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Objectives

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- To identify and relay mountain youth’s priorities for green economy and sustainable development
- To improve networking among participating youth for future actions
- To develop and issue an appeal to the Rio+20 delegates to give greater attention to mountains and to recognize youth as important stakeholders in the outcome document
Speakers

Mr Tek Jung Mahat, ICIMOD – Overview
Ms Ivana Savić, UNCSD MGCY – Global perspective
Mr Jean Paul Brice, African Youth Initiative on Climate Change (AYICC) – Africa
Ms Sameera Zaib, APYTF – Asia Pacific
Mr Nicolò Wojewoda, PCI – Europe
Ms Nora Mahmoud, ECI – North and Central America
Mr Juan Carlos Soriano – South America

MGCY Youth Blast Delegate
Ms Swati Thapa, World Youth Congress Delegate
Mr Jaya Jung Mahat, UN Youth Mobilizer – UNDP Sustainable Development Dialogues

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Activating Talent in Sustainability (ACTIS)/Youth Encounter on Sustainability (YES)
Earth Child International (ECI)
Peace Child International (PCI)/Road to Rio+20
UNCSD Major Group on Children and Youth (MGCY)

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