

STATEMENT
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Good Morning Everyone,

My name is Carlos Alarco, I am the Associate Director for Global Academic Programming at Utah Valley University. What does that (Global Academic Programming) mean? It is Study Abroad and all global events. Our office is the global arm of Utah Valley University, we bring the global, local. During my time at Utah Valley University, I have been a student and since 2012, I have been the website administrator for the Women of the Mountains Conference website.

In the 21st Century, any efforts (by NGOs) for sharing information, creating outreach opportunities or sharing information on the things they have done need a digital component. Digital Communications are very important in this day and age. The Women of the Mountains website, along with the UIMF (Utah International Mountain Forum) website, is the arm that we use to share information about the (International Women of the Mountains) conferences. This website has information about all four Women of the Mountains Conferences, since 2007, this year we also commemorate 10 years of International Mountain Day Celebrations at UVU. This is really important and you can find out more at the website womenofthemountains.org. The website also has other information on events that we hold.

Among the things that I do at UVU is organize Global and Cultural events. SDG 11 speaks about sustainable cities and communities, and as SDG 11-4 mentions, culture is a very important part of that. In our office and people in the UVU school community we organize events like Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) a celebration from Mexico and Indigenous People's Day where we speak about issues related to people who were on this land first.

I invite everyone to visit the website, womenofthemountains.org, and learn about the things we have done from 2017 onwards.

Thank you very much for your time.