

# **Presentation of a Global Initiative**





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

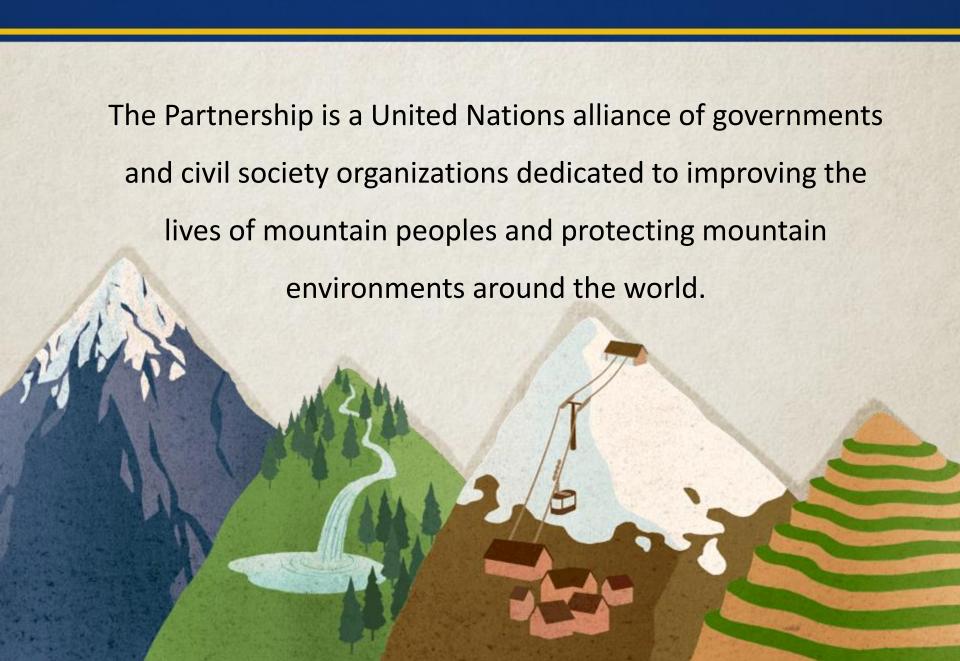
#### WHY MOUNTAINS?

- 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





#### THE MOUNTAIN PARTNERSHIP'S VISION



### **OUR WORK**



### **MEMBERSHIP**





# 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



### 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



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

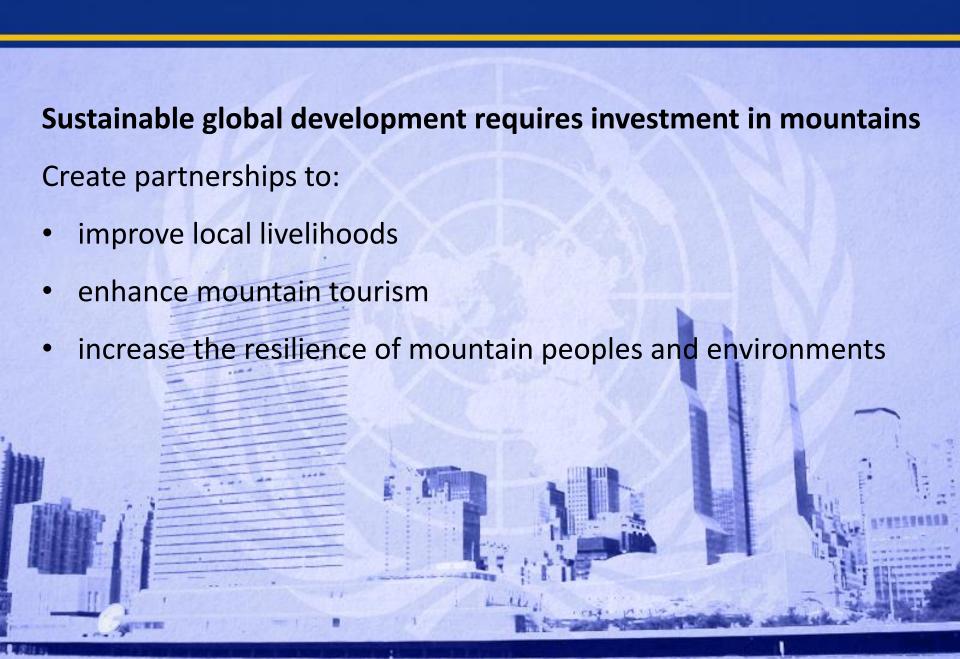
#### INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN DAY

This year's theme: "Mountain Cultures: celebrating diversity and strengthening identity"



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# SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABLE MOUNTAIN DEVELOPMENT



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