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Utah Valley University

Dear Participants and Organizers of the Fourth International Women of Mountains Conference:

On behalf of the Andes Program staff and partners in Peru, I would like to extend our wholehearted congratulations for the organization of the Fourth Women of the Mountains Conference that will debate the critical role of women in the future of mountain communities and societies around the world.

Those of us working in the Andes mountains appreciate the effort invested in organizing and participating in this important conference. Your deliberations will contribute to advance a global perspective on mountain societies and will enhance our understanding of the position and power of women to help mountain societies adapt in a fast changing world.

We wish you a most productive meeting and look forward to the results of your work,

Sincerely,



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