

Youth Mountain Forum 2018

Monday, October 22, 2018

Organized and hosted by University of Central Asia and UNICEF

Held at the **Kyrgyz State Museum of Art** in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

The **Youth Mountain Forum** is a special event organized by the University of Central Asia (UCA) in partnership with UNICEF Kyrgyzstan, an important pre-conference side-event of the World Mountain Forum 2018.

The primary aim of this Forum is to provide space and opportunity for youth, locally and globally, to contribute substantively to discussions of sustainable mountain development.

Students and young professionals from Central Asia as well as Latin America, Africa, Asia-Pacific and Europe have submitted many excellent contributions, addressing major issues of global change in context of the four thematic tracks of the World Mountain Forum 2018:

- Climate Change Affecting Water and Energy in Mountain Areas
- Poverty, Food Systems and Agrobiodiversity
- Resilience and Transformation in Mountain Communities and Ecosystems
- Investing in Mountains - Securing the Future

Time	Activity	Responsible party
10:00 – 10:30	Registration	UCA
10:30 – 10:45	Welcome speeches & outline for the day	UCA and UNICEF Moderator: Udayan Mishra, ICIMOD
10:45 – 11:00	Opening Addresses:	GoKG, State Agency, UNICEF, UCA
11:00 – 11:30	Inspirational Presentation Pushing the limits...and returning again	Jake Norton (USA), Professional climber, guide, photographer
11:30 – 12:30	SESSION #1 TED Talk Presentations Theme: Climate change affecting water and energy	6 participants (10 min each)
12:30 – 12:45	GROUP PHOTO	
12:45 – 13:00	COFFEE BREAK	
13:00 – 13:15	Mountain EXPO Numerous quality exhibits highlighting SMD achievements, including photos, Handicrafts, knowledge products, live performances, etc.	UCA and UNDP
13:15 – 14:15	LUNCH	Smart Hotel
14:15 – 15:30	SESSION #2 TED Talk Presentations Theme: Poverty, food systems and agrobiodiversity	6 participants (10 min each)
15:30 – 15:45	COFFEE BREAK	
15:45 – 17:00	SESSION #3 TED Talk Presentations	6 participants (10 min each)

	Theme: Building resilience and transformations	
17:00 – 17:45	WORKSHOP / KEY MESSAGES Facilitated workshop assisting youth to elaborate and clearly present key messages they wish to deliver to the World Mountain Forum 2018.	UCA and UNICEF A draft Youth Declaration will be prepared beforehand, based on received presentations, then developed collaboratively through the one-day event.
17:45 – 18:00	Closing Remarks	UNICEF and UCA
18:00 – 19:00	Dinner	Smart Hotel
19:00	End of Youth Mountain Forum	

About University of Central Asia (UCA)

The University of Central Asia (UCA) was founded in 2000 as a private, not for profit, secular university through an International Treaty signed by the Presidents of the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, and Kazakhstan, and His Highness the Aga Khan; ratified by their respective parliaments, and registered with the United Nations. The Presidents are the Patrons of the University and His Highness is the Chancellor. UCA's mission is to promote the social and economic development of Central Asia, particularly its mountain communities, by offering an internationally recognised standard of higher education, and enabling the peoples of the region to preserve their rich cultural heritage as assets for the future. UCA brings with it the broader commitment and partnership of the broader Aga Khan Development Network.

About UNICEF Kyrgyzstan

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