



ASPEN INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN FOUNDATION

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Dear organizers and participants of the third Women of the Mountain Conference in Puno, Peru,

On behalf of the Aspen International Mountain Foundation, I would like to send warm greetings to you all. We would like to congratulate you on taking part in this very important convening in support of gender issues and the sustainable mountain agenda in advance of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro. AIMF, a Colorado NGO, has been actively involved in the promotion of the sustainable mountain agenda in both the Rocky Mountains and globally since 2001. It was our honor to have contributed to the success of the second Women of the Mountains Conference, which was organized by Utah Valley University and the International University of Kyrgyzstan in Orem, Utah in March 2011. We are pleased that the third conference of Women of the Mountains will be held beyond the borders of the Rocky Mountains, in Latin America, as it was envisioned by the Orem Declaration of Mountain Women, the final document of the first Women of the Mountains Conference in Orem, Utah in 2007.

We are looking forward to working further together with you all in addressing important mountain issues as a part of a global focus promoted by the sustainable development agenda of the United Nations .

We wish you success in this outstanding joint effort to expand networking and knowledge sharing between the Rocky Mountains region and mountainous nations of Latin America.

Sincerely,

Karinjo DeVore

President

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