

## **Memo: Meeting with Permanent Representative of Kenya to the UN, Ambassador Macharia Kamau**

**DATE: Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 10:30am**

**PLACE: LA114**

1. To express thanks to the VIP guest for his leadership in promotion of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and post 2030 Agenda, and the time he has taken to come to UVU. We students are actively engaged to promote Gender Equality and the Sustainable Mountain Development Agenda. We are excited to work with guest and the UN in the future.
2. To express thanks to the VIP guest for giving an opportunity for UVU delegation and Jesler Molina in particular to speak on behalf of UIMF before the session of the UN Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on December 11<sup>th</sup> 2013 (see photos).



3. Inform the VIP guest that the UIMF hosted the Fourth International Women of the Mountains Conference under the umbrella of the FAO-UN in Orem in 2015. For the first time ever such a high level UN forum was hosted through efforts of the STUDENTS ONLY. The conference has been hosted since 2007 as a grass roots forum to promote gender and the Sustainable Mountain Development (SMD) agenda of the United Nations in North America.
4. 2016 Secretary Generals' Report on SMD featured UIMF in the following way: "39. The Utah International Mountain Forum hosted the fourth International Women of the Mountains Conference at Utah Valley University in October 2015 to address the critical issues faced by women and children living in mountainous regions across the globe and provide a forum to discuss gender equality. The outcome document contained the following observations:
  - (a) Goal 5 could be achieved through strong support for improving women's rights and welfare, including women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life;
  - (b) Successful implementation of target 6.6 could be achieved by supporting the vital role that women play in the protection of the environment and water sources, particularly as custodians of traditional knowledge that builds resilience and allows for adaptation to climate change;

(c) With respect to target 15.1, women play a critical role in joint planning as promoters of innovation, development and cooperation for common benefit.”

**FOR INFORMATION**



**BIO OF THE VIP GUEST**

Permanent Representative of Kenya to the UN, Ambassador Macharia Kamau, has spent over 25 years at the United Nations. He was a co-chair and co-facilitator of the Open Working Group on United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and Post 2030 Agenda.



**ABOUT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

The United Nations set 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs) in order to “end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all.” SDGs were adopted during the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post 2015 development agenda. They are part of the Sustainable Development Agenda.

SDGs goal is not to provide for nations and people in need, but to help them help themselves. Sustainability is making sure future generations are prepared and inherit a better world.

The Utah International Mountain Forum is very focused on implementation of three of these goals with an emphasis on the mountain communities in the state of Utah, North America and globally.