

## Annex II

### ***Project Report*** ***'Andes Initiative preparation Meetings'***

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### ***Final Report***

### ***LOA Mountain Forum – Mountain Partnership, 2006-2008, activity 7***

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## List of acronyms

Acronym	Full name /description
AI	Andean Initiative
CONDESAN	Consorcio para el Desarrollo Sostenible de la Ecorregión Andina
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation
FUNDANDES	Foundation for the Environmental Development
GNTEM	Grupo Nacional sobre Ecosistemas de Montañas (National Group on Mountain Ecosystems in Peru)
GEF	Global Environment Facility
ITDG	Intermediate Technology Development Group
MF	Mountain Forum
MFS	Mountain Forum Secretariat
MP	Mountain Partnership
MPS	Mountain Partnership Secretariat
REDAR	Rural Agroindustrial Network
SARD-M	Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development - Mountains
SDC	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme

## 1. INTRODUCTION

During 2006, InfoAndina led a meeting of the Andean Initiative (AI) of the Mountain Partnership (MP) held in Lima. This meeting was attended by representatives from the Initiative's member countries, as well as from the Main Groups. The meeting was jointly called by InfoAndina and the Peruvian Foreign Affairs Department, with the financial support of the Mountain Partnership Secretariat (MPS).

The goals of the meeting were: to agree on the concrete products that each country will contribute to the Regional meeting of the AI, as well as the general process that each country should follow in preparation for the AI meeting; to outline a general framework for organizing the work agenda; and to set the preliminary date for the AI meeting, as well as all of the logistic details related to that meeting. (See: [www.infoandina.org/foros.shtml?x=4309](http://www.infoandina.org/foros.shtml?x=4309))

As part of the 2007 Letter of Agreement between the MPS and the Mountain Forum Secretariat (MFS), InfoAndina (Latin American Node of the Mountain Forum) was commissioned to follow up the results of Lima meeting and contribute to the organization of the Regional Meeting of the AI. In the framework of this LOA, InfoAndina worked closely with CONDESAN Coordination in order to ensure that the majority of the MP-AI are represented at the Tucumán meeting. Using existing CONDESAN partners in the Andean countries, InfoAndina disseminated information about the meeting and facilitate the identification of key stakeholders that were present at the meeting.

The signed agreement established that InfoAndina is in charge to support to organization of the AI of the MP through:

- Mobilization of support in Peru, Argentina, Ecuador, Bolivia and Colombia
- Producing a background document (white paper) for an E-conference and Argentina Meeting based on national inputs from Peru and previous AI documents
- Organization of a preparatory e-conference for the Argentina meeting
- Facilitation and technical support at the Argentina meeting.

The present final report covers InfoAndina activities between January and September 2007 and includes the results of the Tucumán Meeting.

The Tucumán Meeting brought to light the work being carried out by several of the mountain committees and work groups in the Andes region and the lessons they had to offer. It also helped identify potential activities to carry out at the core of this initiative, even though not all the objectives planned during the meeting in Lima were met.

A need was identified for the MP to help join together the different groups actively working on sustainable mountain development rather than limiting themselves to national mountain committees. The meeting also highlighted the need for the AI to work together with eco-regional initiatives currently underway as well as with key protagonists such as the Comunidad Andina (Andean Community).

The Plan of Action details the most important activities to be carried out within each of the topics identified in Lima, in addition to climate change, which was added to the list. These topics include: agro biodiversity,

commercialization of mountain products, a rural sustainable tourism network, strengthening the connections of mountain ecosystems and development of political instruments, among others.

The meeting in Lima, the preparatory process and the meeting in Tucumán confirm the existence of a number of regional actors willing to articulate and coordinate activities related to sustainable mountain development and in particular of the activity areas mentioned above. It is important to address those actors who participated in this process and have shown a better capacity for leading these regional processes who are not currently members of the MP and the AI. Some of these organizations are involved with the National Mountain Committees, but others are not. It has been also seen that the National Mountain Committees are not the only instrument for organizing the countries to actively participate on the AI. All this presents a big challenge for the MPS and the process of decentralization that it is now facing.

