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Dear organizers and participants of the 4th International Women of the Mountain Conference,

On behalf of the Global Change and Sustainability Center at the University of Utah, I would like to extend a warm greeting to the organizers and participants of the Women of the Mountains Conference at Utah Valley University.

We congratulate you on hosting and taking part in this important forum in support of gender issues and sustainable development as practical steps in implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and Post-2015 agenda of the United Nations. We congratulate the Utah students who have played a major role in organizing and hosting the conference. This is an excellent way to help prepare a new generation of sustainability leaders. We applaud your work advocating for mountain women, families and their livelihoods on local, regional and global levels.

We look forward to working together with community partners in addressing important gender and mountain issues in the state of Utah, the Rocky Mountain Region and around the globe. We wish you success in reaching the goals of your outstanding endeavor.

Sincerely,



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