Education in mountains

*How building capacity can help share knowledge and strengthen institutions in mountain areas*

**LOCATION:**
Pakistan Room
12:15-13:30

**ORGANIZERS:**
FAO
University of Turin

**ABSTRACT**
The topic of the proposed side event is education and its role in sustainable mountain development. Lack of mountain related capacity development programmes is a concrete obstacle to the sustainable development of mountains around the world. This side event will explore the role of national and international education institutions for knowledge generation and dissemination to address the ecological and socio-economic complexity of mountain areas. It will also provide an opportunity for the sharing of experience by showcasing the International Programme on Research and Training on Sustainable Management of Mountain Areas (IPROMO) and other initiatives worldwide.

**SPEAKERS**
Moderator FAO

**Michele Freppaz,** University of Turin, Italy: The experience of IPROMO in building capacity for mountains

**Yanko Dzhukev,** Utah Valley University, USA: Youth and education in mountains

**Martin Price,** University of the Highlands and Islands, UK

**Stella Giannakopoulou,** The Metsovion Interdisciplinary Research Center (M.I.R.C.), Greece: Achievements and experience of the MIRC programme in mountain regions of Greece

**ICIMOD:** The Himalayan University Consortium

**DISCUSSION**
All participants

**CLOSING**
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