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Subject: URGENT Call to co-sponsor statement on mountain women for CSW62



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Invitation to advocate for mountain women at the 62nd session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW62)

The Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF), a coalition of student clubs at Utah Valley University, is working together with Mountain Partnership members the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences and The Mountain Institute, along with the Utah China Friendship Improvement Sharing Hands and Development and Commerce (UCFISH&D&C) to **prepare an oral statement focusing on mountain women for the 62nd session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW62)**, to be held on 12-23 March 2018. Mountain Partnership members with United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) consultative status are invited to **contribute to and co-sponsor the oral statement.**

UIMF members aim to contribute to the agenda of CSW62 by making an oral statement advocating for improving the lives of mountain women during the general discussion. As only a limited number of NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC will be able to deliver oral statements, and as preference will be given to NGOs speaking on behalf of groups of organizations, the UIMF is inviting other Mountain Partnership members in consultative status with ECOSOC to co-sponsor the oral statement, which has been drafted together with the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences, The Mountain Institute and UCFISH&D&C.

The draft oral statement has been prepared based on the written statement that was submitted by the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences, The Mountain Institute and UCFISH&D&C for CSW62, which was accepted and distributed by the UN Secretariat on 7 December 2017. The written statement focuses on the lack of attention from the international community to the numerous challenges faced by mountain communities and women in particular, along with the crucial role played by the Mountain Partnership in implementing the three mountain targets of the Sustainable Development Goals. Read the

written statement: <http://undocs.org/E/CN.6/2018/NGO/37> (available in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish)

The deadline for NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC to express interest in making an oral statement is **17 February 2018**. If you are interested in co-sponsoring the oral statement, please find the draft here for possible edits and additions:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eYAiBN-foY_d45pR-4UAHzFgT1sq-obuSN_AHoiX55Q/edit?usp=sharing.

Learn more about opportunities for NGOs to address the Commission:

<http://www.unwomen.org/en/csw/ngo-participation/written-and-oral-statements>

Read more from the UIMF: <http://utahimf.org/archives/3196>

Kind regards,

The Mountain Partnership Secretariat

The Mountain Partnership is a voluntary alliance of partners dedicated to improving the lives of mountain people and protecting mountain environments around the world.

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