

## WEBINAR

### Women move mountains in adapting to climate change

Webinar co-organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the *Adaptation at Altitude* programme of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

In celebration of International Mountain Day<sup>1</sup>, 8 December 2022, 14:00-15:30 CET

#### Background

Following the success of International Mountain Day webinars in 2020 and 2022, the Inter-Parliamentary Union and Adaptation at Altitude programme are pleased to present another joint event for this year's International Mountain Day with the theme of: 'Women move mountains in adapting to climate change'. Climate change is already having significant impacts on mountain ecosystems and their downstream communities, and this is expected to increase as climate change intensifies.

Women are disproportionately impacted by climate change. In addition to often living in more vulnerable situations than men, they typically depend more on natural resources and often bear the responsibility for securing water, food and fuel which are becoming harder to access in the face of climate change. Nevertheless, women play essential roles in developing climate adaptation solutions. They often have strong knowledge of their local environments and promote sustainable practices both within their households and communities. However, their voices are not always amplified or given adequate weight in decision making. Incorporating women in decision-making is key for climate justice. Parliaments should consider possible solutions to address these gaps in their adaptation planning.

#### Objectives

This webinar will provide parliamentarians and other stakeholders with the opportunity to openly discuss how to promote gender-responsive climate action in mountain areas. The event aims to:

- **Increase awareness** among parliamentarians and other stakeholders of the interconnections between gender and climate change in mountain areas, and how women are shaping climate action in countries across the globe.
- **Facilitate the sharing of good practices and lessons learned** on strengthening the role of women in climate action and promoting gender-responsive climate action, including through legislation;
- **Promote dialogue** between parliamentarians, experts and other stakeholders on gender and climate change to encourage joint solutions for addressing the climate crisis through a gender lens.

**Participants:** The main target audience for this webinar is parliamentarians and parliamentary staff. However, the webinar is also open to other participants including experts supporting the work of parliaments, international organizations, NGOs, and development practitioners and researchers.

**Event platform:** Zoom.

**Language:** The webinar will be held in English with simultaneous interpretation in French and Spanish.

Participants will be invited to submit questions and comments via chat on the Zoom platform. A selected number of questions and comments will be addressed by the speakers.

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<sup>1</sup> International Mountain Day 2022 is on Sunday, 11 December.

## Organizers

This webinar is organized within [Adaptation at Altitude](#), a programme which strives to increase the resilience and adaptive capacity of mountain communities and ecosystems to climate change. *Adaptation at Altitude* is funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and implemented by the University of Geneva, the Stockholm Environment Institute and Zoï Environment Network, in partnership with the Inter-Parliamentary Union.



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