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Dear Sirs,

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 the behalf of the Public Fund "Rural Development Fund", it is proposed to establish an area of work on "mountains and climate change" in view of the special attention needed by mountain ecosystems to adapt to the effect of climate change. Mountains provide vital goods and services to more than half of the world's population but they are fragile ecosystems that require specific protection and management.

With best regards, Altynai Achilova Project Coordinator