

**International Year of Sustainable Mountain Development 2022**  
**International Mountain Day 2022**

**THE MESSAGE OF THE MOUNTAINS**

**Vatican City, Casina Pio IV**  
**12 December 2022 - 9.30 am**



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## CONFERENCE

This conference on mountains is anchored in the words of the Laudato Si. It is hosted by the Department of Culture and Education of the Holy See together and the Mountain Partnership – the United Nations alliance dedicated to the development of mountain areas – in collaboration with Giovane Montagna, the Italian Alpine Club and Guide Don Bosco 6000 – Peru, as a contribution to the International Year of Sustainable Mountain Development 2022 and International Mountain Day.

The United Nations General Assembly established International Mountain Day was in 2003. It is celebrated every year on 11 December to underline the importance of mountains to life. This year, the theme of the Day is “Women Move Mountains” in recognition of the crucial role women play in the preservation of traditions and knowledge, and the conservation of natural resources and biodiversity in all mountain ecosystems of the world.

The conference will feature a variety of mountain actors, including mountaineers, scientists, sustainable development experts, tourism operators, volunteers, and sports enthusiasts. It will offer a moment of shared reflection to highlight the invisible thread that spurs everyone to admire the panorama of a summit, which can be reached along the many possible paths that have the principles of sharing, dialogue, solidarity and care.

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9.00	<p><b>Welcome coffee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration</li> </ul>
9.30	<p><b>Opening remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greetings from Card. <b>José Tolentino de Mendonça</b>, Prefect of the Department of Culture and Education</li> </ul>
9.45	<p><b>High-level segment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Qu Dongyu</b>, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)</li> <li><b>Antonio Tajani</b>, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Italy</li> <li><b>Fernando Chica</b>, Permanent Representative of the Holy See to FAO</li> <li><b>Laura Colombo</b>, Deputy President, Italian Alpine Club (CAI)</li> </ul>
10.15	<p><b>The message of the mountains</b> - Mountains in spirituality and cultures of the world, <b>Edwin Bernbaum</b>, Senior Fellow, Instituto de Montaña, Co-Chair, IUCN Group on Cultural and Spiritual Values of Protected Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
11.15	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p> <p>Messages from <b>Marco Stangalino</b>, Executive Vice President Power Asset, Edison SpA, <b>Marco Salvatore</b>, Area Brand Manager, Montura Central Italy, and <b>Marco Loppi</b>, Store Manager, Montura Store Rome</p>
11.45	<p><b>The third way of the mountain</b> - Social historical approach, <b>Marco Cuaz</b>, history professor, Aosta Valley University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
12.45	<p><b>Lunch break and tour of the Vatican Gardens</b></p>

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<b>14.00</b>	<p><b>Mountain voices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mira Rai</b>, skyrunner, Nepal, Mountain Partnership Goodwill Ambassador (video message)</li> <li>• <b>Nicki Pitre</b>, Executive Director, Center for Native American Youth, Aspen Institute, USA, Mountain Partnership Goodwill Ambassador</li> </ul>
<b>14.15</b>	<p><b>Panel I: The challenges of the mountains today</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Enrico Camanni</b>, author, journalist and mountaineer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Elisa Palazzi</b>, climatologist, University of Turin</li> <li>• <b>Paola Gigliotti</b>, doctor and mountaineer, University of Perugia</li> <li>• <b>Thomas Hofer</b>, senior forestry officer, Forestry Division, FAO</li> <li>• <b>Gregorio Juan Velasco Gil</b>, coordinator, Pastoralist Knowledge Hub, FAO</li> </ul>
<b>15.15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>15.45</b>	<p><b>Mountain voices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Giada Lora</b>, mountain refuge operator, Rifugio Zum Gora, Salecchio Superiore, VB</li> <li>• <b>Lino Zani</b>, mountaineer and TV host, Italian Mountain Partnership Goodwill Ambassador</li> </ul>
<b>16.00</b>	<p><b>Panel II: Protecting our shared home</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Enrico Camanni</b>, author, journalist and mountaineer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nicolò Anselmi</b>, Bishop of Rimini, mountaineer</li> <li>• <b>Paolo Valoti</b>, CAI representative</li> <li>• <b>Giancarlo Sardini</b>, Founder, Guide Don Bosco 6000, Peru</li> <li>• <b>Nives Meroi</b>, mountaineer</li> <li>• <b>Ines Millesimi</b>, art history teacher</li> </ul>
<b>17.00</b>	<p><b>Mountain voices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Don Alessio Busato</b>, Andean mountain hut manager, <b>Cesar Rosales</b> and <b>Quique Apolinario</b>, high mountain guides (connecting from Peru)</li> <li>• <b>Maria Teresa Llampa Vasquez</b>, youth Andean mountain guide, Bolivia (video message)</li> </ul>
<b>17.30</b>	<b>Conclusions</b>

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