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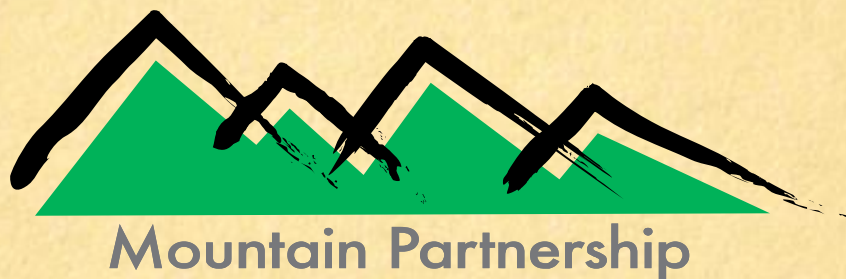
IXTH EUROPEAN MOUNTAIN CONVENTION

Bilbao – 22 October 2014

Mountain Partnership

- **53** Governments
- **14** Intergovernmental organizations
- **167** civil society organizations

The Mission of the Mountain Partnership



**The Mountain Partnership
is a United Nations voluntary alliance**

**of partners dedicated to improving the lives of mountain people and
protecting mountain environments around the world**

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The Mountain Partnership is supported by a Secretariat hosted at
FAO and funded by

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Italy
- Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
- Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Mountain Farming is mainly family farming

**MOUNTAIN FARMERS HAVE ALWAYS ADAPTED TO CHANGE,
INCLUDING CLIMATE VARIABILITY**

- **High investment**
- **High diversity**
- **Sustainable farming systems**
- **Feminization of agriculture**
- **Creates employment, promotes local economy**
- **Protects the landscape, agrobiodiversity, and other ecosystem goods**
- **Ensures household food security**

Challenges

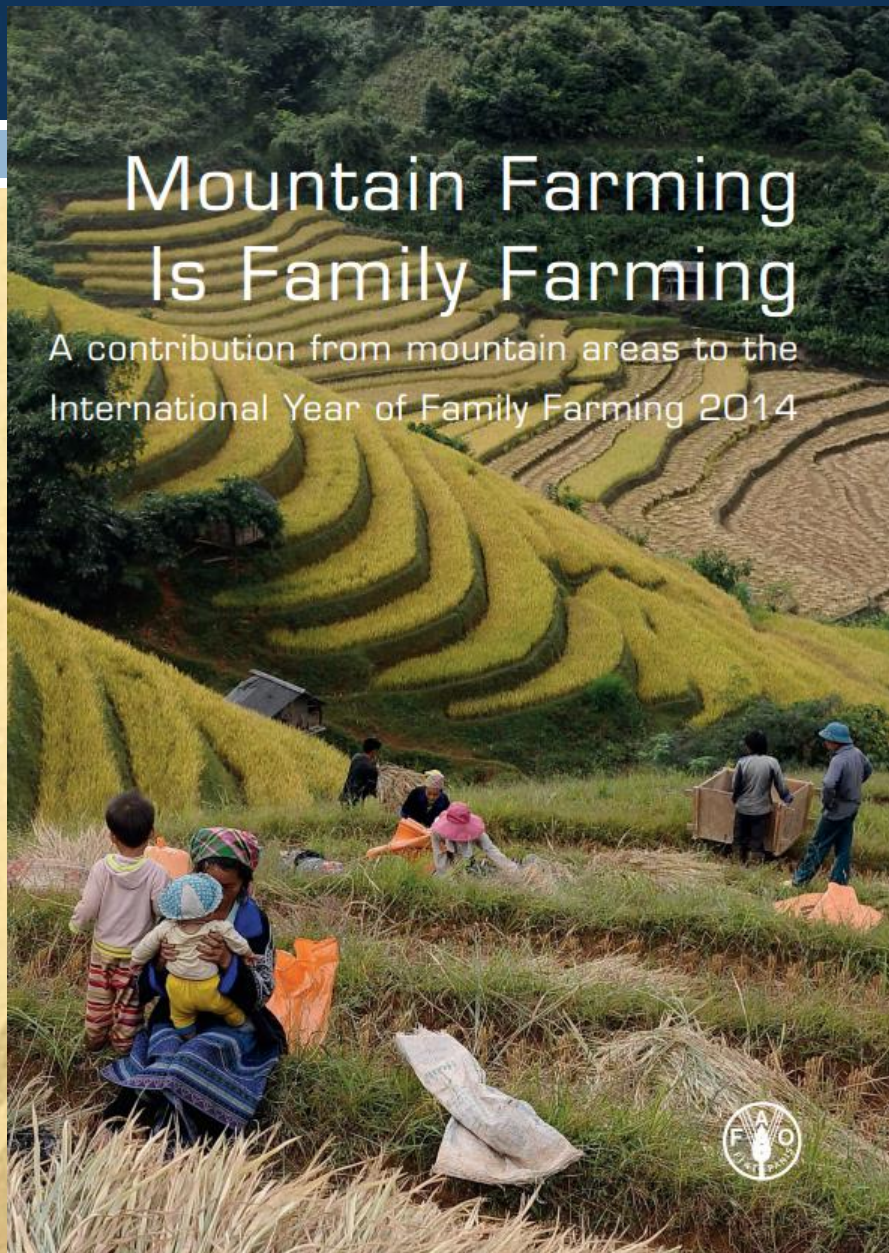
- ▣ Hazard-prone and harsh environments
 - ▣ Insecure land tenure and limited access to services and resources (credit, insurance, training, extension)
 - ▣ Lack of health, education, recreation facilities
 - ▣ Stigma and racial issues
- ▣ **BRING CITIES TO MOUNTAINS!**

Key recommendations

- Create enabling environment: access to resources, legal rights, credit, for both men and women
- Foster public policies and investments
- Promote local economies and mountain products:
 - high quality-high value and low impact
 - develop fair and pro-poor value chains
- Remove Stigma and racial issues
- Increase protected areas
- Social cohesion and collaboration key to enhance resilience
- Mountain committees or similar bodies

Mountain Farming Is Family Farming

A contribution from mountain areas to the
International Year of Family Farming 2014



International Mountain Day 2014



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