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 Ornela Çuçi, Deputy Minister of Tourism and Environment, Albania
HE Małgorzata Goliriska, 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

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