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Haines, Alaska



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IN THIS PRESENTATION:

- The current issues in mountain communities
- How mountains contribute to livelihoods
- What the Mountain Partnership is doing



WHY MOUNTAINS?

- 22% of the earth land surface
- 915 million people = 13% of global population
- 60 - 80% of global freshwater provided
- 25% of terrestrial biodiversity
- 60% of all Biosphere Reserves
- 15-20% of global tourism



Mountain peoples are among
the world's poorest and hungriest

THE MOUNTAIN AGENDA

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



2002 World Summit Sustainable Development
Plan of Implementation, para 42



1992 Rio Earth Summit
Chapter 13



THE MOUNTAIN PARTNERSHIP'S VISION

The Partnership is a United Nations alliance of governments and civil society organizations dedicated to improving the lives of mountain peoples and protecting mountain environments around the world.



OUR WORK

The Mountain Partnership is a platform for:

- advocating for mountains,
- sharing knowledge and communicating,
- building capacities to better face challenges and
- joining forces to work on initiatives.

MEMBERSHIP

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- Members: 270
 - Countries: 57
 - Intergovernmental Organizations: 14
 - Major Groups: 199

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

A source of:

- livelihood and income diversification
- wildlife habitats, ecosystem and biodiversity preservation
- community services and infrastructure improvement
- local culture and traditional lifestyle appreciation



TOURISM IN MOUNTAINS



- Attractions for everyone
- Sport, adventure, recreation, health, spirituality
- Must involve and benefit local communities
- Hindrances need to be reduced or removed
- Capacity building

BENEFITTING LOCAL LIVELIHOODS

MOUNTAIN PRODUCTS INITIATIVE

- **Goal:** better the livelihoods of mountain communities
- **Approach:** light voluntary labelling scheme for products and services by small mountain producers in developing countries
- **Opportunity:** tourism as an activity and as a market

SOCIO-ECONOMIC ISSUES IN MOUNTAINS



1 in 3

**mountain people in
developing countries
is facing hunger
and malnutrition.**

Global challenges:

- Climate change
- Economic hardship
- Conflict
- Isolation
- Migration

INVESTING IN MOUNTAINS

The Mountain Partnership is now proposing a facility, to support sustainable development projects in mountains.

A strong alliance of donors to:

- develop capacity at local level
- generate local and downstream benefits
- slow outmigration from mountains
- break the poverty cycle

INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN DAY

This year's theme: **“Mountain Cultures: celebrating diversity and strengthening identity”**



#WeLoveMountains #MountainsMatter

SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABLE MOUNTAIN DEVELOPMENT

Sustainable global development requires investment in mountains

Create partnerships to:

- improve local livelihoods
- enhance mountain tourism
- increase the resilience of mountain peoples and environments



THANK YOU



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