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## Special mention of Pakistan's SEED project in UN Report

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Islamabad [Special Correspondent] UN Secretary General Baan Ki-moon has appreciated generously Pakistan's mountain conservation and development initiative titled "Social, Economic and Environmental Development (SEED) project in his report on Sustainable Mountain Development.



The report was presented in the 68th session of the UN General Assembly recently.

The report on Sustainable Mountain Development was prepared by the office of the UN Secretary General and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in collaboration with governments, relevant agencies of the United Nations system and other development organizations in response to the General Assembly resolution 66/205 in which the Assembly had requested the Secretary-General to report to it at its sixty-eighth session on the status of sustainable development in mountain regions.

The report describes the status of sustainable mountain development at the national and international levels, including an overall analysis of the challenges that lie ahead, and provides suggestions for consideration by the Assembly as to how to continue to promote and effectively sustain development in mountain regions around the world within the existing policy context, including chapter 13 of Agenda 21, adopted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation"), the Millennium Development Goals and the follow-up actions of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.

The € 8 million SEED project is being implemented by the Ev-K2-CNR Committee, Karakorum International University, WWF, Central Karakorum National Pakistan Park, Mountains and Glaciers Protection Organization, Alpine Club of Pakistan, Aga Khan Rural Support Program, Italian Institute for Africa and East, and Pakistan Meteorological Department.

Raffaele Del Cima, the project director SEED, talking to this scribe said that it was a surprise for the participants of the High Summit conference, arranged by the Ev-K2-CNR Committee and its partners at Lecco (Italy), when the UN report was distributed there. "It is a big achievement for the governments of Pakistan and Italy that there joint intervention for the sustainable mountain development is among the top two in Asia as mentioned in the UN report."

He said, "Several initiatives have taken place in the Central Karakorum National Park to promote natural resource management, eco-tourism, and community uplift. A well thought out management plan for the CKNP has already been submitted to the government of Gilgit-Baltistan for its approval and subsequent implementation. The Karakorum International University has carried out several scientific and social researches, and has provided financial support to Ph.D. students."

Delcima said the socio-economic development projects financed under the framework of the SEED have significantly contributed to uplift the livelihood for the local communities.

The SEED is a joint initiative of the governments of Pakistan and Italy under the framework of the Pakistan-Italy Debt Swap Program.

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