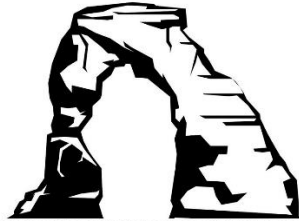


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I would like to extend a warm and deserved congratulations to all those who have worked with and supported the Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF) since its inception. The leadership and effort provided by so many contributors, including Utah Valley University faculty, staff, friends, students and partner organizations, such as the Russian Academy of Natural Science, Utah China FISH, and the Mountain Institute among others, over many years are what has produced such recognition. From hosting the Women of the Mountains Conferences to special guest seminars at Utah Valley University, UIMF, and the coalition of student clubs which comprise its membership, has afforded student engaged learning opportunities to many students during its history. These experiences have not only benefited our personal development as individual learners seeking to transform the world for the better, but also the communities which we have sought to support.

My hope is that, with the support gained by such recognition, we may continue to support the noble goals of the UIMF, namely to advocate for and support sustainable mountain development for the benefit of mountain people, especially women and girls, and a healthy mountain ecosystem, wherever we may find ourselves.



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As a graduate student studying Sustainable Development at Uppsala University in Sweden, I have gained a wealth of knowledge about how sustainable development can be envisioned and achieved around the world.

It starts with us. Communities coming together through groups like UIMF which create shared visions of the future and develop pathways to achieving transformational change in line with a just world for all people by supporting and revitalizing the social and natural systems which give us life. Such shared visions will enable us to come together in recognition of shared goals and do the hard work of experimentation and implementation of strategies that will help us realize our aspirations.

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