



## Press Kit

# *“Promoting Mountain Products for Better Livelihoods”*

**International Mountain Day 2015**

**University of Utah**

**Gould Auditorium**

**J. Willard Marriott Library**

**4:30 pm**

**December 4, 2015**

### Co-Hosts:



[www.utahimf.org](http://www.utahimf.org)

## Contributors:



The United Nations General Assembly designated 11 December “**International Mountain Day (IMD)**”. As of 2003, it has been observed every year to create awareness about the importance of mountains to life, to highlight the opportunities and constraints in mountain development and to build alliances that will bring positive change to mountain peoples and environments around the world.

IMD celebrations are coordinated by the Mountain Partnership Secretariat ([www.mountainpartnership.org](http://www.mountainpartnership.org)) under the Food and Agriculture organization of the United Nations.

For the first time IMD was celebrated in the State of Utah in 2010 through the efforts of students and faculty at Utah Valley University (UVU). UVU joined Mountain Partnership in 2006. Since that time UVU celebrated IMD every year with involvement of other members of the Mountain Partnership from North America and around the world. This year IMD celebrations are hosted at University of Utah in order to raise an awareness about importance of the sustainable mountain development agenda of the United Nations among the students and faculty at UofU.

### **Agenda**

4:30pm - Welcome by *Carlos Alarco*, Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF), Liaison at University of Utah.

Mingling, Refreshments and Vendor presentation

5:00pm - Video Greetings from *Dr. Thomas Hofer*, Coordinator of the Mountain Partnership Secretariat (MPS)

5:10pm - Greetings from the Mountain Partnership Members from North America and Central Asia

5:15pm - Musical Performance “We are Friends” by *Students of Pacific Heritage Academy of Rose Park, Utah*

[www.phlearning.org](http://www.phlearning.org)

5:30pm - Presentation of the MPS Certificates for contribution to the Fourth International Women of the Mountains Conference: *Dr. Rusty Butler* Associate VP for International Affairs and Diplomacy, Utah Valley University and *Tony Medina*, President of the UIMF.

### **Presentations of Speakers on the topic:**

#### **“Promoting Mountain Products for Better Livelihoods”**

Introductions of speakers by Carlos Alarco and Kamaile Harris

- *Colleen Grant Dick*; Board Member of Onchenda Open Global ([www.onchenda.com](http://www.onchenda.com))  
“Agriculture in the Mountains”
- Ayrel Clark-Proffitt, Marykate Glenn, Caroline Murdoch and Alya Hussain: Office of Sustainability, University of Utah ([www.sustainability.utah.edu](http://www.sustainability.utah.edu))

## “Engagement as a Product”

- *Gina Cornia*; Executive Director of Utahns Against Hunger ([www.uah.org/](http://www.uah.org/))  
“Hunger and food and insecurity, why it matters to everyone”
- *Ryan Pleune*; Adventure & Service Coordinator at Pacific Heritage Academy of Rose Park, Utah ([www.phlearning.org](http://www.phlearning.org))  
“Outdoor Education Programs in K – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade”
- *Roger Crandall*; Brand Ambassador for Organic Transit Solar Car “Elf” ([www.organictransit.com](http://www.organictransit.com))  
“Zero Emission Transportation”
- *Jennifer Jones*; University of Utah Bennion Center ([www.bennioncenter.org](http://www.bennioncenter.org))
- *Julia Maciunas and Sam*; University of Utah Food Recovery Network (<https://www.facebook.com/foodrecovery.uofu/>)
- *Sawson Gholami*; University of Utah Real Food Challenge (<https://www.facebook.com/uofurealfoodchallenge/>)  
“Real Food Challenge and the impact on food systems”

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### **Keynote Speaker:**

- *Jason Singer Smith*; Professional Climber, Speaker and Writer ([www.jasonsingersmith.com](http://www.jasonsingersmith.com))  
“Economic Issues in Mountain Regions”

Closing Remarks by *Kamaile Harris*, Utah International Mountain Forum, Salt Lake Community Outreach Liaison