

Introduction of the Mountain Day Programme

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Why Mountain Day?

- Urgent need to raise awareness and sensitise UNFCCC COP17 delegates on the implications of climate change in the Mountain regions,
- Emergence of stronger scientific evidences and implications
- Need for policy actions to ensure the critical contribution of mountain ecosystems in climate change adaptation, mitigation & sustainable development

Why at COP17 in Durban?

- COP 17 at Durban is a unique chance to interact with high level Policy makers and global stakeholders to put mountain issues both in Climate Change and Rio+20 discourses.

Purpose of Mountain Day

- Share latest scientific results and evidences of growing impacts of climate change
- Issue a Call for Action to the COP17 delegates stressing more concerted and action to combat climate change impacts on mountain ecosystems.
- Demonstrate clear opportunities and examples mountain provide to achieve adaptation, mitigation and sustainable development.

Process and Agenda: Keynote and book release

- Purpose is to highlight the latest in science, policy and research on Mountain and Climate Change;
- Setting the tone and scene for the day

Programme of Mountain Day

- **Minister-level panel discussions:**
Aim: Actions on how to promote low carbon or green growth pathways and achieve sustainable development?
- **Policy/Decision Makers' Panel:**
- Aim: Suitable global, regional and national policies suitable for Mountains

Programme of Mountain Day: two parallel sessions

- Communicating relevant scientific evidence to influence policies; (Scientific session)
- Sharing opportunities for making adaptation successful and sustainable (Practitioners' session);
- Validation by science communicators
- Discussion on Draft Call for Action
- Networking and partnership development

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