Mountain Day 2
3 December 2012

What is Mountain Day?
Mountain Day is organized each year during the Conference of the Parties (CoP) of the
United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to:
• bring attention to the vulnerability of mountain ecosystems and mountain people to
  climate change impacts and discuss the options for adaptation and resilience
  building;
• promote better understanding of the role played by mountain ecosystems in
  providing and protecting resources such as water, food, energy and biodiversity;
• share knowledge regarding mountains and climate change and innovative ideas
  about adaptation options from different regions;
• debate scientific gaps and policy actions needed by bringing together global
  mountain stakeholders at a single forum; and
• provide appropriate options and solutions to UNFCCC negotiators on adaptation
  and mitigation actions to climate change in mountain areas.

Mountain Day is an opportunity to build consensus and develop a common position
among mountain stakeholders regarding mountain-specific climate change issues and
solutions. By sending out a strong message to UNFCCC negotiators and policy makers, it
aims to ensure that mountains become a priority in the global climate agenda.

Why Mountain Day 2?
The first Mountain Day, organized at the COP 17 in Durban, South Africa in 2011.
It highlighted the critical role that mountain ecosystems play in climate change
adaptation and global sustainable development as well as the high vulnerability of
mountains and the millions of people who directly depend on their goods and services.
The Call for Action issued at Mountain Day 1 focused on the need to recognize the global
value of mountain ecosystems and to create incentives to protect them. The declaration
from the recently concluded Rio+20 summit, entitled The Future We Want, has not only
recognized the message of Mountain Day 1, but has also called on member States to
bolster cooperative actions “by strengthening existing arrangements, agreements, and
centers of excellence for sustainable mountain development”. Mountain Day 2 is an
opportunity to build on the gains made for mountains at Rio+20

Mountain Day 2: Mainstreaming Rio+20
outcomes in UNFCCC
processes for prosperous,
resilient, and sustainable
mountain ecosystems and
communities

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**What Will Happen at Mountain Day 2?**

Mountain Day 2 will be an occasion to share scientific and practical information and knowledge to advocate the mountain agenda to the UNFCCC negotiators. Partners of the event will present and share stories, experiences, and research findings on the climate change-related impacts mountain people are facing. The technical discussions and knowledge café sessions will highlight the increasing economic and environmental roles mountain people and ecosystems play in enhancing food, water, energy and ecological security in and beyond mountain regions.

**What are the expected outcomes of Mountain Day 2?**

- Momentum for the mountain agenda maintained through increased awareness of the multiple dimensions of climate change impacts in mountain regions
- Increased political awareness of mountain-specific vulnerabilities and the urgent need for adaptation and mitigation programmes
- Recognition of the contributions of mountain ecosystems in enhancing food security, livelihoods, and sustainable development
- Communication of the broader economic and environmental values of mountain ecosystem goods and services, especially water and forests, in supporting adaptation measures and efforts to build resilience in both upstream and downstream regions

**Organizers of Mountain Day 2**

Mountain Day 2 is being organized jointly by the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) and the Mountain Partnership Secretariat (MPS)/FAO in the context of the Strategic Initiative for Mountains and Climate Change funded by the Development Grant Facility of the World Bank. Other sponsors and partners include the Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS), the Water and Climate Coalition (WCC), the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), the ICIMOD-based Himalayan Climate Change Adaptation Programme (HICAP) and the Government of Nepal.

**Programme**

**Venue:** Intercontinental Hotel, Al Isteqqal Road, West Bay Lagoon, Doha  
**Date:** 3 December, 10.00 - 19.30  
10:00 - 11:00 Registration  
11:00 - 11:45 Opening session  
11:45 - 13:15 Climate change stories from the mountains  
13:15 - 14:15 Lunch  
14:15 - 16:00 Integrated management of mountain water resources  
16:15 - 18:00 Role of mountains in food security and livelihoods  
18:00 - 19:30 High-level round table and closing  
19:30 Cocktail dinner

**Parallel Session**

Knowledge Café and Dialogue on Climate Change and Mountains  
11:00 - 17:00

* Shuttle to the Mountain Day 2 event will be available from the QNCC.