What also this process confirms is that effective coordination in direct contact with the regional actors is required.

## 2. ACTIVITIES REPORT

### *Pre-meeting activities*

1. In collaboration with the Argentinean Mountain Group, InfoAndina edited the final version of the Lima Meeting Document. It is the key instrument to guide the work of the national mountain groups associated to the AI.
2. InfoAndina gave support for the reactivation of the National Group on Mountain Ecosystems in Peru (Grupo Nacional sobre Ecosistemas de Montañas (GNTEM)), with the collaboration of the Peruvian Foreign Affairs Department.
3. An electronic list ([gntem-peru@dggroups.org](mailto:gntem-peru@dggroups.org)) was created to facilitate communications between group members.
4. Following previous agreements, the four working groups had meetings to prepare the preliminary documents. The group working on the subject of poverty showed more progress than the others. An assessment of progress is planned by the first week of March.
5. During the meeting at Peru, interest of the SARD-M (Adelboden Group) to have a final meeting was stated and information received that the Government of Peru has expressed their interest to host such meeting. Unofficial information was received that SDC have some resources to support the SARD-M meeting. A question was raised regarding the possibility to merge the Regional Meeting of the AI with the SARD-M meeting.
6. The National Group on Mountain Ecosystems in Ecuador (GNTEM-Ecuador) was reactivated during 2006 following InfoAndina's lobby with the MP focal points in Ecuador (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Environment). During the reported period an electronic list to improve the communication between members was created ([gntem-ecuador@dggroups.org](mailto:gntem-ecuador@dggroups.org)).
7. The Ecuador Group decided to create a sub-committee to collect information regarding the current projects in mountain areas but also to have an official definition of what is a 'mountain region' for Ecuador. Miguel Saravia participated in the last sub-committee meeting held on 8 February 2008 in Quito. During that meeting, Mr. Saravia provided inputs about mountain region definitions, based on a previous research done by InfoAndina.

8. After the meeting and responding to the request to support the needed communication between the sub-committee, InfoAndina created an electronic list: [gntem-ecuador-sc@dgroups.org](mailto:gntem-ecuador-sc@dgroups.org)
9. In June 2006, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Argentine Mountain Committee contacted the MPS to inform them that the dates of the meeting were set and to provide a draft version of the meeting agenda.
10. CONDESAN/MPS started collaborating closely with Argentina offering recommendations and suggestions regarding the meeting agenda, providing a complete list of organizations, countries and donor institutions that could be invited to the meeting and providing these organizations with additional information about the event and its objectives to assure the regional participatory process. A synthesis of InfoAndina's contribution is summarized below:

- **Recommendations suggested for the program**

The meeting agenda only included presentations of case studies (mainly from Argentina) and round table discussions with very little time allotted to work on the Plan of Action. Therefore, it was recommended that the methodology be changed by implementing a participatory approach that could more likely achieve the goals agreed to during the preparatory meeting in Lima. The organizers were asked to postpone the event for at least one month to assure the participation of all the countries invited and to allow them sufficient time to arrive with the prepared documents.

Due to national commitments the meeting was not postponed and only minor changes were made to the meeting agenda, including: space for presentations from the Andean countries, participation by CONDESAN and case studies from other civil society organizations from other countries.

- **List of possible organizations to invite**

The membership list of the MP was supplemented with the contacts that CONDESAN has as a regional network and the identification of organizations working in the priority areas established in Lima.

- **Contact with the focal point of the country members of the AI**

CONDESAN met with the National Ecosystem Mountain Groups from Ecuador and Peru and the Colombian Ministry of Environment. No meeting could be arranged with Venezuela and Bolivia previous to the AI meeting despite repeated efforts by CONDESAN to contact these Ministries of Foreign Affairs to inform them of the AI and define who would represent them in Tucumán.

