

MOUNTAINS AND CLIMATE CHANGE: HIGHLIGHTING THE NEED FOR NEGOTIATION GROUP

(Group of Mountain Partnership)

Organizers: Kyrgyzstan, Andorra, Mountain Partnership Secretariat FAO UN

Date: 6 December 2023

Time: 16:45-18:15 (UAE, GMT+4)

Venue: Pavilion of Central Asia, Blue Zone, MA19G3

Mountains are unique and vulnerable ecosystems that play a vital role in our planet's biodiversity and provide water resources to many regions. However, they are also severely impacted by climate change, posing a significant threat to both nature and the people living in mountainous areas.

In order to promote their common interest at the Conferences of Parties, countries need to unite into negotiation group. Thus, the Kyrgyz Republic initiated the establishment of a permanent negotiating Group of Mountain Partnership (GMP) at the UNFCCC.

Andorra as initiator of inclusion of the item 18 in the Agenda of COP-28, titled "Mountains and Climate Change: Highlighting the need for the protection of vulnerable mountain ecosystems while building the resilience of mountain peoples and economies to reduce loss and damage", supported the creation of this negotiating Group of Mountain Partnership.

The Mountain Partnership Secretariat of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN welcomed the creation of the GMP.

Further promotion of the GMP will allow countries to unite their efforts and collaboratively develop strategies and measures to mitigate the consequences of climate change in mountain regions. It will provide a necessary platform for constructive discussion and implementation of needed actions and measures to protect mountain ecosystems and enhance the resilience of mountain communities and economies in the global arena.

Together, parties can achieve significant outcomes and contribute to the preservation of mountain ecosystems and the well-being of mountain communities.

Purpose of the event:

The main goal of the event is to unite mountain countries into a single negotiating group, the Group of Mountain Partnership.

Expected results:

- 1) Mountain countries are united in a single negotiating Group of Mountain Partnership;
- 2) Common position of the GMP for the COP 28 is developed;
- 3) GMP Next steps for the year 2024 are discussed and approved.

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Moderator: Director of the Climate Finance Center under the Ministry of natural resources, ecology and technical supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic, A. TEMIRKULOV

Time (UAE)	Activity
16:45-16:55	Registration
16:55 -17:10	Welcome speeches: Minister of natural resources, ecology and technical supervision of the Kyrgyz Republic, Mr. M. TURGUNBAEV Secretary of State for Energy Transition, Transportation and Mobility of the Principality of Andorra, Mr. D. FORNÉ Special Representative of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic on mountain issues Mr. N. AITMURZAEV
17:10-17:25	Presentation: GMPs purposes and Next steps for the year 2024
17:25-17:55	Open discussion (with all participants): GMPs purposes and Next steps for the year 2024
17:55-18:05	Signing documents on joining the GMP
18:05-18:15	Closing remarks: Secretariat of Mountain Partnership FAO UN, Mrs. Rosalaura ROMEO