

on 11 November 2015 in Grenoble



## Testimonies from the summits

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As part of the Mountain Citizen meetings



Debates and presentations about climate change and mountains

17th Mountain Cinema Meeting evening





## The International Mountains & Climate Congress: Context and Stakes

In 2015, mountaineers and scientists the world over will gather in Grenoble, in the heart of the French Alps, to discuss global warming in mountainous regions.

***The International Mountain and Climate Congress –Testimonies from the Summit*** will take place on 11 November 2015. At this international event mountaineers, scientists, journalists and politicians will discuss issues of climate change in the mountain environment. The conclusions congress will be brought to the attention of political leaders and the international community at the Paris Climate Conference in December 2015.

The aim of the International Mountain and Climate Congress is to place the mountain environment and its specific features on the international political agenda. Like islands and oceans, mountains serve as “warning systems.” They directly suffer from climate change, with clearly visible effects on the landscape and on inhabitants’ lifestyles. This congress will highlight the impacts of climate change from a mountaineer’s perspective, explaining the risks for valleys below, and promoting examples of alternative strategies of adaptation.



## Logistical Organization of the International Congress:

The congress will be organized around three panel discussions covering different issues:

- Introduction: The impact of global warming on the mountain environment (testimony from mountaineers and scientists)
- Panel discussion 1: The future for mountain regions with tourist facilities
- Panel discussion 2: How should activities and practices evolve in wilderness areas
- Panel discussion 3: How will mountain regions adapt to global warming (biodiversity, forests, water, agriculture, energy)

The congress will be free of charge. 400 participants are expected to attend.

In the evening, a screening of films will be organized in partnership with *Les Rencontres du Cinéma de Montagne*, sponsored by the City of Grenoble. A movie specially made for the occasion, presenting different scenarios of the future, will be shown. Several other mountain-themed movies on global climate change will also be screened at the event. Some 4000 people are expected to attend this special evening at Grenoble’s *Palais des Sports*.

Last but not least, a document summing up daily conclusions and proposals will be presented to the audience. This document, or “Call for Action,” will be signed by public figures, scientists and citizens. The goal is to facilitate public participation in discussion, and to publicize the conclusions of the Congress. Finally, the concluding document will be presented to the organizers of COP21.

## Public relations and media coverage:



The ***International Mountain and Climate Congress*** aims to publicize its conclusions on a global scale, which calls for an ambitious, proactive public-relations strategy including:

- Activating social networks and traditional media prior to the event
- Making a mountain-themed film to raise awareness on climate issues for a general audience
- National and international media coverage
- Launching a website
- Making a film on the Congress itself, enhanced through social networks and websites
- Promoting the “Call for Action” through the [Place2be](#) platform and the [Call for our Mountains](#) platform.

## Organisers:

**COORDINATION MONTAGNE** *for the development of mountain activities and mountaineering*  
[www.coordination-montagne.fr](http://www.coordination-montagne.fr)

Created in 2012, the Mountain Coordination supports the Manifesto engagements, from “Mountaineering Conference and mountain’s activities” (Grenoble, April 2011, Chamonix, May 2011). This association gathers national associations and professionals about non convert mountain in order to represent their interests, throughout many actions.

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**APPEL POUR NOS MONTAGNES/ CALL FOR OUR MOUNTAINS**  
[www.appelpournosmontagnes.org/rencontres-citoyennes](http://www.appelpournosmontagnes.org/rencontres-citoyennes)

*Call for our mountains* is an opinion campaign created after the “Mountaineering Conference and mountain’s activities” from 2011. It gathers important mountain actors, citizens and politicians. It is a call for a new vision, which would build a new relationship between humans and mountainous spaces, based on respect and balance.

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## Programme:

### International Mountain and Climate Congress (day)

Place: **CRDP**(Centre Régional de Documentation Pédagogique) -11 av. Général Champon -3800 GRENOBLE (400 seats)

**9h30: Reception of guests and public**

**10h – 12h30: Debate**

10h – 11h < Introduction: The Impact of Global Warming on the Mountain Environment (testimony from mountaineers and scientists)

11h – 12h30 < Panel Discussion 1: What is the Future for Mountain Regions with Tourist Facilities?

**12h30 – 14h30: Lunch break**

**14h30 – 18h: Debate**

14h30 – 16h < Panel Discussion 2: How Should Activities and Practices Evolve in Wilderness Areas?

16h – 17h30 < Panel Discussion 3: How Will Mountain Regions Adapt to Global Warming (biodiversity, forests, water, agriculture, energy)?

**17h30 – 18h: Conclusions and Signature of the Call for Action**

### International Mountain and Climate Congress and Rencontres du Cinéma de Montagne (evening)

Place: **Palais des Sports**-14 bld Clémenceau – 38029 GRENOBLE (4000 seats)

**20h – 23h: COP21 and Mountain Movies (4000 seats)**

20h – 20h30: Premiere of the new film on future mountain scenarios; presentation of the “Call for Action”

20h – 23h: Screening of various mountain movies with global climate topics

**23h: Closure: Public invitation to sign the Call for Action**

