discussion: The Panelists and Audience 15’

#### **The Future Kyrgyzstan wants for Mountain Countries is ...**





## **The Mountain Pavilion, Athletes Park, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**

The Pavilion was initiated by Peru as a leading organizer and supported by Swiss and ICIMOD along with other 35 associates-contributors. With daily events such as panel discussions, high-level meetings, thematic exhibitions and the Third Global Meeting of the Mountain Partnership, the Pavilion attracted some 2,000 visitors on a daily basis.

The day of the official opening on June 20, 2012, the Mountain Pavilion turned into a colourful and lively space, animated by the dances of a youth group advocating for sustainability in defense of the Amazon.

“Stop talking about the future we want, start acting for the present we need” was the main message in the speeches of speakers at the Mountain Pavilion.

The Central Asia Hub has been communicating regularly on the Rio events, sharing news pieces and reports summarizing the Pavilion events. Please refer to the Mountain Pavilion photo stream at Flickr: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/mountainpartnership/sets/72157630137122218/with/7376196152/>



### **The Mountain Pavilion Events attended:**

- I. June 15, 2012 11:00-13:00hrs Global Youth Forum on Mountain Issues and Sustainable Actions organized by ICIMOD/SDC/MP
- II. June 16,2012 11.00 – 13.00 hours TECHNICAL WORKSHOP promoted by UNEP and Mountain Partnership "Montanhas em balanço: alterações humanas na paisagem "
- III. June 17, 2012 09:30-11:00 UNEP organized workshop “Opportunities and challenges in Mountain regions”
- IV. June 19, 2012 11:00-13:00 High level event/ministerial meeting ”Role of mountains in implementing green growth strategies and creating sustainable livelihoods” organized by ICIMOD (with a speech by Mr. Joomart Otorbayev, Vice Prime Minister of Kyrgyzstan)
- V. June 19, 2012 16:00-17:-00 Third Global Meeting of Mountain Partnership  
The meeting was opened with the video message delivered by world renowned mountaineer, former politician and writer Reinhold Messner, first ambassador of the Mountain Partnership.

Following the video, Mr. Carlos Minc, State Environment Secretary of Rio de Janeiro and former Minister of Environment of Brazil made a speech where he declared of the government of Brazil’s adherence to the ideals of the Mountain Partnership and Brazil’s wish to become a member.

The results of the Evaluation commissioned by the SDC was presented by Mrs. Smita

Premchandar, the SDC Consultant. Following the presentation, statements were made by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the SDC on their commitment to the mountains remaining valid for coming years and some changes needing at the Secretariat/FAO level.

Testimonials on the MP work have been voiced by Dr. Marco Onida, Secretary General of the Alpine Convention; Lyonpo Pema Gyamtsho, Bhutan's Minister of Agriculture and Forests and Mr. Ismail Dairov, Advisor to Kyrgyzstan's Minister of Environment Protection and Forestry.

Mr. Serrano, Coordinator, MPS, reported on the work done for improving inclusiveness of the regions, and the Decentralized Hubs gave their views, together with Italy and Switzerland as donors and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), as host of the Mountain Partnership Secretariat Central Hub and donor.

**For more info, please click here:** [http://www.mountainpartnership.org/news/news-detail/en/?dyna\\_feffuid=150115](http://www.mountainpartnership.org/news/news-detail/en/?dyna_feffuid=150115)

VI. June 20, 2012 15:00-17:00 Conference "Regional cooperation in mountains: from Rio to Rio and beyond" organized by UNEP.

VII. June 21, 2012 Official Launching of the Mountain Pavilion by the President of Peru Ollanta Humala

VIII. June 21, 2012 A high-level Ministerial meeting: Featured Speakers included:

- Dr. Baburam Bhattarai, Nepal's Prime Minister
- Manuel Bessler, Assistant Director General, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
- Acharya, Ambassador, Nepal's Mission to the United Nations
- Gabriel Quijandria, Vice Minister of Peru
- Ede Ijjasz, Sector Director at the Sustainable Development Department, World Bank
- Olman Serrano, Mountain Partnership Secretariat Coordinator
- Miguel Saravia, Executive Director of CONDESAN

Quoting Mr. Gabriel Quijandria, Vice Prime Minister of Peru: "Among the various Pavilions I have been visiting during Rio+20, I have only seen one Pavilion where the theme is a global theme and not a country - and that is, the Mountain Pavilion. This is the right way forward. Mountains do not stop at frontiers or borders."

IX. June 22, 2012 A side event on "Sustainable Mountain Development Challenges in Islands: the Global Island Partnership meets the Mountain Partnership"

#### **MP Hub side-meetings that took place include:**

1. Meeting with the SDC (Dr. Danielle Masselli, Program head), June 21, 2012
2. Meeting of MP regional members with Mr. Olman Serrano, Coordinator, MPS
3. Meeting with ICIMOD (Dr. David Molden, Director General, and Dr. Rasul Golam, Focal point for Central Asia), June 20, 2012
4. Meeting with FECOFUN, June 19, 2012
5. Meeting with Dr. Gillian Bowser, Science and Technology Policy Fellow, US State Department
6. Meeting with Mrs. Carinyo, Aspen Foundation, USA
7. Meeting with Prof. Sara Ulloa, Utah Valley University, USA
8. Meeting with IUCN, Switzerland
9. Meeting with Ms. Maurie Carr, Global Water Challenge, USA.