



MOUNTAINS  
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TO EVERY SUMMIT

SEVENTH GLOBAL MEETING  
OF THE MOUNTAIN PARTNERSHIP

MOUNTAINS  
FOR THE FUTURE:  
RESPONSIBLE TOURISM,  
THRIVING COMMUNITIES



Govern d'Andorra



Mountain Partnership

# DAY 1 - Thursday, 26 March



**8.00 – 9.00** **On-site registration**  
*Venue: Hotel Yomo Cèntric*

**9.00 – 9.05** **Welcome**

- H.E. Noëlia Souque, *Ambassador for Cross-border Cooperation, Andorra*
- Giorgio Grussu, *Project Coordinator, Mountain Partnership Secretariat*

*Room: Engolasters/Sa Calma*

**9.05 – 9.20** **Opening keynotes**

- H.E. Shaikha Alnuwais, *Secretary-General, UN Tourism*
- H.E. Amina J. Mohammed, *Deputy Secretary-General, United Nations (video message)*
- H.E. Xavier Espot, *Head of Government, Andorra*

*Room: Engolasters/Sa Calma*

**9.20 – 10.30** **Founders of the Mountain Partnership round table**  
*Moderator: Julia Wolf, Coordinator, Mountain Partnership Secretariat*

- H.E. Giuseppe Buccino Grimaldi, *Ambassador, Embassy of Italy to Spain, Italy*
- Alwin Kopše, *Deputy Assistant Director-General and Head of International Affairs, Federal Office for Agriculture, Switzerland*
- Zhimin Wu, *Assistant Director-General, Forestry Division, FAO*
- Arnold Kreilhuber, *Regional Director and Representative, UNEP*

*Room: Engolasters/Sa Calma*

**10.30 – 11.00** **Coffee break**

**11.00 – 13.00** **Mountains matter accelerating action amid global challenges**



## **Panel 1: Climate action – fostering the science and policy network**

*Moderator: Kaveh Guilanpour, Vice President for International Strategies, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions*

- *H.E. David Forné, Secretary of State for Energy Transition, Transportation and Mobility, Andorra*
- *H.E. Dinara Kemelova, Ambassador, Special Representative of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic on mountain agenda, Kyrgyzstan*
- *Pema Gyamtsho, Director-General, ICIMOD (video message)*
- *Govinda Prasad Sharma, Secretary, Ministry of Forests and Environment, Nepal*
- *Anil Mishra, Chief of Section, Hydrological Systems, Climate Change and Adaptation, UNESCO*
- *Rojina Manandhar, Team Lead, Adaptation Division, UNFCCC*
- *Carolina Adler, Executive Director, Mountain Research Initiative*

*Room: Engolasters/Sa Calma*

Discussion, Q&A

● **12.00 – 14.00 Closed-door ministerial meeting**

● **13.00 – 14.30 Lunch**

*Venue: Hotel Yomo Cèntric cafeteria*

● **13.00 – 14.30 Side Event** organized by Adaptation at Altitude:  
**Connecting the world's mountains for knowledge exchange and climate action.**

*Room: Serradells*

● **14.30 – 16.00 Mountains matter: accelerating action amid global challenges**



## **Panel 2: Mountains beyond borders – ecosystem protection, restoration and sustainable management**

*Moderator: Hugo Mantilla-Malik, Centro de Estudios de Alta Montaña, University of Quindío*

- H.E. Guillem Casal, *Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, Andorra*
  - H.E. Robert Abisoghomyan, *Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Armenia*
  - H.E. Jambaltseren Tumur-Uya, *State Secretary, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry, Mongolia*
  - Zhimin Wu, *Assistant Director-General, Forestry Division, FAO*
  - Maria Argüello, *Executive Director, CONDESAN*
  - Tamara Mitrofanenko, *Senior Carpathian Convention Expert, Carpathian Convention*
  - Tristan Tyrrell, *Programme Management Officer, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity*
- Room: Engolasters/Sa Calma*

Discussion, Q&A

● 16.00 – 16.30 **Coffee break**

● 16.30 – 18.00 **Mountains matter: accelerating action amid global challenges**

## **Panel 3: Sustainable tourism for resilient mountain futures**

*Moderator: Sandra Carvao, Director of the Tourism Market Intelligence & Competitiveness Department, UN Tourism*

- H.E. Jordi Torres, *Minister of Tourism and Trade, Andorra*
- H.E. Slaven Radunovic, *Minister of Spatial Planning, Urbanism and State Property, Montenegro*
- Luis Felipe Ugarelli Basurto, *Ambassador, Director-General, Multilateral and Global Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Peru*

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- Niumata Kitiona Pogi, *Chief Executive Officer, Samoa Tourism Authority, Samoa*
- Serge Koenig, *Council Member, International Mountain Tourism Alliance*
- Patricia Breuer Moreno, *Co-founder, Mujeres a la Cumbre*  
*Room: Engolasters/Sa Calma*

Discussion, Q&A

**18.00 – 19.00** **Closed-door consultations for the Andorra Declaration**  
*Room: Engolasters/Sa Calma*

**19.00 – 19.30** **Musical entertainment**  
*Venue: Plaça de la Rotonda, AD500 Andorra la Vella, Andorra*

**19.30 – 21.30** **Welcome cocktail**  
*Venue: Hotel Yomo Cèntric*  
*Dress code: cocktail attire; cultural dress welcome*

## DAY 2 - Friday, 27 March



**9.00 – 10.30** **Mountains matter: accelerating action amid global challenges (continued)**

**Panel 4: Financing sustainable development in mountain areas**

*Moderator: H.E. Noèlia Souque, Ambassador for Cross-border Cooperation, Andorra*

