

**15/10/2009****K2, Baltoro cleaned: Mountaineers thank EvK2Cnr**

In the early summer, eight tons of waste were carried downstream including paper, plastic, cans, glass and toxic materials by the initiative "Keep Baltoro Clean", launched by EvK2Cnr. The Baltoro Glacier is one of the longest glaciers outside of the polar regions, and runs through part of the Karakoram mountain range. The project aims to educate and inform local people, tourists and mountaineers on RECYCLING WASTE. The lessons are held in tents, in Concordia, the base of the "Keep Baltoro Clean ", where a Pakistani staff member teaches to how to walk on glaciers through practical demonstrations. Hundreds of people have attended the lessons and contributed to the cleaning operation. Mountaineers such as Ueli Steck and Veikka Gustafsson have commented on this initiative. " I'm glad that we talk to the people about the waste problem. It's the first time that I come to Pakistan and it's a great atmosphere," says Steck. "It's great to see you doing something for this common problem, ' says Gustafsson "mountaineers must be an example. We are guests and we have no right to leave any waste behind us". [More ...](#)