

## Mountains Matter: Ideas to Action Sixth Global Meeting of the Mountain Partnership September 26-29, 2022 | Aspen, Colorado

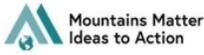
The Sixth Global Meeting of the Mountain Partnership, “[Mountains Matter: Ideas to Action](#),” will take place on September 26-29, 2022 at the Aspen Meadows Resort in Aspen, Colorado and will be co-hosted by the state of Colorado, the Aspen Institute, the City of Aspen and the Aspen International Mountain Foundation (AIMF). In June 2021, the Mountain Partnership selected the Aspen International Mountain Foundation (AIMF) as the member to host the meeting. Host finalists were AIMF, the Canadian Mountain Network, Eurac Research in Italy and the Romanian National Agency for Mountain Areas.

The three-day meeting will establish the Mountain Partnership agenda and high-level advocacy goals for the next four years. The meeting will be the main event of the [International Year of Sustainable Mountain Development 2022](#), announced by the United Nations in December and enacted by a resolution sponsored by 94 countries including Canada and the US.

Expected attendees include Colorado Governor Jared Polis, who will greet the attendees on the first full day of the event, Tuesday, September 27; Qu Dongyu, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); and Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Representatives from the Green Climate Fund (GCF), the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), the Snow Leopard Trust and the Outdoor Industry Association (OIA) are also expected to participate in the event.

The Mountain Partnership has been tasked by the UN to launch a five-year action plan to increase awareness of the importance of sustainable mountain development and the conservation and sustainable use of mountain ecosystems. The meeting’s theme, “Building Alliances for Resilient Mountains,” reflects the Mountain Partnership’s desire to partner with the private sector, government, and NGOs in North America. US policy makers and outdoor industry sponsors are invited to join the Mountain Partnership and, as members, may participate in the meeting and develop action items in concert with key officials from North America and around the world.

In addition to member plenary sessions, there will be a welcome reception, a banquet, an evening concert and daily side events held throughout Aspen on topics related to sustainable mountain development, including climate change, ecotourism, renewable energy, disaster mitigation and water conservation at the global, regional and local levels.



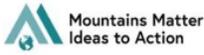
The state of [Colorado recently joined the Mountain Partnership](#), establishing Colorado as the first US state to become a member. The [City of Aspen](#) became the first US governmental entity to join in 2010.

The meeting will culminate with a public forum hosted by the [Aspen Institute](#) featuring a keynote address and panel discussions with high-level experts and dignitaries from throughout North America and globally.

Immediately after the meeting, delegates are invited to the historic ski town of Telluride, Colorado in the San Juan mountains. Highlights of this two-day event, hosted by the [Telluride Institute](#), will include an Indigenous-led round table, discussion on issues of interest to Indigenous communities, sustainable mountain community development and conservation. Other topics will include networking mountain communities, how to share information, ideas and conversations across cultures and continents.

The [Mountain Partnership](#) is the United Nations voluntary alliance of partners dedicated to mountain peoples and environments, with over 450 members from 96 mountain countries, including national and local governments, intergovernmental organizations, NGOs, private sector businesses, and nonprofits. Founded in 2002, the Mountain Partnership addresses the challenges facing mountain regions by tapping the wealth and diversity of resources, knowledge, information, and expertise, from and between its members, to stimulate concrete initiatives at all levels that will ensure improved quality of life and environments in the world's mountain regions.

Aspen-based nonprofit, [AIMF](#), promotes sustainable development in mountain environments and communities in Colorado and around the world. On July 21, 2021, AIMF was granted special consultative status by the [United Nations Economic and Social Council \(ECOSOC\)](#), a highly discretionary designation that enables an organization to engage in a number of ways with ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies, the Human Rights Council and, under specific conditions, some meetings of the General Assembly and other intergovernmental bodies, as well as with the United Nations Secretariat. AIMF was instrumental in developing the mountain-related actions within the [UN's Sustainable Development Goals \(SDG's\)](#) and participated in the Paris Accords. AIMF is co-chair of the Steering Committee of the Mountain Partnership and represents North and Central America and the Caribbean region.



## Agenda | UN Mountain Partnership Global Meeting

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| Mon Evening, Sept 26   | 6:00-9:00pm   Welcome Reception, Aspen Meadows Resort   |
| Tues-Thurs, Sept 27-29 | 8:30am-2:00pm   Global Meeting, Aspen Meadows Resort<br>Mountain Partnership plenary and breakout sessions      |
|                        | 2:00-5:00pm   Public Side Events, Aspen Meadows Resort<br>Mountain Partnership member and sponsored side events |
| Tues, Sept 27          | 6:30-9:30pm   Reception/Gala Dinner, Doerr-Hosier Building,<br>Aspen Meadows Resort                             |
| Weds, Sept 28          | Evening Entertainment, TBD  |
| Thurs, Sept 29         | 2:00-5:00pm   Afternoon Forum hosted by the Aspen<br>Institute, Paepcke Auditorium, Aspen Meadows Resort        |
| Fri-Sat, Sept 30-Oct 1 | Optional Telluride or Aspen area excursions, TBD  |