In order to achieve a more regional vision of the issues to be discussed, case studies relating to the main subject areas from countries in addition to Argentina were selected so that they could be presented during the meeting.

All the focal points or their representatives participated in the meeting (Ecociencia Foundation from Ecuador, the Bolivian Consul in Tucumán) while only a small percentage of civil society organizations attended, mainly because of budget (only one person per organization could be financed) and time constraints.

11. In Argentina, the National Mountain Committee was in charge of the agenda and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs administered the international invitations and handled travel arrangements for the different focal points and civil society organizations that form part of the AI. The budget for the travel costs was assigned by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and covered two people from each member country (focal point and NGO). An agreement was signed stipulating that for an NGO to receive financial support to attend the meeting it had to be designated by the focal point of that country. In some of the cases

– including those where the organizations are members of the AI – the linkage between the focal point and the organizations was facilitated by CONDESAN.

12. A total of 150 people attended the San Miguel de Tucumán meeting: 85% from the host country (mainly governmental institutions) and the other 15% from the focal points and other civil society organizations of the Andes region (see attachment). Of the latter group, the organizations that participated included: The MI – Regional Peru; The Andean Tropical Program – Venezuela, Bolivia and Argentina; Ecociencia Foundation – Ecuador; CONDESAN – Regional; High Andes Flamingos Conservation Network – Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Perú; and Alexander von Humboldt Institute – Colombia.
13. The partner organizations that make up the AI were informed of the meeting by CONDESAN, but only a few of these responded formally to the invitation, possibly indicating that they were unable to attend due to the short time of notice. This was definitely the case of the Intermediate Technology Development Group (ITDG) and the Rural Agroindustrial Network (REDAR). Other organizations did not respond to the invitations.
14. The following focal points or their representatives participated:
  - *Bolivia*: Hector Paz Luna Bueno, Consul in Argentina.
  - *Peru*: Ambassador Sergio Kostritsky, Environmental Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Head of the National Mountain Ecosystem Group.
  - *Ecuador*: Jorge Campaña, Ecociencia Foundation, Member of the Ecuadorian National Ecosystem Mountain Group.
  - *Colombia*: Maria del Pilar Pardo, Ministry of Environment, Ecosystems Director.
  - *Venezuela*: Carmen Montoya, Ministry of Environment.

The Argentine Secretary of Coordination from the government of Jujuy was also present, although he is not a member of the National Mountain Committee.

15. The meeting included presentations mainly from the National Mountain Committee, special guests, focal points and simultaneous case study presentations from governmental and non- governmental organizations within the four thematic issues (see attachment), which were:
  - Sustainable Livelihoods
  - Ecosystems Conservation, Natural and Cultural Heritage Preservation
  - Institutional Capacity Building
  - Cross-cutting issues

The subjects presented focused on agro biodiversity, rural tourism networks, ecosystem conservation, high Andes wetlands conservation, land use planning, natural and cultural resources management and mountain policies.

16. Although the methodology of the meeting included round-table discussion groups, space for synthesis and team work, these were not implemented. At the end of the presentations, there was a brief summary of what was discussed followed by a very limited amount of time for questions or comments.
17. As part of the round-table groups, there were presentations from these special guests: MP, United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), government officers, Global Environment Facility (GEF), Alpine Convention, and CONDESAN. The case studies presented were mainly from the National Government of Argentina and only a few from the other Andean countries (only two per topic – which was the only space allocated for other countries). These focused primarily on specific cases and only some of them showed the methodology implemented, lessons learned and a regional vision of the project. However, despite being country specific, there was evidence throughout the meeting that indicated that most of the projects/cases were relevant on a regional scale.

