

UVU and contribution to the SMD and green economy agendas

International Mountain Day Celebration
Orem Public Library
December 9, 2011





United Nations and Initiatives of the Kyrgyz Republic

- On 10 November 1998, the General Assembly proclaimed the Year 2002 as the International Year of Mountains (IYM);
- The Bishkek Global Mountain Summit as IYM highlight was held in Kyrgyzstan on October 29th to November 1, 2002.
- New institution was created such as the “Mountain Partnership” with the active involvement of the U.N., the WB, and many mountainous countries and NGOs



UTAH-KYRGYZSTAN



- Cooperation between Utah and Kyrgyzstan was strengthened in 2002 with a focus to work directly with regions of the U.S.
- The common for both sides feature is the mountain way of life.
 - Main Priorities in Cooperation:
 - *Legislative Exchanges*
 - *Educational Exchanges*
 - *Cultural Exchanges*
 - *Project on Independent E-Media*

The International Conferences “Women of the Mountains”



Participants of the International Conference during the presentation of the Kyrgyz yurt at the UVSC



Second International Conference “Women of the Mountains” in Orem, Utah
March 8-9, 2011

- **First Conference**

- Hosted on March 8th-10th, 2007 by UVSC jointly with the Kyrgyz National Center for Development of Mountain Regions,
- Exposed a new regional approach in cooperation of the Rocky Mountains region with Central Asia in particular, which now could be used as a model for other parts of the world.
- The final document (“Orem Declaration of Mountain Women”) outlined a vision to promote jointly SMD and gender agenda
- Web-site: (www.womenofthemountains.org)

- **Second Conference:**

- a) consolidated the role of UVU in promoting regional approach for advancing the SMD agenda and ;
- b) solidified the close collaboration with FAO’s Mountain Partnership Secretariat;

Some Examples of Cooperation Between Rocky Mountain States and Central Asia



Rocky Mountains legislators in Kyrgyzstan before the Kyrgyz State University by the name of Arabaev (October 02, 2007)



Uzbek Ambassador to UN Askarov at Sundance admiring Robert Redford's film work (Sundance Film Festival)



Senate President John Valentine, Senate Majority Leader Curt Bramble and Dr. Rusty Butler with the deputy foreign minister of Tajikistan in Dushanbe, June 2008



Students from Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan with Dr. Rusty Butler during celebration of Russian (Orthodox) New Year at UVU on January 16, 2009



Turkmen Parliament senior staff at Utah State Senate during session. March 2009



Folk Music group "Kut" from Kyrgyzstan at UVU during tour of Rocky Mountain states January 27, 2008



Selling Kyrgyz Souvenirs at Park City with Vista 360 November, 2007

Rocky Mountain Legislators in Kyrgyzstan



**Honorary Degrees of the International University of Kyrgyzstan
to Senator John Valentine (R-UT) and Senator Carroll Williams
(D-MT), October 02, 2007**

Joint Projects With IUK on Green Economy



With President of International University of Kyrgyzstan Asylbek Aidaraliev discussing joint Project on Production of Bioethanol