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On the occasion of the International Mountain Day
at UNFCCC COP 24 Katowice, Poland

Mountain adaptation: Vulnerable peaks and people

18:30—20:00, 11 December 2018

Venue: Pieniny

Food and drinks will be provided

Mountain environments provide essential services, from capturing water for the needs of over half of the world's population to hosting vulnerable ecosystems and biodiversity. Climate change threatens mountain environments, local and downstream communities. Innovative solutions have been developed in mountainous countries across the world, such as protecting highland wetlands in Colombia or building reservoirs in Afghanistan to secure water availability. Adaptation to climate change in mountains requires strengthened international cooperation, allowing countries to share knowledge and experience.

Programme:

Opening remarks

HE Elisabeth Köstinger, Federal Minister of Sustainability and Tourism, Austria

HE Henryk Kowalczyk, Minister of the Environment, Poland

Presenting the Mountain Adaptation Outlook report

Satya S. Tripathi, UN ASG and Head of UN Environment New York Office

Presenting the Outlook on Climate Change Adaptation in the Hindu Kush Himalayas report

Arnico K. Panday, Regional Programme Manager, Atmosphere, ICIMOD

Round-table discussion

Chair: Jürgen Schneider, Director-General for Climate, Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism Austria

HE Elisabeth Köstinger, Federal Minister of Sustainability and Tourism, Austria

HE Shakti Bahadur Basnet, Minister of Forest and Environment, Nepal

HE Markus Reiterer, Secretary General of the Alpine Convention

HE Mary Goretti Kitutu, Minister of State for Environment, Uganda

HE Orneta Çuçi, Deputy Minister of Tourism and Environment, Albania

HE Małgorzata Golińska, Secretary of State, Poland

Representative of Kyrgyzstan

Representative of the Andes region

Closing remarks & Launch of Vanishing Treasures Programme

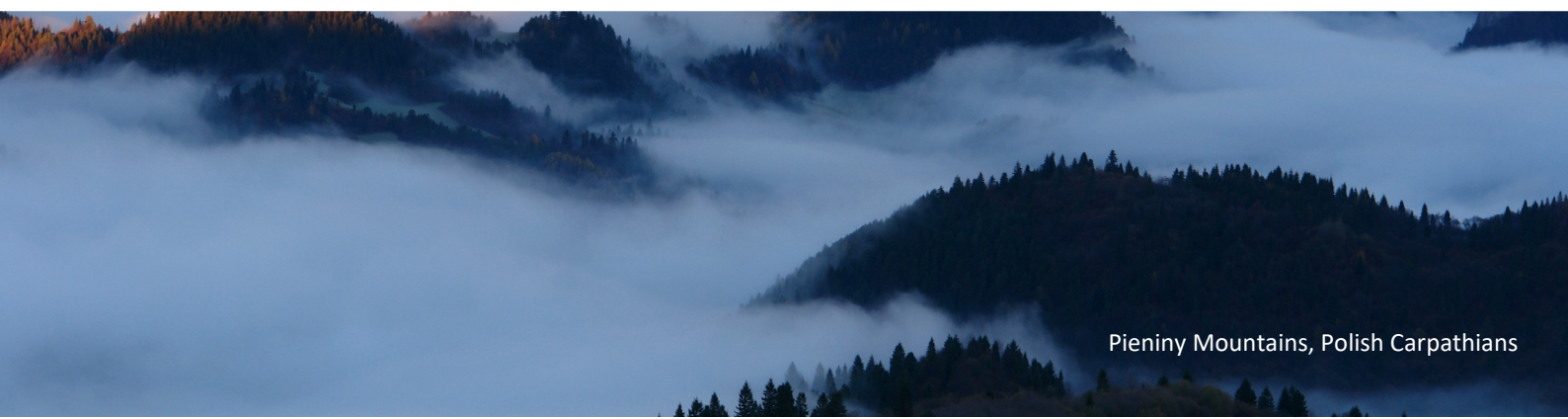
HE Carole Dieschbourg, Minister for Environment, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg



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Moderators for the event: Matthias Jurek, UN Environment and Björn Alfthan, GRID-Arendal

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Pieniny Mountains, Polish Carpathians