



Concept note and agenda of the joint event - “Mountains biodiversity 2002 – 2022: achievements and next challenges at global and regional level”

In 2002, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed for the first time the International Mountain Year calling on governments, national and international organizations, non-governmental organizations and the private sector to carry out a wealth of activities to raise awareness on the opportunities and challenges of mountain regions worldwide. After 20 years, the United Nations General Assembly designated 2022 as the International Year of Sustainable Mountain Development. Throughout the year, all relevant actors and stakeholders are again invited to raise awareness of the importance of conservation and sustainable use of mountain ecosystems.

In the past twenty years several important milestones have been achieved, but new challenges and threats for the mountain ecosystems emerged due to climatic and anthropic pressures, which require an accurate knowledge of the mountain biodiversity to adopt effective and measures, to strengthen climate-resilient sustainable mountain development.

The Alpine and Carpathian Conventions and the Mountain Partnership have been playing an essential role in increasing public awareness and in advancing protection and sustainable development in the mountain regions, as well as in supporting transboundary governance, promoting cooperation and the establishment of knowledge networks.

The main purpose of the event is to contribute in implementing the UN resolution on International Mountain Year, raising awareness of the importance of the protection of mountain ecosystem, with a focus on mountain biodiversity and climate change issues, providing an overview of the main achievements of the past years at global and regional level, and discussing the main challenges and the way forward.

Title	Mountain biodiversity 2002 – 2022: achievements and next challenges at global and regional level
Framework	International Year of Sustainable Mountain Development 2022 - UNGA Resolution Dec. 2021, to raise awareness of the importance of conservation and sustainable use of mountain ecosystems.
Objective	In line with the UN resolution, as well as the outcomes of the Mountain Biodiversity Day of January 2021 and the Alpine – Carpathian Biodiversity Forum of December 2021, contributing to elevate mountain biodiversity and mountain ecosystems at the international environmental agendas, including the CBD and the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.
Partners	ABB-PSAC, UNEP - Vienna Programme Office Secretariat of the Carpathian Convention (UNEP -SCC), Mountain Partnership Secretariat-FAO
Date(s)	one day, Friday 16 September 2022
Location	On-line
Participants targets	Governments, international organizations, NGOs and other relevant stakeholders for the areas immediately adjacent to protected areas
Structure	Two main sessions & Conclusions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session 1 - Main findings and results in the past 20 years and future challenges. The session is divided into 3 sub-sessions, each one lead by 3 event Partners • Session 2 – In order to stimulate the discussion and interaction among different stakeholders, two round tables will be organized on the importance of developing integrated approaches to enable conservation and sustainable development in mountains and on the impact of climate change on mountain ecosystems and related adaptation solutions.
Proposed (main) items	Mountains biodiversity from 2002 to 2022, overview of progress and significant achievements in the past 20 years from Alpine (ABB-PSAC), Carpathian (UNEP-SCC) and Global (Mountain Partnership Secretariat-FAO) perspective and strategic approach for the future: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session 1 – Main findings and results in the past 20 years and future challenges. • Session 2 – Two round tables on “Mountain Biodiversity Policy” and “Climate change challenges and opportunities in mountain ecosystems”
Language	Interpretation will be provided in English and Italian (translations in other languages will be considered by the organizers taking into account the specific needs and the budget availability)



Session 1		Main findings and results in the past 20 years and future challenges.	
Time	Item	Speaker	Description
09:45 – 10:00	Registration / technical testing	Organizers	Technical testing and registration of in presence participants (in case of hybrid event)
10:00- 10:15	Partners welcome messages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>P. Angelini</i> – IMET/ ABB • <i>A. Smerkolj</i> - ABB-PSAC • <i>H. Egerer</i> - UNEP-SCC • <i>R. Romeo</i> - Mountain Partnership Secretariat-FAO 	Welcome messages from the organizers
10:15-11:45		Session 1 – Main findings and results in the past 20 years and future challenges	
10:15 – 10:35	Achievements and future challenges: Alpine perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>P. Angelini</i> – Chair ABB • <i>B. Hedden-Dunkhorst</i> Federal Agency for Nature Conservation¹ and ABB Coordinator CG3 • <i>R. Santolini</i> – Expert Italian Delegation ABB • <i>R. Psenner</i> - ISCAR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of progress and significant achievements in the past 20 years in the field of Alpine biodiversity • Perspective and strategic approach for the future
10:35-10:55	Achievements and future challenges: Carpathian perspective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>F. Schlingemann</i>, Former Director of the UNEP Europe Office • <i>L. Rejt</i> Representative of the Polish Presidency of the Carpathian Convention and/or the Secretariat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of progress and significant achievements in the past 20 in the field of Carpathian biodiversity • Perspective and strategic approach for the future
10:55-11:15	Achievements and future challenges: Global perspective	Mountain Partnership Secretariat-FAO representative(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of progress and significant achievements in the past 20 years from Mountain Partnership Secretariat-FAO perspective

¹ Bundesamt für Naturschutz - <https://www.bfn.de>



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11:15-11:30	Conclusions Session 1 - Summary of the main findings and main conclusions	
11:30-11:45	Coffee break	

Session 2		Round tables	
11:45-13:15	Round table 1: Climate change challenges and opportunities in mountain ecosystems		
11:45-12:45	Climate change and mountain ecosystems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AC/ACB S. McCallum UNEP/SCC MPS/FAO Austria Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, and the Environment P. Di Carlo University "G. D'Annunzio" Chieti-Pescara L. Cicarese IPBES/ISPRA N. Chettri ICIMOD UNEP L. Cetara EURAC W. Keeton. Science for the Carpathians Biodiversa+ <p>Moderator: A. Ballarin-Denti</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vulnerability of mountains specific landscapes and ecosystems to climate change impacts. Adaptation planning and Ecosystem-based solutions Integrated biodiversity monitoring networks in mountain areas, good practices
12:45-13:15	Q/A session	All participants	Interactive discussion with the participants
13:15 -15:00	Lunch Break		
15:00-16:30	Round table 2: Mountain Biodiversity Policy		



15:00-16:00	Mountain Biodiversity Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AC/ABB • K. Kuras UNEP/SCC/PL Presidency • MPS/FAO • IUCN • <i>J. Annagybyjova</i> CBD • EC, • European Biodiverstiy+ • EUSALP • <i>D. Urbach</i> Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment • WWF CEE • CIPRA International • Slovenian Forest Service, Chair of WISO/AC • <i>P. Genovesi</i> ISPRA <p><i>Moderator: P. Angelini – Chair ABB</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perspective and strategic approach for the future. • The importance of developing and implementing integrated strategies to conserve and sustainably manage and use mountain biodiversity, enabling sustainable development in mountains and beyond • EU Biodiversity Strategy/Post-2020 global biodiversity framework • Five-Years Action for the Development of Mountain Regions (2023-2027) (to be developed as the outcome of IYM2022) • Renewal of the Memorandum of Cooperation between the AC-CC-CBD in the light of the Post-2020 global biodiversity framework •
16:00-16:30	Q/A session	All participants	Interactive discussion with the participants
16:30-17:00	Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>P. Angelini</i> – Chair ABB 	<p>Summary of the previous sessions</p> <p>Main conclusions and way forward</p> <p>Way forward</p>