



TALKING POINTS

With Permanent Representative of Kenya to the UN,
Ambassador Macharia Kamau
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Utah Valley University

TONY MEDINA – UIMF, PRESIDENT (2014-2016)

-Your Excellency, on behalf of the Utah International Mountain Forum, a coalition of student clubs at UVU we would like to thank you for your leadership in adoption of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and implementation of the post 2030 Agenda.

-We would also like to thank you for the time you have taken from your busy schedule to visit us at UVU.

-We students are actively engaged to promote the Sustainable Mountain Development Agenda and gender equality in particular, since 2007.

-We are excited to work with you and the United Nations in the implementation of post 2030 agenda.

REGAN WARNER – SUSTAINABLE MOUNTAIN DEVELOPMENT CLUB, VICE PRESIDENT

-Your Excellency, we would like to thank you and you colleague, the Ambassador of Hungary, as co-chairs of the UN Open Working Group on SDGs for giving an opportunity to UVU student Jesler Molina to speak during the session of the UN Open Working Group on SDGs on December 11th 2013.

CHRISTIAN JENSEN – UIMF, PRESIDENT

-Your Excellency, we would like to inform you that our coalition of student clubs at UVU hosted the Fourth International Women of the Mountains Conference under the umbrella of the FAO-UN in Orem in October 7-9, 2015.

-For the first time ever such a high level UN forum was hosted through efforts of the STUDENTS ONLY.

-Our conference was gathered one week after the historic UN sustainable development summit in New York which adopted SDGs as a follow up to it.

-The conference has been hosted since 2007 as a grass roots forum to promote gender and the Sustainable Mountain Development (SMD) agenda of the United Nations in North America.

JENNY STARLEY – WOMEN OF THE MOUNTAINS CONFERENCE, ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

- I'm a student who's passionate about sustainability and gender equality for women within mountainous regions and connecting with mountain communities globally.
- My peers and I were able to make a difference in those areas by action and by successfully hosting Women of the Mountains Conference which was recognized by the UN as contribution to SDGs
- How can UVU students like me work together with students from mountain regions of Kenya in order to help them achieve these SDGs, but gender equality in particular?
- Are you able to find us similar thinking peers in Kenya to work together?

MUNKHBAT BATMUNKH – UIMF, VICE PRESIDENT

- Our coalition of clubs was featured in the 2016, Secretary General's Report. The Utah International Mountain Forum hosted the fourth International Women of the Mountains Conference at Utah Valley University in October 2015 to address the critical issues faced by women and children living in mountainous regions across the globe and provide a forum to discuss gender equality.
- The report emphasizes the work we did in goal 5, 6, and 15