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
Thank you

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