18. Country representatives from Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia and Venezuela introduced the national projects and policies related to mountain conservation and development in their own countries.
- Ecuador reflected very clearly what was agreed to during the preliminary meeting, presenting the main problems they are facing and the prior actions taken.
  - Colombia showed the vision they had defined and the mountain policy they are implementing using proven methods which they offered to share with the AI if any of the actions defined were related to them.
  - Peru emphasized the importance of pursuing the objectives set in Lima and included one more subject that is very important to their country and the overall region, mainly, climate change and its impact on mountain regions.
  - Bolivia and Venezuela offered only general presentations related to mountain issues in their countries.
19. Given all of the above, we can conclude that, at a governmental level, Argentina, Ecuador, Colombia and Peru are comparatively much more advanced in terms of action implementation and mountain policies than Bolivia and Venezuela. Ecuador and Peru have Mountain Working Groups with interdisciplinary participation (government, academics, NGOs). With regards to Colombia, the different Ministries work together with the Alexander von Humboldt Institute which has a specific project in the Andes and includes the participation of academics and local organizations and communities. Bolivia and Venezuela have not yet formed a committee that integrates the different groups working on mountain issues, although there are a number of organizations working on these subjects as well as several regional initiatives (e.g. Flamingos Conservation Network, Sustainable Rural Tourism Network)
20. During the meeting the Peruvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs proposed to make a political declaration to be ratified by all the country members. The Declaration is attached to this document.
21. An Action Plan was also elaborated by the Organizing Committee of Argentina and the collaboration of representative of Ecuador, Bolivia and Peru, including other considerations and projects, and inputs from MPS and CONDESAN. A summary of the action plan is presented below.

#### **Thematic subjects and priority actions established.**

1. Sustainable livelihoods:
  - a. Strengthen agro-biodiversity management and conservation, and productive Andean systems based on traditional knowledge and cultural practices;
  - b. Strengthen the value chain with special emphasis on mountain products marketing; and
  - c. Strengthen the rural sustainable tourism networks in the Andes.
2. Ecosystems conservation and natural and cultural heritage preservation:
  - a. Facilitate the synthesis and replication of proven methods in order to maintain goods production and environmental services while promoting the productive use of ecosystems;
  - b. Encourage the creation and adaptation of methods that promote connectivity and ecosystem management;
  - c. Promote information sharing and synthesis on payment schemes for environmental services (compensation); and
  - d. Coordinate strategies with local groups that encourage the conservation and preservation of cultural heritage.



3. Ecosystem conservation and natural and cultural heritage preservation:
    - a. Facilitate the synthesis and replication of proven methodologies in order to maintain production of goods and environmental services while promoting the productive use of ecosystems;
    - b. Encourage the creation and adaptation of methodologies that promote connectivity and ecosystem management;
    - c. Promote information sharing and synthesis on payment schemes for environmental services (compensation); and
    - d. Coordinate with the local stakeholders strategies that contribute to cultural heritage conservation and preservation.
  4. Institutional capacity building on mountain themes:
    - a. Encourage analysis of political policies concerning mountain ecosystems at an international, regional and bi-national level, based on the different activities being carried out by the regional initiatives;
    - b. Identify the effects, threats and opportunities of national and sub-national policies on mountain related issues, including informal policies derived from consuetudinary law;
    - c. Encourage the creation of political instruments (at all levels) to overcome the obstacles in the way of sustainable mountain development;
    - d. Advocate for intra-institutional coordination in order to improve the implementation of mountain policies;
    - e. Encourage the development of institutional spaces (National Committees, Work Groups) required to guarantee consistency and communication between the different levels of government and these, in turn, with the civil society; and
    - f. Promote the training and skills needed by civil society groups to be able to play a more active role in mountain policy making.
  5. Climate change and its impact on mountain ecosystems:
    - a. Analysis of risk scenarios and vulnerability due to climate change; and
    - b. Measures required to counteract the effects of climate change
  6. Cross-cutting issues (education, sensitization training, gender, youth, elderly, network articulation, local participation):
    - a. Gender inclusion policies fostering the articulation of networks and social participation.
22. Current regional projects and activities related to the topics above were selected to help achieve the goals established. Some of the projects are: Andean crops, community-based tourism projects, wetlands conservation strategies, Ecobona, BioAndes and Andean Paramo Projects. The organizations associated with these projects are: REDAR, Mountain Products Project – FAO, FUNDANDES, High Andean Flamingos Conservation, CONDESAN, Global Mountain Program among others.
23. The Political Declaration and the Plan of Action were ratified by the focal points of the AI. At the end of the meeting only the Political Declaration was presented. It expressed commitment to support, encourage, promote and advocate the actions proposed by the AI. This Declaration addresses issues similar to those ratified in previous agreements (Huaraz 2002, Cusco 2004). The Plan of Action was not distributed to all the participants of the meeting; only to those that participated on the original draft obtained a copy.

