**Side Event**

**UNFCCC COP16**

**Cancun, Mexico**

**Adapting to the impacts of climate change in mountain areas:**

**innovative approaches at local and national level**

**Date/Time: Tuesday 7 December 2010 (13:20-14:40)**

**Venue: Águila room**

**Organizing Partners:**

* Government of Chile – Ministry of Foreign Affairs
* Government of Peru – Ministry of Environment
* Mountain Partnership Secretariat - FAO

**Description of side event:**

In the context of the Mountain Partnership, Chile and Peru are jointly organizing a side event for sharing positive experiences and innovative examples of adaptation to climate change in mountain regions. The examples will showcase how problems caused by climate change are dealt with at local and national level and will present promising institutional, technical, financial and policy approaches.

Experiences will highlight how local authorities are supporting mountain communities in adapting to climate change impacts in terms of technical solutions and institutional arrangements. The role and policies of government, at both the national level and the local level, will also be covered, as well as information about financial tools and instruments that are instrumental in adaptation efforts.

The event will aim to identify several key areas of intervention that the various stakeholders (individuals, communities, governments, etc.) should consider in climate change adaptation efforts, based on the experiences presented. Practical next steps that can be taken will be will be suggested , promoted and converted into action programmes in the context of the Mountain Partnership.

**Speakers/Presenters:**

**Chile:**

Ambassador Luis Balmaceda, Director Environment, Antarctic and Sea issues Ministry of Environment

Javier Garcia, Officer for International Affairs, Ministry of Environment

**Perù:**

Minister of Environment of Peru – Hon. Antonio Brack Egg

National Coordinator of the Climate Change Adaptation Programme (PACC Peru) - Lenkiza Angulo Villarreal

Representative of Regional Government of Cusco – Edwin Mansilla

**Nepal:**

Minister of Environment of Nepal – Hon. Thakur Prasad Sharma

**World Bank:**

Director of Environment Department – Warren Evans

**Facilitator:**

Coordinator, Mountain Partnership Secretariat – Douglas McGuire

**Programme:**

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| 13:20-13:25 | Opening | Mountain Partnership |
| 13:25-13:33 | Chile  Chile, Montañas y Cambio Climático | Ambassador Luis Balmaceda, Ministry of Environment |
| 13:33-13:40 | Chile  Chile, Montañas y Cambio Climático | Javier Garcia, Ministry of Environment |
| 13:40-13:45 | Peru  Adaptation responses: importance of national adaptation programmes | Minister of Environment of Perú – Antonio Brack Egg |
| 13:45-13:55 | Peru  “The Climate Change Adaptation Programme” (PACC-Peru): a management model for adapting to climate change: implications for action at national level | PACC Peru National Coordinator – Lenkiza Angulo Villarreal |
| 13:55-14:05 | Peru  PACC Peru: lessons learnt from adaptation efforts at sub-national level | Representative of the Regional Government of Cusco – Edwin Mansilla |
| 14:05-14:15 | Nepal | Minister of Environment - Thakur Prasad Sharma |
| 14:15-14:25 | World Bank: Financial mechanisms for climate change adaption in mountains | Director of Environment Department – Warren Evans |
| 14:25-14:35 | Debate (possible brief intervention by U. Zurich) | Douglas McGuire moderator |
| 14:35-14:40 | Next steps in the context of the Mountain Partnership and conclusions | Mountain Partnership and Minister of Environment, Peru |

The event will be immediately followed by a cocktail/light snack

Simultaneous interpretation will be offered in English and Spanish