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Dear Secretariat

My name is Stella Joy and I am one of the Directors of Active Remedy Ltd. We are a member organization within Mountain Partnership. We have been invited to write to you to suggest future areas of work within the Nairobi Work Program in accordance with Decision 6/CP.17 of SBSTA

I am therefore sending you this letter suggesting the inclusion of mountains and the protection of the global fresh water cycle

As specified in the Decision 6/CP.17 of SBSTA, in which Parties and relevant organizations are invited to submit to the secretariat, by 17 September 2012, their views on potential future areas of work of the Nairobi work programme, on behalf of the Government of the U.K Active Remedy Ltd. it is proposed to establish an area of work on mountains and climate change; in view of the special attention needed for the protection of the global fresh water cycle, rivers, mountain region biodiversity and mountain people.

Mountains provide vital services to the whole world's population through the essential roles that they play in the regenerative nature of the global fresh water cycle. Their snows and glaciers also play a vital role in climate regulation worldwide. They are fragile ecosystems that require specific protection and collective management. Their mixed indigenous forests play a significant part in reducing H²O Greenhouse gas through bio precipitation. These forests significantly affect temperature regulation worldwide, through the bio precipitation process responsible for the creation of snow and rain at high altitudes. This is important in maintaining glaciers. They need to be regenerated swiftly worldwide to alleviate and mitigate 'Climate Change'

Paragraph 122 of The Future We Want states:

"We recognize the key role that ecosystems play in maintaining water quantity and quality and support actions within the respective national boundaries to protect and sustainably manage these ecosystems."

We at Active Remedy Ltd would like to see the inclusion of the recognition of the key role that ecosystems, especially wetlands, mountains and indigenous mixed mountain forests, play in maintaining fresh water quantity and quality, along with climate. We would like to see focus

given to supportive efforts that protect, sustainably manage and restore these ecosystems added into the Nairobi Work Program.

[Details are provided in this link](#)

Best Regards
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