## CONCLUSIONS

Although not all of the objectives established in Lima were reached, this first meeting allows reflection on the steps necessary to take so that this Initiative is really an open, dynamic, proactive and integrated partnership. Below we summarize the main positive aspects of the meeting:

- **Identification of national committees/institutions/Ministries working on mountain issues in the different Andean countries**

The meeting permitted acknowledgement, at a preliminary basis, of the level of cohesion and work that some of the Andean countries are doing in their mountain areas. Their representatives showed real interest and commitment for this Initiative, highlighting the importance of organizing reunions that encompass: regional vision, clear, well-defined subjects and time for identification of concrete actions. It is essential countries follow up in order to strengthen and move forward with the Plan of Action.

In the case of Bolivia and Venezuela, it was really important to identify key participants from the Environment Ministry or NGOs that could join the Initiative. There are several entities from these countries like Agrecol Andes, AGRUCO Provita and BioParques that are working on specific projects related to sustainable mountain development.

Additionally, despite the fact that Chile is not a member of the Initiative, there are numerous organizations from the country that could join this endeavour. Such is the case of Red Puna Sostenible, Corporación Norte Grande and Corporación CIEM Aconcagua, whose work is related to natural and cultural management, conflict resolution on mining, water, local communities and land use planning in mountain areas. Furthermore, there are diverse institutions at the national level related to mountain issues: Forest National Commission (CONAF), Water Department (DGA), Agriculture Department (SGA), all of them part of the Environment National Commission (CONAMA).

In Argentina, this meeting created awareness among the politicians in the north western provinces for the need to pay more heed to mountain activities. During the reunion, the government of Jujuy expressed to Ambassador Bondanza their intention of hosting a National Mountain Sub-Committee with a permanent node in Jujuy and interacting directly with the MP. This decision was ratified last September 14th by authorities in Jujuy.

- **Identification of key issues, basic guidelines established**

Although the focus of the meeting was mainly national, there were also some presentations involving a regional vision and recurrent subjects that are part of the document written in 2006 about priority areas for the AI (mountain policies, Andean Paramo Project, rural tourism networks, Andean Flamingos Conservation, Andean crops). These issues were addressed in the Plan of Action, which should be given the highest priority, as it requires more in depth analysis to establish concrete projects, identification of the key organizations that will be involved and defining the government's role in each of the topics.

- **Identification of key organizations that could be part of the Initiative**

As mentioned before, CONDESAN and MPS identified key organizations to be invited to the event. Despite the fact that only a limited number could attend the meeting, the rest of them are potential participants of the Initiative due to their scope and work in the Andes. Furthermore, the organizations and countries that participated provided information on other institutions and initiatives being carried out in the Andean region and that could also be integrated to this alliance.

## ANNEX A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE ANDES INITIATIVE MEETING(S)

The National Argentinean Mountain Committee is responsible for organizing the 1<sup>st</sup> Andes Initiative Meeting which will be held in Tucumán from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September. The preparatory process started in Lima, Peru (27-28 July 2006), where representatives from Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia and Peru met. During this meeting the countries agreed on the following:

- Enrich the document of subject areas (which was elaborated during the preparatory meeting) so that it reflects the needs of each country in relation to sustainable mountain development.
- Make an inventory of the different organizations and public institutions that are working in different subjects and impacts obtained. This inventory will identify the main gaps and should include successful and non-successful experiences.
- Collaborative action that needs to be upscale to a Regional level and that should establish a Framework Action Plan for sustainable mountain development.

