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Climate: Evk2cnr brings mountains on Cop16 table

CANCUN, Mexico – This time mountains will not go unnoticed. At Cop16, the United Nations conference on climate which opens today in Mexico, two events dedicated to the sustainable development of mountains will be presented. Protagonist of these two events will be Evk2Cnr, the well-known Italian association, engaged in the high altitude scientific research and promoter of SHARE, project on environmental climate monitoring.

After the disappointment of last world summit on climate change, the kingdom of mountains wants to attract the Earth Big Ones' attention, who will reunite in Cancun until 10th December to discuss how to face global climate changes.

There are two "side event" in program at Cop 16, of which EvK2Cnr will be among the protagonists. The first, promoted by Icimod (International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development), is entitled "Mountains in Peril: Mainstreaming the sustainable mountain development agenda into climate change agreements" and will be held on 2nd December in Águila room of Cancun Messe, from 4.45pm to 6.15pm.

The main aim is to put the threat which burdens on mountain ecosystems and its populations on the spotlight, discussing the action to undertake to mitigate the consequences of climate change, obtaining major commitment on worldwide for the sustainable development of mountains level, as requested by chapter 13 of Agenda 21. It is also necessary to promote a discussion on Multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) to encourage more 'mountain friendly' agreements.

The major organizations, which deal with environment and mountains on global level, together with the governmental authorities of the sector, will discuss experiences, studies and proposals for a sustainable development of these territories, with particular attention to the Hindu Kush-Himalaya-Karakorum. EvK2Cnr will intervene, with Nast (Nepal Academy of Science and Technology) on the pollution which threatens mountains, with studies on black carbon and on the ozone. Among the others, Icimod, the Bhutanese government, the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology and the International Institute for Sustainable Development will also intervene. (see complete program enclosed).

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The second side event, promoted by the Nepalese government, will be dedicated to the Mountain Alliance Initiative, the mountain countries "coalition" for the protection of glaciers and mountain chains from climate global warming, suggested by the Nepalese government one year ago, after the Cop 15 summit. Nepal, an Himalayan developing country which "gives hospitality" to mount Everest and has got 75% of its territory distributed on hills and mountains. Its ecosystem is really at risk in the framework of climate change and the local government wants to bring its experience to an international attention through Cop 16.

The event will be held on 4th December from 6pm to 8 pm in Sandia room.

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http://www.montagna.org/montagnaftp/evk2cnr/cop16-icimod_sideevent_flyer.pdf

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