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**Eighth Annual International
Mountain Day Celebration at UVU**

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DATE: Monday, December 5, 2018

TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: UVU, LA 116

Orem, UT



Agenda:

Welcome and Introduction: *by Sam Elzinga, President, Utah International Mountain Forum*

Guest Presentations:

Dr. Baldomero Lago, CIO/Vice-Rector for Global Engagement, UVU – *Introduced by Michael Hinatsu, Member, Utah International Mountain Forum*

Mayor Richard Brunst, City of Orem – *Introduced by Andrew Jensen, President, Model UN Club*

Dr. Ross Butler, Main Representative at UN, Russian Academy of Natural Sciences, an NGO in general consultative status with UN ECOSOC - *Introduced by Joseph Lloyd, VP, Utah International Mountain Forum*

Mrs. Wendy Jyang, President, Utah China Friendship Improvement Sharing Hands Development and Commerce, an NGO in special consultative status with UN ECOSOC - *Introduced by Hannah Bieker, Member, Utah International Mountain Forum*

Ms. Rebecca Brindraban, Editor-In-Chief, the Youth and the Mountains Journal – *Introduced by Kyle Williams, Member, Utah International Mountain Forum*

Presentation of FAO/UN Certificates of Contribution:
– *by Megan Davis, Member, UIMF*

Closing Remarks: *by Sam Elzinga, President, Utah International Mountain Forum*



Dr. Baldomero Lago, CIO/Vice-Rector for Global Engagement, UVU: Dr. Lago organizes and manages UVU's global and intercultural academic initiatives. He is the Honorary Consul of Spain in Utah and was awarded the title of Knight Commander of the Royal Order of Civil Merit by King Phillip VI of Spain in 2016.



Mayor Richard Brunst, City of Orem: Richard Brunst received a degree in political science from Brigham Young University and an MBA from Arizona State University. He is the owner of Western Pipe Coaters & Engineers and has run the company for 31 years. A long-time resident of Orem, Mr. Brunst and his wife have raised 4 children in Utah. He was elected Mayor of Orem in November 2013.



Dr. Ross Butler, Main Representative, Russian Academy of Natural Sciences: Dr. Butler is the main representative at the United Nations for the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences, an NGO in general consultative status under ECOSOS since 2002. At Utah Valley University, he was the Associate Vice President for International Affairs & Diplomacy and Director of the Utah-Russia Institute until his retirement in mid-2016.



Mrs. Wendy Jyang, President, Utah-China F.I.S.H.&D&C: Mrs. Jyang founded Beijing-based WJS Liahona International Services to provide opportunities for young people to travel to Asia for humanitarian service. She began working with the UN in 2011 on the Millennial Development Goals where she realized that strengthening the family was a salient factor in lifting people out of poverty. Her organization was granted status of NGO with ECOSOC in 2015.



Ms. Rebecca Brindraban, Editor-In-Chief, 2017 Issue of the Youth and the Mountain: Ms. Brindraban is a current student and UVU and Vice President of the Utah International Mountain Forum. She is also the chief editor of the Youth and the Mountain, a journal on campus that highlights students work on sustainable development topics.