InfoAndina offered Argentina to collaborate on the organization of this 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting. After the preparatory meeting another reunion was organized with Ecuador to inform them about the results of the meeting in Lima and establish the next steps for the National Mountain Group so that they can participate actively on the 1<sup>st</sup> Andes Initiative Meeting.

After the preparatory meeting, InfoAndina did not receive any communications from Argentina until March this year when InfoAndina was informed that the days of the meeting were fixed for September. At the end of June, the Minister Ricardo Larriera from Argentina Ministry of Foreign Affairs, provide the Tentative Agenda. InfoAndina and MPS reviewed the Agenda and sent back a document with observations and recommendations so that the Agenda reflects what was agreed during the preparatory process last year in Lima. Afterwards a meeting was organized in Buenos Aires (July 20<sup>th</sup>) with InfoAndina, the Argentinean Mountain Committee and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. InfoAndina expressed its intention to move the dates of the meeting so that the country members can arrive at this event with the documents that were agreed during the preparatory meeting, to assure the group members participation on the main subject areas of the meeting. During the meeting, InfoAndina presented a tentative agenda including these matters (Programa Borrador Reunión, attached)

Due to institutional and political factors, Argentina was not able to move the dates. Nevertheless, they agreed to modify some of the aspects of the Agenda so that they can assure the regional participation from the countries' focal points and group members (Minutas 20 de Julio, attached).

InfoAndina also expressed their concern about the limited time that the Committee has to inform the focal points and groups members about the meeting. Regarding this, Argentina informed InfoAndina that all invitations have to be sent through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and that the countries will be invited the following week (last week of June).

### Current status

- **Modifications of the Agenda**

After the meeting in Buenos Aires, InfoAndina sent to Argentina the minutes so that they can discuss with the Argentinean Mountain Committee the changes needed in the Agenda to assure the participation of they key actors. The Mountain Committee met last Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August to discuss about the necessary modifications. As InfoAndina did not receive from Argentina a new Agenda including these changes, a document was sent to them clarifying the

aspects that needs to be included (Cronograma Tucuma\_aportes InfoAndina, attached). This document will be discussed during the following meeting of the Mountain Committee next Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August. Argentina will have the definitive Agenda by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August.

- **Country invitations**

According to InfoAndina's communications with Cancillería, they have officially invited the Ambassadors of each country of the Andes Initiative. Some of the Ambassadors have contacted the focal points so that they can participate on the Meeting. Until now, the focal points from each country have not been officially invited. They will do this once the agenda is finalized next Friday.

On the other hand, InfoAndina has communicated with the countries to know if they have acknowledged the meeting and their willingness to participate.

