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Online Event  
**Mountain Biodiversity Matters**  
**International Mountain Day 2020**

**AGENDA**

**11 December 2020**  
**14:30 – 16:15 CET**

<https://fao.zoom.us/j/96856145320>  
Meeting ID: 968 5614 5320  
Passcode: IMD2020

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**OPENING HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT**



**Moderator**

**Yuka Makino**  
Mountain Partnership Secretariat  
Coordinator,  
Food and Agriculture Organization of the  
United Nations



IMD video by **Jake Norton**,  
music by **Ludovico Einaudi**



**Maria Helena Semedo**  
Deputy Director-General,  
Food and Agriculture Organization of the  
United Nations

**Opening remarks**



**Andrea Macchioni**  
Coordinator for the Environment,  
Directorate General for Development  
Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy

**The role of the Mountain Partnership in  
supporting sustainable mountain development**



**Josep Maria Casals Alis**  
Director of Agriculture, Ministry  
of Environment, Agriculture and Sustainability,  
Principality of Andorra

**The role of research in supporting sustainable  
pastures and grazing practices in mountains**



**Tsukasa Hirota**  
Minister, Deputy Head of Mission,  
Embassy of Japan in Italy

**Building the resilience of mountain peoples**



**Mirgul Moldoisaeva**  
Permanent Representative of the Kyrgyz  
Republic to the UN

**The role of the Friends of Mountains in promoting  
the Mountain Agenda**



**François Pythoud**  
Special Envoy for International  
Sustainable Agriculture, Swiss Federal  
Office for Agriculture

**Mountain biodiversity is key for  
achieving the 2030 Agenda**

Round Table

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## International Mountain Day 2020

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### ACCELERATING ACTION FOR MOUNTAINS

ROUND TABLE MODERATED BY YUKA MAKINO



Announcement of winners  
of International Mountain  
Day 2020 mountain  
biodiversity photo contest



**Queen Noëlla Bwiza**  
Albertine Rift Conservation Society

Youth action and education programmes  
in Rwanda



**Peter Muir**  
International Climbing and  
Mountaineering Federation

The role of the climbing community



**Nakul Chettri**  
International Centre for Integrated  
Mountain Development

Local knowledge and mountain biodiversity in  
the Hindu Kush Himalaya



**Yoko Watanabe**  
United Nations Development Programme  
Global Environment Facility Small Grants  
Programme

Scaling up support to mountain producers for  
agrobiodiversity with the Mountain Partnership  
Products Initiative



**Anita Paul**  
Pan Himalayan Grassroots Development  
Foundation

The role of diversity on the plate: mountain  
recipes from mountain cooks, how to cook  
purple rice pudding

Goodwill Ambassadors

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### ROUND TABLE OF CHAMPIONS FOR MOUNTAINS: MOUNTAIN PARTNERSHIP GOODWILL AMBASSADORS



**Moderator**

**Jake Norton**  
Climber and filmmaker



**Ludovico Einaudi**  
Pianist and composer



**Arjun Gupta**  
Founder, TeleSoft  
Partners



**His Holiness  
Drikung Kyabgön  
Chetsang**



**Reinhold  
Messner**  
Mountaineer



**Massimiliano  
Ossini**  
TV presenter



**Lino Zani**  
TV producer  
and author



Mira Rai

Introducing Mira Rai, trail and sky runner



Ludovico Einaudi

Concluding piano piece  
by Ludovico Einaudi