Institutional Arrangements in Mountain Regions

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Measuring Progress in a post-Rio+20 World

Two main themes:
• How to build a green economy to achieve sustainable development ...
• How to improve international coordination for sustainable development.

Major global/International agreements:

• CBD
• UNCCD
• UNFCCC
Institutional Framework for SD

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10. We reaffirm that to achieve our sustainable development goals we need institutions at all levels that are effective, transparent, accountable and democratic...

IV. Institutional framework for sustainable development

76. An improved and more effective institutional framework for sustainable development at the international level

96. Regional frameworks can complement and facilitate effective translation of sustainable development policies into concrete action at the national level.

71. We encourage new partnerships, including public-private partnerships

198. We recognize that the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous peoples and local communities
Mountains

• 210. We recognize that the benefits derived from mountain regions are essential for sustainable development...

• 211. We further recognize that mountains are often home to communities, including indigenous peoples and local communities, who have developed sustainable uses of mountain resources...

• 212. We call for greater efforts towards the conservation of mountain ecosystems, including their biodiversity...
1992-2002

Promotion of
- Networks of partners
- Advocacy coalitions
- Scientific community
2002

Promotion of
-National
Mountain Laws
-Networks of
partners within
national contexts
« 50 countries, 16 intergovernmental organizations and 131 major groups (including groups from civil society, NGOs and the private sector) »
1992-2012
Regional institutions at the size of mountain ranges
2012: emerging trends in IFSD in mountain regions

The recognition of the role of community institutions

- Payments for Ecosystem Services in Costa Rica
- Water User Associations in Kenya
- Community Forestry in Nepal
- Community Based Tourism in Kyrgyzstan
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Investing more on regional than global initiatives
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The growing competition between different institutions/conceptions
RIO + 20 and Institutional Framework for SD

• a more institutional approach of SD
• effectiveness, transparency, accountability and democracy
• Less global, more national/regional/local
• Interinstitutional approaches