## Statement

Parallel event "Student Engaged Learning to empower mountain women and girls" 63<sup>rd</sup> session of the Commission on the Status of Women Abdulrahman Alghanmi, member, Utah International Mountain Forum, a coalition of student clubs at Utah Valley University

Good morning,

It is my honor to speak today at this highest gender forum of the United Nations. My name is Abdulrahman Alghanmi,

I'm an international student at Utah Valley University. First of all, I would like to express my appreciation for the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences as well as Utah Valley University (UVU). I would also like to thank Internexus, one of the sponsors for our visit to the United Nation. Being a member of Utah International Mountain Forum, a coalition of student clubs at UVU has assisted me to be engaged in the advocacy of the United Nations sustainable development goals and mountain targets in particular. My involvement with a coalition has exposed me to the activities of the United Nations and taught important professional skills.

I was able to do research and contribute to the Youth and the Mountains journal. And today we as a team are able to demonstrate how the model of student engaged learning works here at the UN, by hosting this event with focus on empowering mountain women and girls. We were also able to make all preparations for the visit ourselves, which is the essence of engaged learning.

Thank you for your attention.