



## **Five Years of Action for the Development of Mountain Regions 2023-2027**

### **Task Force meeting**

**1 April 2025**

**15.30-16.30 CET**

#### **Agenda**

**15.30 - 15.35** - Opening, introduction and adoption of the agenda

**15.35 - 15.50** - Bishkek Dialogue (for information)

**15.50 - 15.55** - Five Years of Action: key milestones (for information)

**15.55 - 16.05** - 2025 UNSG Report on sustainable mountain development (for information and discussion)

**16.05 - 16.10** - Key upcoming mountain events (for information and discussion)

**16.10 - 16.25** - Next steps (for discussion)

**16.25 - 16.30** - Other issues and conclusion

#### **Opening, introduction and adoption of the agenda**

Sara Manuelli, Outreach and Advocacy Officer, Mountain Partnership Secretariat (MPS) opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. The agenda was adopted without changes.

See the full list of participants in Annex 1.

#### **Bishkek Dialogue (for information)**

Ambassador Dinara Kemelova provided an overview of the Bishkek Dialogue, which will take place in Bishkek on 24 and 25 April. The Dialogue will feature three main components. Plenary sessions will include statements from government representatives, international organizations, and experts on climate, sustainable mountain development and mountain ecosystems. Panel discussions will consist of 12 thematic sessions addressing key challenges and opportunities for mountain communities. Networking sessions will provide a platform for participants to strengthen international cooperation and partnerships.

The aim of the Dialogue is to coordinate efforts among mountain countries to integrate the mountain agenda into international climate processes, environmental conventions, and sustainable development discussions. It also seeks to raise global awareness of the environmental, social, and economic challenges facing mountain regions and to develop joint initiatives that will contribute to the 2027 Bishkek+25 Global Mountain Summit.

The main topics align with the Five Years of Action, focusing on the impact of climate change on mountain ecosystems and communities, the role of mountains in global water, food and energy security, adaptation strategies and ecosystem protection, strengthening scientific research on glaciers and water resources and securing financial and technical support for sustainable mountain development.

### **Five Years of Action: key milestones (for information)**

Fabio Parisi (MPS) provided an update on the Five Years of Action for the Development of Mountain Regions 2023-2027, which was established through a UNGA resolution in December 2022 as a key outcome of the International Year of Sustainable Mountain Development 2022. The MPS, at the request of the UN Resident Coordinator of Kyrgyzstan, has been coordinating a task force of 27 organizations and over 50 members to support its implementation. Upon its inception, the task force objective was to develop a Global Framework for Action, defining the impacts, pathways and areas of action for the Five Years of Action. The Global Framework for Action was launched at the High-Level Political Forum in July 2023 and presented at the UN General Assembly in September 2023. In December 2023, at FAO Council 174, FAO requested the development of a Global Action Plan for the Development of Mountain Regions. The Global Action Plan was launched and endorsed in July 2024 during 27th Session of the FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO 27). The Global Action Plan is based on the Global Framework for Action. FAO, at Council 176, welcomed the endorsement made at COFO 27, reaffirming its commitment to advancing the Five Years of Action for the Development of Mountain Regions 2023-2027.

Please find the presentation for reference [at this link](#).

### **2025 UNSG Report on sustainable mountain development (for information and discussion)**

Sara Manuelli presented the UN Secretary-General report on sustainable mountain development. The document is compiled every three years, with FAO as the lead agency, working alongside the MPS, governments, UN agencies and other stakeholders. The report serves as a stocktake and recommendations, and this year it will assess the midterm progress on the Five Years of Action and highlighting thematic areas, interventions and focus results. It

will be presented at the 80th session of the UN General Assembly, covering the reporting period from July 2022 to April 2025.

The report will be released in September 2025 and will serve as the foundation for the UNGA resolution, which is set to be discussed and approved in December 2025.

Please find the presentation for reference [at this link](#).

### Key upcoming mountain events (for information and discussion)

Adrià Verges Aleix (MPS) presented the key advocacy processes related to sustainable mountain development will take place throughout the year:

- International Conference “Global Mountain Dialogue for Sustainable Development” 24-25 April, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- Sagarmatha Dialogue: 16-18 May, Kathmandu, Nepal
- High-level International Conference on Glaciers’ Preservation: 29-31 May - Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- UNFCCC framework:
  - SBSTA 62: 16-26 June - Bonn, Germany
  - COP 30: 10-21 November - Belém, Brazil
- High Level Political Forum 2025: 14 - 23 July - UN HQ New York.

These events were presented as key milestones for advancing a consolidated mountain voice and building towards long-term legacy outcomes beyond 2027.

### Next steps, other issues and conclusion

Suggested next steps included considering the role of the task force in supporting the Five Years of Action implementation and discussing the legacy of the Five Years and path to the Global Mountain Summit.

Sara Manuelli then closed the session and expressed thanks to all participants.

### Annex 1: Meeting participants

Last Name	First Name	Affiliation
Akhmetov	Uran	Government of Kyrgyzstan

Alibakieva	Cholpon	FAO Representation in Kyrgyzstan
Bougéard	Chloe	UNWTO
Dairova	Zhamilia	Government of Kyrgyzstan
David	Hilke	WFP
Gaido	Maria Soledad	UNWTO
Iuldashev	Sanatbek	FAO Representation in Kyrgyzstan
Jurek	Matthias Georg	UNEP
Kanyamibwa	Sam	ARCOS Network
Kemelova	Dinara	Government of Kyrgyzstan
Lelouvier	Raphaël	Alpine Convention
Moldoisaeva	Mirgul	UNDP
Nguma	Ruth Katui	UNESCO
Nitu	Rodica	UNWMO
Nurmuhammedov	Chary	UN Resident Coordinator Office of Turkmenistan
Pokharel	Bipin	UNDP
Schneiderbauer	Stefan	UNU - GLOMOS
Thakar	Anil	G.B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment - India
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