

FAO preparations for the International Mountain Day 2012

We are pleased to inform you that FAO has initiated the preparations for the International Mountain Day 2012.

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the International Year of Mountains (2002), FAO's Watershed Management and Mountains programme of the Forestry department has undertaken a review of the International Mountain Day (IMD) experiences and concept in order to revisit its mission and improve its impact.

The new IMD process aims to sensitize more and more people on Sustainable Mountain Development (SMD) by targeting different ranges of audience, in particular those who are not aware of the importance of mountains for the ecological health of the world and the well-being of billions of people. IMD 2012 is committed to achieving a stronger engagement of SMD actors/institutions and civil society.

As one of the first steps toward this renewal process, IMD 2012 foresees to develop a mechanism that offers a fertile ground for the development of SMD activities and a concrete opportunity to mobilize resources to improve the livelihoods of mountain communities. Hence, FAO is pleased to invite you to submit a project proposal on sustainable mountain development to be funded through an FAO resource mobilization strategy.

The proposal should not exceed a budget of USD 50 000 and has to target any relevant issues related to SMD in your region. Please note that the proposal should aim to improve the livelihoods of mountain communities, have a strong focus on food security and demonstrate to have tangible impacts. The deadline for submission to gerard.marquis@fao.org is 25 June 2012 at the latest. Your proposal should be synthetic, concrete and should not exceed 5 pages at this stage. A commission of FAO senior officers and experts will be evaluating the proposals and will select one for which FAO will try to mobilize the needed resources in the second semester of 2012. The results of the resource mobilization campaign will be presented during the celebration of IMD 2012 and shown on the FAO, Mountain Partnership and IMD websites along with the launch of the project's implementation.

For further information on the requirements please contact Mr Gérard Marquis at gerard.marquis@fao.org .

FAO looks forward to receiving your proposals!

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

<http://www.mountainpartnership.org>