

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
MOUNTAINS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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# Global Change, Global Response

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- ① Why Mountains matter?
- ② The Mountain Partnership
- ③ Climate Change Initiatives

# Why focus on mountains?

▶ 300 million vulnerable people

▶ Early indicators of climate change

▶ 25% of the earth's surface

▶ 60-80% of freshwater

▶ 60% of all biosphere reserves



# Mountains in the Global SD Agenda



▶ 1992 – Rio Earth Summit – Agenda 21 Chapter 13



▶ 2002 – WSSD – Plan of Implementation – para 42



▶ 2012 – Rio+20 – The Future We Want – paras 210, 211, 212



# The Mountain Partnership

**214 Members**

▶ **52 Countries**

▶ **6 Sub-national Authorities**

▶ **16 IGOs**

▶ **140 Major Groups**



# Our Activities

- ✓ **Advocacy:** UN meetings, policy dialogue, Rio Process
- ✓ **Capacity development:** IPROMO, WB project on Climate change in Mountains
- ✓ **Brokering and Resource mobilization:** TCPs, WB grant, decentralized cooperation, GEF, support to members
- ✓ **Communications:** website, newsletter, publications, social media tools



# Strategic Initiative on Mountains and Climate Change

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- ✓ **Regional Meetings** on Mountains and Climate Change
- ✓ **Mountain Days** at the Conference of Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- ✓ **International Programme** on Research and Training on Sustainable Management of Mountain Areas (IPROMO)
- ✓ **Video:** *Mountains and Climate Change: A Global Concern*



# Four regional meetings on Mountains and CC

Chile, Morocco, Tajikistan and Uganda  
World Bank Development Grant Facility (2011-2013)

## Goals

- bring together governments, policy makers, scientists and CC experts
- strengthen knowledge about the CC impacts in mountain areas
- discuss adaptation options in mountain ecosystems
- promote better alliances and cooperation amongst mountain countries





# Mountain Day: mountains are a priority in the global climate agenda

## Conference of the Parties UNFCCC

- Mountain Day 1 (Durban, South Africa, 2011)
- Mountain Day 2 (Doha, Qatar, 2012)
- Global Landscapes Day 1 (Warsaw, Poland, 2013)

## Goals:

- draw attention to vulnerability of mountain people and ecosystems
- promote better understanding of the role played by mountains as sources for water, food, energy and biodiversity
- share knowledge and innovative adaptation measures across regions
- discuss scientific gaps and policy actions needed
- suggest adaptation and mitigation actions for mountain areas to UNFCCC negotiators



# IPROMO 2012/13: Understanding and adapting to CC in mountain areas

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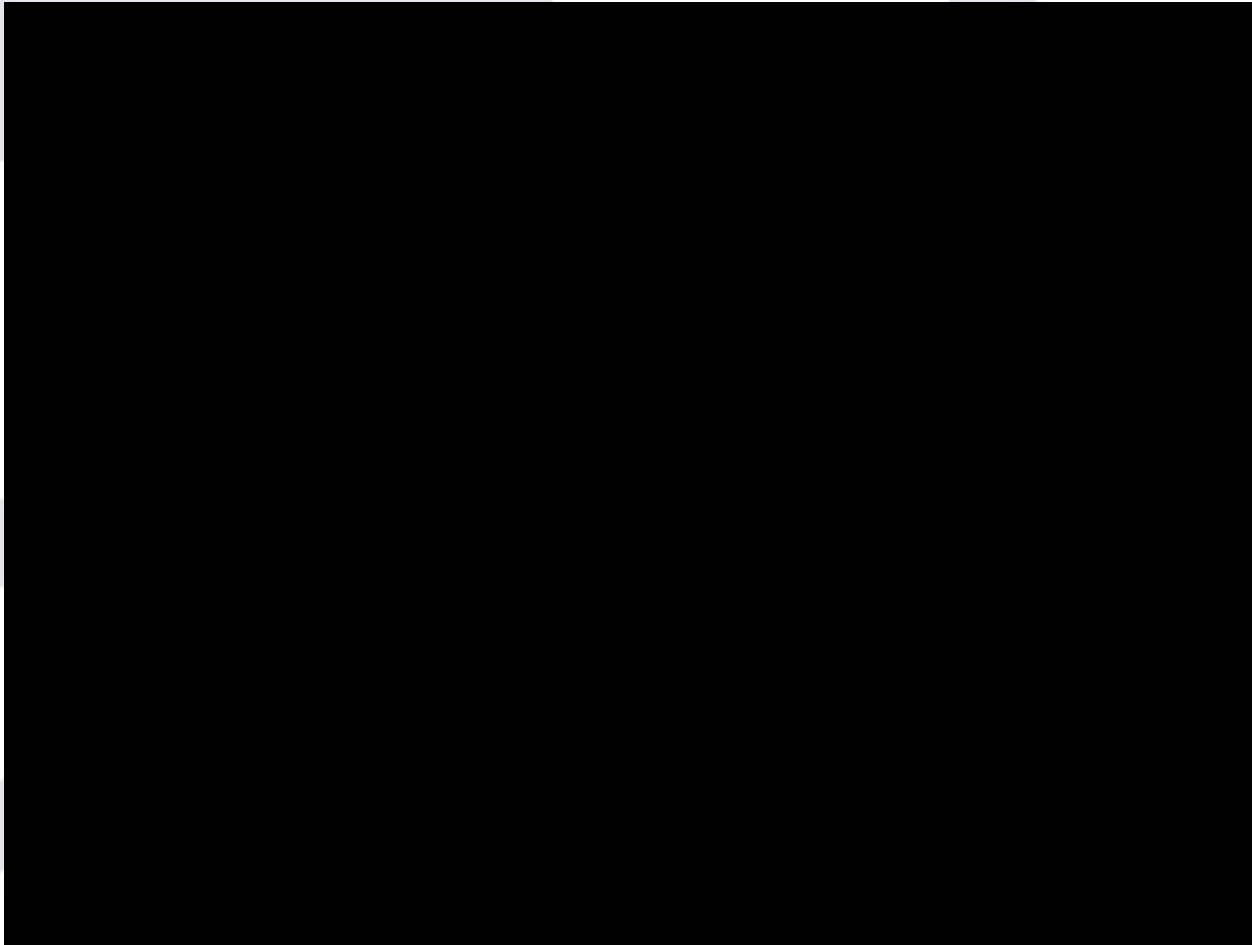
30 participants from UNFCCC national delegations

## Goals:

- provide scientific background on CC in mountain regions
- analyze social and economic implications of CC in mountains
- discuss the role of mountains in the global SD agenda
- identify opportunities, benefits and communication strategies for mountain regions in post Rio+20
- strengthen mountain positions in the UNFCCC framework



# Mountains and climate change: A Global concern



# Thank you!

