

2023 UN WATER CONFERENCE | VIRTUAL SIDE EVENT

ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE MOUNTAIN DEVELOPMENT: WATER TOWERS FOR PEOPLE AND THE PLANET

23 MARCH 2023 | 10:00 - 11:30 EDT / 15:00 - 16:30 CET

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Mountains are a vital source of water for millions of people living in both mountains and lowland areas. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) recognize the crucial role of mountains by calling to protect and restore water-related ecosystems, including mountains, by 2030. Yet, the cryosphere is rapidly declining due to the effects of climate change. This is causing an increase in extreme weather events that create water stress for all uses, including agriculture, energy supply and food security.

This session will discuss how to bring mountains to the forefront of international processes, particularly the Water Action Agenda, and how to accelerate political momentum for inclusive, resilient, and sustainable mountain development.

15.00 OPENING REMARKS

Sílvia Ferrer, Director of Environment & Sustainability, Andorra

15.05 PANEL DISCUSSION

Nurlan Aitmurzaev, Special Envoy of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic on Mountain Issues, Government of Kyrgyz Republic

Carlos Montoya, Deputy Director of Global Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Peru

Sindhu Dhungana, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Forests and Environment, Government of Nepal

Detlef Stammer, Professor, University of Hamburg; Chair, World Climate Research Program, and Member, World Meteorological Organization

Paola Agostini, Lead Natural Resources Management Specialist, World Bank

Marta Domènech, Researcher, Andorra Research and Innovation (ARI), Government of Andorra

Rosalaura Romeo, Mountain Partnership Secretariat Coordinator a.i., FAO

16.00 Q&A SESSION

16.20 CLOSING REMARKS

Elisenda Vives Balmaña, Ambassador, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Andorra to the United Nations



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