

## **UIMF members are commended for their work at CSW63**



On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, I was able to join members of the Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF) who received a congressional commendation for their work at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Commission on the Status of Women (CSW63). This commendation came from Representative Ben McAdams (D-UT). It was the culmination of months of hard work for the members of UIMF, who participated in CSW last March. Even though I did not participate in CSW63, it was still an exciting experience to see the hard work of my colleagues be rewarded.

This is the second time UIMF has received a congressional commendation. The first time was after the 2018 High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, which I participated in. The idea for UIMF to reach out to members of U.S. Congress to have our achievements recognized by the highest legislature in the country came from Mr. Richard Jordan, who suggested the idea to our UIMF members at the 2018 HLPPF. Mr. Jordan's advice was well received and

asking for congressional help to recognize UIMF in this way is an excellent way to broadcast our devotion to promoting sustainable mountain development and SDG awareness.

I am very proud of all my club members and their desire to have their achievements recognized in such a visible way. They are continuing to set a precedent of excellence that I hope will continue into next year.

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