



The Permanent Mission of Argentina, the Permanent Mission of Switzerland, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Mountain Partnership Secretariat

Invite you to join us in celebrating International Mountain Day 2014

***PERSPECTIVES ON MOUNTAINS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
IN A POST-2015 WORLD***

**Friday, 12 December 2014
1:15-2:30 pm, Conference Room 6
United Nations-New York**

This year's International Mountain Day (IMD) focuses on mountain farms as a tribute to the International Year of Family Farming. Taking this opportunity to recognize the contributions of family farming in mountain regions, UN member states, FAO, and the Mountain Partnership Secretariat will join together to host an event focused on the opportunities mountains provide local development, and how farming can help respond to the challenges faced by mountain communities. With the post-2015 development framework in mind, the event will explore how mountain environments can be sustained in a post-2015 world and how they can contribute to implementing the future SDGs.

Distinguished Speakers include:

- ***H.E. Mrs. María Cristina Perceval, Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations (Chair)***
- ***H.E. Mr. Pio Wennubst, Assistant Director-General, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation 'Linking Mountain Life to a Sustainable Future'***
- ***Ms. Rosalaura Romeo, Mountain Partnership Secretariat 'Mountain farming's contribution to sustainable environments and food production'***
- ***Prof. Rusty Butler, Utah Valley University 'Mountains and the post-2015 agenda'***
- ***Mr. Jake Norton, Mountaineer, Owner of MountainWorld Productions and Founder of Challenge21 'Sustaining mountain environments and watersheds'***

A short film on Mountain Partner experiences and Mount Kenya's Water Tower will also be shown during the event.

Following the main panel, time will be allocated for questions and answers from the audience.

We invite all attendees to take part in a small reception at the conclusion of the event.

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