# Technical & policy segment Global Initiatives of Kyrgyzstan on Mountains & Climate Change Agenda

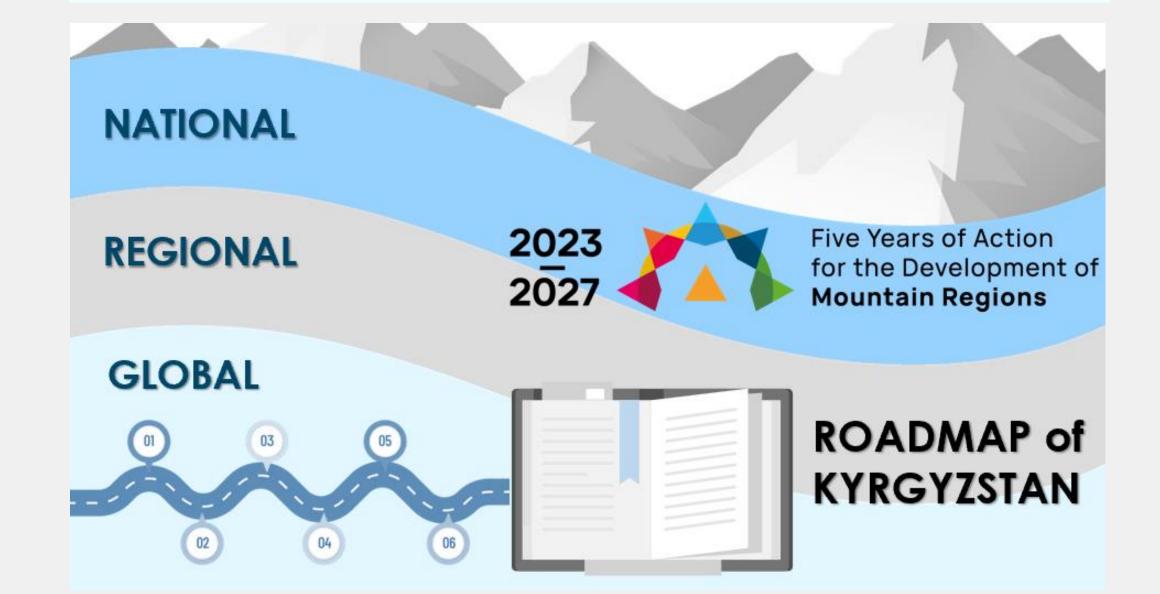
## 1. Introduction

Covering around 1/4 of the Earth's surface, mountains are key ecosystems that provide humanity with essential goods and services such as water, food, biodiversity and energy. However, mountain ecosystems are severely and increasingly affected by biodiversity loss, melting glaciers, climate change and land degradation. As of 2017, mountains were home to about 1.1 billion people and those people in mountain areas are among the world's poorest.

#### «Bishkek+25» 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Year of

2. Key figures

- 1. Climate change and natural disasters in the mountains;
- 2. Conservation of ecosystems and natural resources;
- 3. Socio-economic development of mountain regions.



### 3. National, Regional and Global levels

National level: Coordinated efforts to engage government, scientific, public, and international organizations in implementing a national roadmap through events, information platforms, forums, and proposals to address mountain development issues and expand partnerships.

regional Regional level: Strengthening cooperation in Central Asia through initiatives like the Tien Shan Convention, improved trade, infrastructure, leveraging and experiences from other mountain regions, while promoting biodiversity efforts, such as snow leopard conservation, and fostering scientific and environmental ties globally.

Global level: Advocating for global recognition countries' mountain needs institutional reforms, debt relief for sustainable development, integration of mountain-specific concerns into international frameworks, and preparation for the 2027 Global Mountain Summit "Bishkek+25"

### 4. Rey lessons



- Inclusion of Mountains in First Global Stocktake Document at COP28 in Dubai
- Mention of mountainous regions in 181 para of the Final Document;
- Call for the SBSTA Chair to convene an expert dialogue on mountains and climate change;
- •The expert dialogue is planned for the
- 60th session of SBSTA in June 2024; Kyrgyzstan initiated the formation of a negotiating group of Mountain Partnership within the framework of the UNFCCC



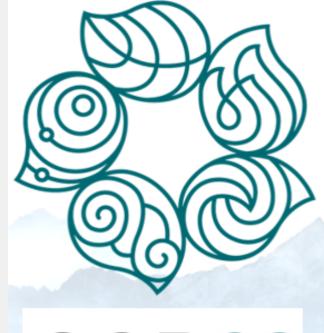
UNFCCC

SB60 in Bonn **UN Climate** Change Conference

- On 5 June 2024, a historic **Expert Dialogue** on Mountains and Climate Change took place at the UNFCCC Climate Change Conference SB60 in Bonn.
- Kyrgyzstan calls for unity around the initiative to hold an annual Expert Dialogue on Mountains and Climate Change.
- Kyrgyzstan is promoting a political document on mountains, "Call to Action", and has received support from 35 countries (November 2024).
- Working to join mountain countries to the Mountain Partnership negotiating group

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and climate on the agenda of COP29 in Baku; •In the draft agenda of COP 29, the issue of mountains and climate change is included under No. 17;

 Called on countries to support the holding of the Expert Dialogue on Mountains and Climate Change on an annual basis;

• Organized a High-Level Dialogue on Mountains and Climate Change;

 Promoted a political declaration on climate change, mountains and glaciers;

Worked on joining countries to the

negotiating group "Mountain Partnership"

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