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Mountains connect: Collaboration and partnership across mountain ranges

From the Andes to the Alps, Carpathians, East Africa, and Hindu Kush Himalaya

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Event focus

The world's mountain regions are facing similar challenges in terms of accelerated climate change impacts, and there is a need to shift the understanding of mountain realities from the periphery towards the centre of global climate and environment discourse.

In June 2022, the Mountains Connect interregional workshop engaged representatives from the Alps, Andes, South Caucasus, Carpathians, East Africa, and Hindu Kush Himalaya to connect and exchange knowledge on climate change adaptation and regional governance in mountain regions. The workshop was undertaken as part of the SDC-funded Adaptation at Altitude programme and, with the support from the University of Geneva, hosted by UNEP in Vienna, Austria.

Building on the International Year of Sustainable Mountain Development 2022 and the Mountains Connect workshop, this event at COP27 aims to share lessons learned around:

- Regional and interregional collaboration for climate change adaptation and sustainable climate-resilient development in mountain areas
- Promote the Mountains Connect virtual space (www.mountains-connect.org) as an online source of information about transboundary mountain governance

Agenda

Time (Egypt)	Programme
14:30–14:35	Welcome remarks – Udayan Mishra , Knowledge Management and Networking Officer, ICIMOD
14:35–15:00	Setting the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Screening of a short video on lessons learned from the Mountains Connect interregional workshop 2022 and showcasing of the Mountains Connect virtual space• Alenka Smerkolj, Secretary General, Alpine Convention• Babar Khan, Senior Ecosystem Management Specialist, ICIMOD• Sabine McCallum, Associate Programme Management Officer, UNEP (Joining online)
15:00 – 15:45	Remarks and moderated dialogue Moderator: Babar Khan , ICIMOD <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Buddi Sagar Poudel, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Forests and Environment, Nepal• Harald Egerer, Secretary General, Carpathian Convention (joining online)• Yesica Fonseca, Andean Mountain Initiative, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Peru• Helmut Hojesky, Chair of the Alpine Climate Board of the Alpine Convention, Austria• Eng. Ladislaus K. Leonidas, Principal Environment and Natural Resource Officer, East African Community (EAC) <p>Q&A</p>
15:45 – 15:50	Reflections and closing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deepshikha Sharma, Climate and Environment Specialist, ICIMOD• Ansgar Fellendorf, Climate Change and Mountain Ecosystems Expert, UNEP (joining online)

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