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**Roundtable of the NGOs in
consultative status with the United
Nations ECOSOC:**

***“Joint Advocacy of the
Mountain Women and Agenda
at the United Nations”***

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DATE: October 2, 2017

PLACE: FL120, UVU Library

TIME: 11:00 A.M.

Orem, UT



Guest Bios



Dr. Baldomero Lago, CIO/Vice-Rector for Global Engagement, UVU. In his current position, Dr. Lago organizes and manages UVU's global and intercultural academic initiatives. Prior to it, he was a professor of language pedagogy at UVU. He received his undergraduate and post graduate degrees in the US and a doctorate degree in instructional technology in Spain. Dr. Lago is the Honorary Consul of Spain in Utah. He was awarded the title of Knight Commander of the Royal Order of Civil Merit by King Phillip VI of Spain in 2016.



Dr. Andrew Taber, Executive Director, The Mountain Institute. For 25 years, Dr. Taber has worked to conserve nature and improve the lives of rural people. He studied at the University of California at Santa Cruz, and holds a doctorate from Oxford University. Prior to coming to the Mountain Institute, Dr. Taber was Deputy Director General of the Center for International Forestry Research based in Bogor, Indonesia



Dr. Jed Shilling, Board of Trustees, The Mountain Institute. Dr. Shilling earned his PhD in Economics at MIT. He worked on the UNEP's Green Economy Initiative, which produced the Global Green New Deal report and the Green Economy Report. He wrote many intensive studys on the Infrastructure-Environment Nexus. He is also on the Board of the Friends of the Blue Ridge Mountains.



Dr. Rusty Butler, Main Representative, The Russian Academy of Natural Sciences. Dr. Butler is the main representative at the United Nations for the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences, an NGO in general consultative status under ECOSOS since 2002. At Utah Valley University, he was the Associate Vice President for International Affairs & Diplomacy and Director of the Utah-Russia Institute until his retirement in mid-2016. He was the Honorary Consul General of the Russian Federation in Utah (2001-2016) Dr. Butler's served as a senior staff member in the U.S.Senate and the Reagan Administration before entering management with the Boeing Corporation in its military operations.



Ms. Wendy Jyang, President, Utah-China F.I.S.H.&D&C Ms. Jyang founded Beijing-based WJS Liahona International Services to provide opportunities for young people to travel to Asia for humanitarian service. In 2011 she began working with the United Nations on the Millennial Development Goals where she realized that strengthening the family was a salient factor in lifting people out of poverty all over the world. Her organization was granted status of NGO with ECOSOC in 2015.

Agenda:

Welcome and introduction - *by Matthew Rands, President, UIMF*

Presentations:

1. Dr. Baldomero Lago, CIO/Vice-Rector for Global Engagement, UVU - *Introduced by William Crist, VP, Foreign Affairs Club,*

2. Dr. Andrew Taber, Executive Director, The Mountain Institute - *Introduced by Trevor Williams, VP, UIMF,*

3. Dr. Jed Shilling, Board of Trustees, The Mountain Institute - *Introduced by Lacey Meyer, member, UIMF,*

4. Dr. Rusty Butler, Main Representative, The Russian Academy of Natural Sciences - *Introduced by Jenny Hoppie, President, Sustainable Mountain Development Club,*

5. Dr. Wendy Jyang, President, Utah-China F.I.S.H.&D&C - *Introduced by Diane Acevedo, VP, Sustainable Mountain Development Club.*

Q&A with Audience

Presentation of Gifts - *Derek Garfield, member, UIMF*

Closing Remarks - *by Matthew Rands, President, UIMF*