Mountain Partnership

- 53 Governments
- 14 Intergovernmental organizations
- 167 civil society organizations
The Mission of the Mountain Partnership

The Mountain Partnership is a United Nations voluntary alliance of partners dedicated to improving the lives of mountain people and protecting mountain environments around the world.
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MOUNTAIN FARMERS HAVE ALWAYS ADAPTED TO CHANGE, INCLUDING CLIMATE VARIABILITY

- High investment
- High diversity
- Sustainable farming systems
- Feminization of agriculture
- Creates employment, promotes local economy
- Protects the landscape, agrobiodiversity, and other ecosystem goods
- Ensures household food security
Challenges

- Hazard-prone and harsh environments
- Insecure land tenure and limited access to services and resources (credit, insurance, training, extension)
- Lack of health, education, recreation facilities
- Stigma and racial issues

- BRING CITIES TO MOUNTAINS!
Key recommendations

• Create enabling environment: access to resources, legal rights, credit, for both men and women
• Foster public policies and investments
• Promote local economies and mountain products:  
  → high quality-high value and low impact  
  → develop fair and pro-poor value chains
• Remove Stigma and racial issues
• Increase protected areas
• Social cohesion and collaboration key to enhance resilience
• Mountain committees or similar bodies
Mountain Farming Is Family Farming
A contribution from mountain areas to the International Year of Family Farming 2014
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