We would like to invite you to attend this interesting side event which will focus on the links between science, sustainable development and cooperation in the high altitude areas, highlight specific project examples from the Himalayas to the Karakorum, the European Alps and the Carpathians, and discuss the role of the private sector in achieving sustainable mountain development. Mountain environments cover some 27 per cent of the world's land surface, and directly support the 22 per cent of the world's people who live within mountain regions. Lowland people also depend on mountain environments for a wide range of goods and services, including water, energy, timber, biodiversity maintenance, and opportunities for recreation and spiritual renewal.

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- 1.15 Welcome and Introduction by the Chairman: Plenipotentiary Minister Giorgio Sfara Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy
- 1.20 Documentary video showing

OPENING SPEECHES:

I.30 Ev-K2-CNR Committee Mr. Andrea Lami "The Ev-K2-CNR System: transforming science into sustainable development"

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Mr. Valerio Pietrangelo "Karakorum Trust:
A new way to do cooperation"

UNEP
Mr. Harald Egerer – To Be Defined

EURAC Mr. Stephan Ortner, Mr. Christian Steurer "The mountain glaciers from the satellite"

SCHEDULED SPEECHES:

UNEP

Ms. Juanita Castano

"The contribution of Ev-K2-CNR Committee multidisciplinary activities to the UNEP-Asia Programmes"

Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea of Italy - Mr. Paolo Angelini "Climate change in the Alps and the INTERREG ClimChAlp project"

CNR (National Research Committee of Italy)
Prof. Franco Prodi "The commitments of a
national scientific organization to the research
on the climate changes"

Pakistani UN Delegation

Nepal Academy of Science and Technology Prof. Dr. Hom Nath Bhattarai "NAST - Ev-K2-CNR Committee: an international collaboration for the Sustainable Development" University of Padua (Italy)
Ms. Anna Milvia Boselli "University
of Padua and the Ev-K2-CNR Committe:
an agreement for sustainability in
Hindu Kush-Karakorum-Himalaya region"

Czech Republic Mr. Jiří Hlaváček "Climate Change in the Carpathians"

Austria

Ms. Elfriede-Anna More
"Alpine convention and Climate Change"

Group "Friends of the Mountains" of the Italian Parliament
Hon. Erminio Quartiani "The associations between parliamentarians in favour of the Sustainable Development in the mountain areas"

2.10 Q&A and DISCUSSION

.35 FINAL CONCLUSION





Light refreshements will be offered at the conclusion of the side event.