5th Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group

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The Mountain Partnership (MP)

Founded in 2002, the MP is the only United Nations alliance dedicated to protecting mountain environments around the world. 451 members in 98 countries

- **60** Governments (Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine)
- **18** Intergovernmental Organizations
- **373** Major Groups & Organizations

- Carpathian Convention is a long standing member
- Close collaboration with the UNEP office of Vienna

*Secretariat hosted by FAO, supported by Andorra, Italy and Switzerland*
Pillars of Work

**Advocacy** - raise awareness through events about sustainable mountain development

**Capacity Development** - courses on sustainable mountain development and agrobiodiversity

**Knowledge sharing and communications** - produce and share publications, articles, videos, newsletter, social media, databases

**Joint action at the global level** - supporting collaboration among Mountain Partnership members
International Mountain Day

11 December

• 2022 Theme: “Women move mountains”

• Women in mountains often main managers of resources but lack access to infrastructure, services credit and training

• Communication campaign, products, outreach, high level event

• Members events around the world
International Year of Sustainable Mountain Development 2022

- Proclaimed by UNGA on 16 December 2021 at the proposal of the Kyrgyz Republic

- Mountain Partnership invited to facilitate observance of the Year

- Opportunity to increase awareness of the importance of sustainable mountain development and the conservation and sustainable use of mountain ecosystems

- Opportunity to join forces for concrete actions:
  - Build scientific evidence for policy advice
  - Catalyze climate funding
  - Highlight mountains in UNFCCC, CBD, UNCCD processes
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