

## Mountain Forum Networks







independent



- Asia Pacific Mountain Network
  - International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development
- InfoAndina
  - International Potato Center
- African Mountain Forum
  - o African Highlands Initiative
- European Mountain Forum
  - o independent
- North American Mountain Forum
  - Mountain Culture division at The Banff Centre

## What is The Banff Centre?



"... arts, cultural, and educational institution and conference facility."

- Arts
- Leadership
- Mountain Culture& Environment



## What is Mountain Forum?

- A network of people & organizations
  - share information
  - o support one another
  - advocate for sustainable and equitable mountain development
- Supported by
  - o a secretariat
  - o five regional nodes
- Founded in 1996



## 'mf-women' Discussion List

#### mf-women

 discussion list for women and other people with an interest in women & sustainable mountain

development

o 600 members

 go to the Mountain Forum website to join – free membership



### Linking Indigenous Women's Groups

#### **Partners**



- MF Latin America (InfoAndina)
- MF Asia (Asia-Pacific Mountain Network)
- International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)
- International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Telecenter Program
- Fundacion Chasquinet

IDRC 💥 CRDI

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 Connecting Indigenous Mountain Women Collaborative Project

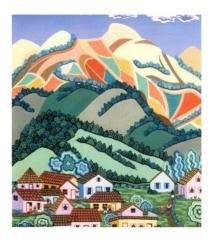
Objectives:

- connect women's groups
- share stories
- o discuss issues
- document and share success stories
- o teach ICT skills



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- How?
  - telecenters (wired community centre)
  - managed by local women
  - in partnership with local development organizations & ICT groups



### What else does Mountain Forum do?

- We offer online tools, publications and personal support to all our members:
  - Online Library
  - Mountain Calendar
  - Mountain Forum Bulletin
  - Member Database
  - E-Conferences
  - Email Discussion Lists
  - o One-on-one support





Online Library (A place to pool our knowledge)

- ~485 full text documents
- ~1400 bibliographic references
- 45 periodicals



Calendar ~170 events added each year



Published three times a year with articles from five continents. Any member can contribute to the Bulletin.



# E-Conferences

- 5 global conferences
- regional events annually
- pre-conference collaboration meetings



- o Global Mountain Summit 2002
- o Celebrating Mountain Women 2002
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Mountain Partnership 2004

## Email Discussion Lists

regional and thematic

12 different lists

 anywhere from 50 to several hundred subscribers on a discussion list



