

# The Mountain Partnership and the Rocky Mountain States

*A significant opportunity to pursue gender initiatives and the global mountain agenda*

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## Mountain Partnership



# The Mountain Partnership

A collaborative approach to development...

- Launched in Johannesburg - 2002
- Voluntary Alliance of 180 members that is inclusive of all stakeholders
  - 50 Governments
  - 16 IGOs
  - 115 Civil Society and Private Sector

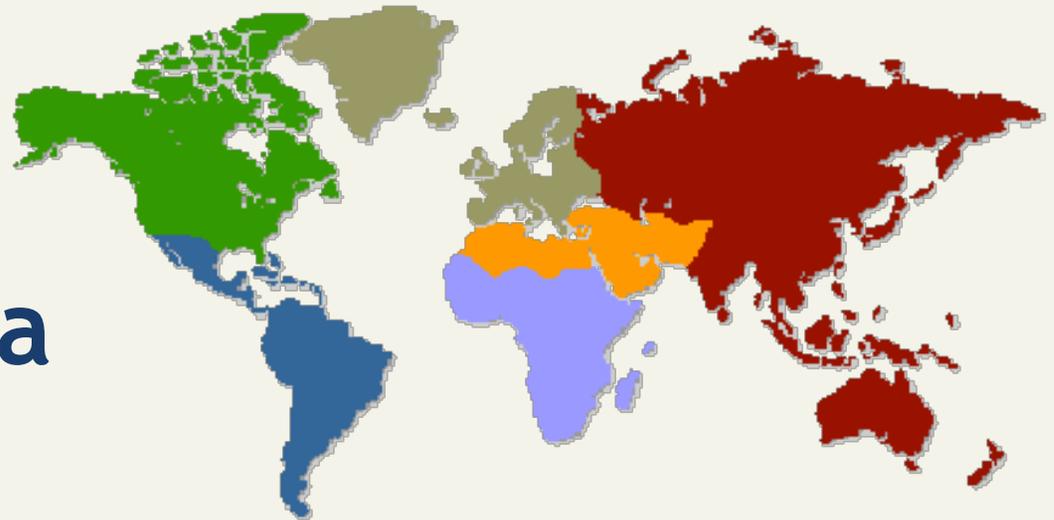


# Enhances collaboration and action through ...

- Brokering collaborative activities, projects and programmes - “adding value”
- Facilitating contacts, outreach and sharing of information
- Resource mobilization
- Advocacy and political support for mountains (UNFCCC, UNCBD, UNCCD, CSD, etc.)

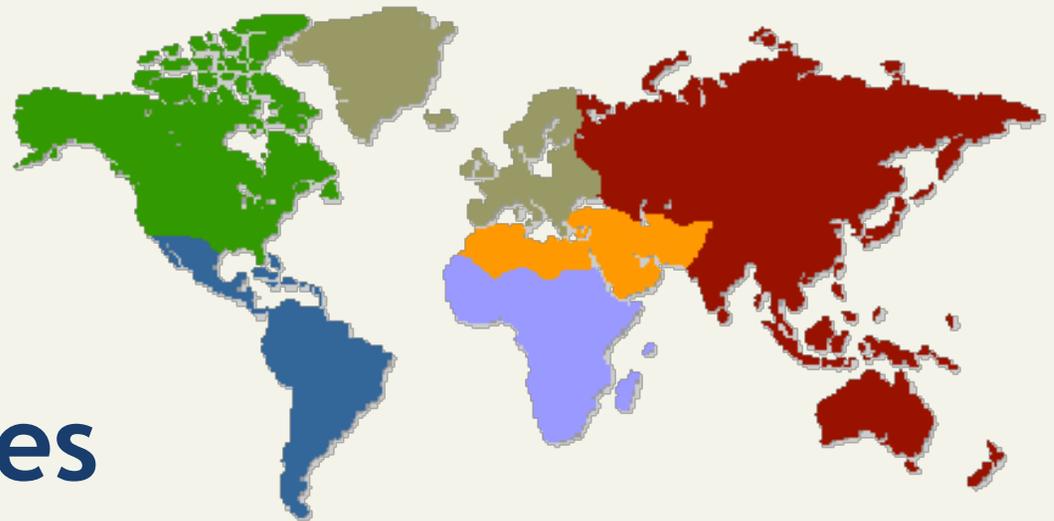
# Working in different regions...

- Andes
- HKH
- Africa
- Central Asia
- Europe
- N. America
- Mediterranean



# Working at all levels...

- **Global**
- **Regional**
- **Local  
Communities**



# Supported by a Secretariat with global and regional hubs

- **Global - FAO**
- **Central Asia - UCA**
- **Latin America - CONDESAN**
- **South Asia/Pacific - ICIMOD**
- **North America and Africa?**

# Why focus on Women in mountains?

Women are essential to sustainable development in mountains, BUT faced with:

- Poor education level - social exclusion
- Lack of food and medicine - high mortality
- Heavy work load
- Outmigration of males



# Women of the Mountains 2011

## Will serve to:

- Continue efforts from 2007 - Orem Declaration
- Share knowledge about status of mountain women across the globe
- Mobilize Rocky Mountain members of Mountain Partnership
- Provide recommendations for action



# Will the conference make a difference?

Past efforts to focus on women - mixed results :

- Celebrating Mountain Women Conference - Bhutan 2002: *Thimphu Declaration*
- Gender Initiative of the Mountain Partnership - 2004
- 1<sup>st</sup> Women of the Mountains Conference - Orem 2007: *Orem Declaration*



# YES - we can make a difference!

## How:

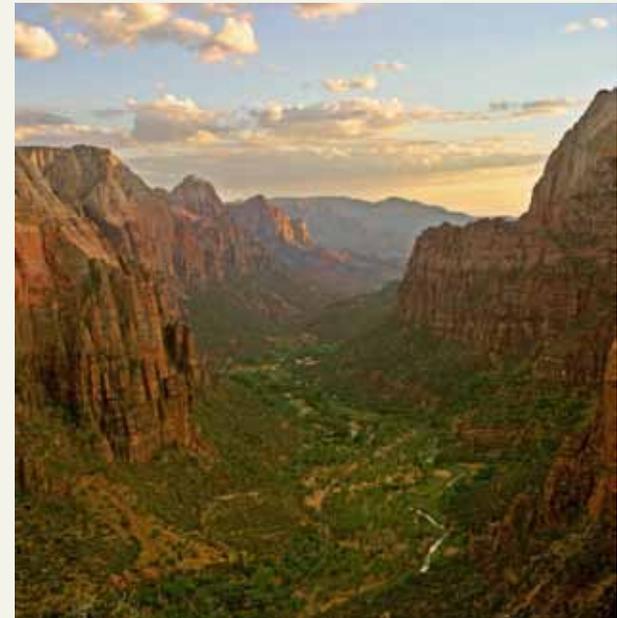
- Analyze what has worked and remaining gaps and challenges
- Tap the new interest and mobilization of Rocky Mountain members of Mountain Partnership
- Be practical in defining what is possible and set realistic and measurable objectives - meaningful commitments
- Establish close linkages with related global/regional processes: Rio+20, UN Women, national development plans, etc.



# Women... and beyond

## Rocky Mountain members have much to offer:

- Broad-based membership: municipalities/local govt., Universities, NGOs and....private sector?
- Models and experience to share on SMD - transforming economies, governance, green energy, high quality products and services, etc.
- Mobilization of financial resources and investment opportunities



# Women's issues - not for Women only!

Achieving sustainable development in mountains is not possible without women who are *empowered, respected and leading the way!*



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**Thank you**

**Happy  
International Women's Day!**

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