- Jordi Llopart, *Senior Advisor to the Administrator Strategic Alliances Executive Office, UNDP*
- Alvaro Garcia, *Advisor to the Finance Minister, Andorra*



- *Mohammad Abdulaziz Al Naafa, Advisor to National Center for Vegetation Cover Development and Combating Desertification, Saudi Arabia*
- *Matthias Jurek, Programme Management Officer, UNEP*
- *Anna Gonzalez Manjon, Scientific Manager, Kilian Jornet Foundation*

*Room: Engolasters/Sa Calma*

Discussion, Q&A

**10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break**

**11.00 – 12.30 Panel 5: Fostering change in mountains – building livelihoods, agrifood systems and economies**

*Moderator: Una Jones, Chief Executive Officer, Sustainable Fibre Alliance*

- *H.E. Giuseppe Buccino Grimaldi, Ambassador, Embassy of Italy to Spain, Italy*
- *H.E. Bakyt Dzhusupov, Ambassador and Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, OSCE*
- *David Okurut, Director Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda*
- *Alwin Kopše, Deputy Assistant Director-General and Head of International Affairs, Swiss Federal Office for Agriculture, Switzerland*
- *Richard Perekamoyo, Principal Secretary for Natural Resources, Ministry of Natural Resources, Malawi*
- *John Palacin, President, Agence des Pyrénées*

*Room: Engolasters/Sa Calma*

Discussion, Q&A

**12.30 – 14.00 Side Event co-organized by OSCE and Kyrgyzstan: Building Resilience at Altitude: Climate Change and Security in Mountain regions**



*Room: Serradells*

**12.30 – 14.00 Lunch**

*Venue: Hotel Yomo Cèntric cafeteria*

**14.00 – 15.30 Only for Mountain Partnership members**

*Moderator: Giorgio Grussu, Project Coordinator, Mountain Partnership Secretariat and Ludovica Trancredi Martinelli, Outgoing Chair of the Steering Committee, Mountain Partnership*

**Revision of Governance documents**

- Advocacy Strategy
- Communication Strategy
- Governance Paper

**Preparation for the Steering Committee**

- Chair of the Steering Committee
- Breakout by electoral groups

**15.30 – 18.30 Parallel sessions**

**15.30 – 17.00 Youth at the table: advocacy, education, early careers**

*Moderator: Gobinda Bahadur Shahi, Executive Director, KIRDARC*

- Paola Fontanella, *Academic Officer, United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security / Eurac Research*
- Amos Amanubo, *Africa Regional Coordinator, Global Landscapes Forum*
- Rocio Melina Garcia, *Mountain Youth Hub*
- Lisa Cruz Lackner, *President, Fòrum de la Joventut d'Andorra*
- Marcela Fernández, *Founder, Cumbres Blancas*
- Inés Bafaluy, *Member of the Student Parliament of Toulouse and Head of the Societal-Environmental Commission*

*Room: Serradells*



**17.00 - 18.30 Sustainable tourism for fragile ecosystems – from highlands to islands**

*Moderator: Paul Dargusch, Director, Monash University*

- H.E. Choylin Yim Douglas, *Minister of Culture and Tourism, Solomon Islands*
- H.E. Carlos Augusto Batista, *Vice Minister of Protected Areas and Biodiversity, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Dominican Republic*
- Niumata Kitiona Pogi, *Chief Executive Officer, Samoa Tourism Authority, Samoa*
- *Representative from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Ireland (TBC)*
- Jan Cools, *Research Coordinator, International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation*
- Christina Leala-Gale, *Director of Sustainable Tourism, Pacific Tourism Organization*

*Room: Serradells*

**15.30 - 17.00 Side event organised by UNEP:  
Advancing Bioeconomy in Mountains: Pathways for Biodiversity Conservation, Climate Resilience, and Equitable Development**

*Room: Serradells*

**17.00 - 18.30 Side event organised by UNESCO:  
Strengthening Climate Resilience in Mountain Regions through UNESCO-Designated Sites**

*Room: Serradells*

**18.30 – 19.30 Closed-door consultations for UNFCCC SBSTA64  
Dialogue on mountains and climate change**

**19.30 Free time**

# DAY 3 - Saturday, 28 March



- 9.00 – 9.30**    **Only for MP members**  
*Moderator: Ludovica Trancredi Martinelli, Outgoing Chair of the Steering Committee, Mountain Partnership and Julia Wolf, Coordinator, Mountain Partnership Secretariat*  
**Steering Committee election**  
*Room: Serradells*
- 9.30 – 10.30**    **Only for MP Steering Committee members**  
*Moderator: Newly elected Chair of the Steering Committee, Mountain Partnership and Julia Wolf, Coordinator, Mountain Partnership Secretariat*  
**First Steering Committee meeting**  
*Room: Serradells*
- 10.30 – 11.00**    **Presentation of the Andorra Declaration**  
• H.E. Noèlia Souque, *Ambassador for Cross-border Cooperation, Andorra*  
*Room: Engolasters/Sa Calma*
- 11.00 – 12.00**    **Closing remarks**  
• H.E. Imma Tor, *Minister of Foreign Affairs, Andorra*  
*Room: Engolasters/Sa Calma*
- 12.00 – 13.00**    **Lunch / Free time**  
*Room: Serradells*
- 13.00 – 15.00**    **Field trip – Pont Tibetà, Canillo, Andorra**  
*(Warm and outdoor clothing required)*  
*Pick-up at the Conference Venue*



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