- **Colombia:** Colombia is interested in participating in the meeting and most likely Ma. del Pilar Pardo (Ecosystems Director, Colombia Ministry of Environment) will be representing this country.
- **Ecuador:** Ecuador has an organized National Mountain Group with participation from national institutions and non-governmental organizations. Miguel Saravia met the National Committee on July 16, 2008. Ecuador disagrees with the Agenda proposed by Argentina as it does not incorporate the aspects agreed to last year in Lima. The main concern they have with the Agenda is that there is no space to produce a regional action plan as expected. They plan to attend the meeting with a delegation of three people, but expect that at least 1 person is fully covered by Argentina. At the moment they have some concerns because an Argentina communication says they are just covering the airfare, but not accommodation. The Ecuador National Mountain Group is meeting today (August, 8<sup>th</sup>) and a formal reply will be sent to InfoAndina.
- **Peru:** The Peruvian focal point received the information of the meeting by their embassy in Argentina. They express their serious concern for not being informed before. The concern has been expressed directly to the Emb. Bondanza, who takes note of the observations made by the Peruvian authorities: the Agenda is not inclusive, there is no space for discussion of an action plan, the participation of the different stakeholders is not clear. A meeting between InfoAndina and Emb. Kostritsky (new Peruvian focal point) is planned for 17<sup>th</sup> August, but is anticipated that at least one representative from the Peruvian Mountain Committee will be present at the meeting. InfoAndina has requested Peru to organize a meeting with the organizations that are part of the Peru Mountain Group in order to have a collective reaction to what is being proposed by Argentina.
- **Bolivia:** The person who attended last year at the preparatory meeting in Lima is no longer working for the Embassy of Bolivia in Peru (Consuelo Ballivián, Agregada Cultural). Her replacement is Ivan Castillo. InfoAndina sent him three weeks ago all the background documents to give him a general knowledge of the Andes Initiative and he can communicate with Bolivia in order to know if they have consolidated a National Mountain Group and if any progress has been made after the preparatory meeting in Lima. Ivan Castillo has no information about the progress made after this meeting and they have not received until now any official invitation from Argentina to support the meeting. He has suggested InfoAndina should communicate directly with Dr. Aldo Ruíz, Dirección General de Comercio Exterior, as he could have more information on this regard.
- **Venezuela:** InfoAndina has communicated with the focal point (Rodolfo Roa, Director General de Cuencas Hidrográficas, Venezuela Ministry of Environment) but has not received any reply from him yet. InfoAndina called him today but he is out of office until tomorrow, so will try again to see if he can give any reply from the information requested.

- **Participation of Group Members in the Agenda**

InfoAndina has remarked to the Mountain Committee in Argentina that both countries and organizations are part of the Initiative and that their presence is key. InfoAndina has made a tentative list of organizations that could be participating in the subject areas that the Argentinean Mountain Committee has established for the meeting (mountain livelihoods; mountain ecosystems conservation, natural and cultural heritage preservation; institutional capacity building, cross-cutting issues) (Lista Invitados Iniciativa Andina\_Final, attached). Due to the limited time and to accelerate the process, InfoAndina has offered the Committee to contact these groups to see who of these ones are interested and able to present their case studies in the meeting. The Mountain Committee will consult to the Argentina Ministry of Foreign Affairs if InfoAndina can make the first contact with these organizations, they will respond tomorrow regarding this.

- **Meeting announcement**

InfoAndina has offered Argentina to use InfoAndina's platform including the Mountain Forum and MP Calendar of Events to announce the meeting and include the agenda, participants and all other important information. The Mountain Committee is not interested in using these platforms as they consider that they should announce it directly through their own channels.

## ANNEX B. OVERVIEW OF KEY ORGANISATIONS IN THE ANDES BY THEMATIC AREA

<b>1. Medios de Vida Sostenibles</b>				
<b>Institución</b>	<b>Proyecto / Tema</b>	<b>Persona de contacto</b>	<b>Contacto</b>	<b>Categoría</b>
<b>ADESO (Argentina)</b>	Producción y mercadeo de deshidratados frutihortícolas con energía solar para lucha contra la pobreza y desempleo en la Quebrada de Humahuaca	Héctor Navarro	Email: <a href="mailto:navarro@adeso.org">navarro@adeso.org</a> , web: <a href="http://www.adeso.org.ar">www.adeso.org.ar</a>	ORG M*
<b>AEDES (Perú)</b>	Desarrollo Agropecuario Sostenible	Manuel Tejada	email: <a href="mailto:manuel@aedes.com.pe">manuel@aedes.com.pe</a> web: <a href="http://www.aedes.com.pe">www.aedes.com.pe</a>	ORG NM*
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<b>Fundación EcoAndina (Argentina)</b>	Aplicación de energía renovables (solar) y tecnologías rurales en ecosistemas de montaña (Salta, Jujuy y Chubut) / Centro Ecologico de Altura	Silvia Rojo	email: <a href="mailto:ecoandinapuna@yahoo.com.ar">ecoandinapuna@yahoo.com.ar</a> web: <a href="http://www.ecoandina.org">www.ecoandina.org</a>	ORG NM
<b>Fundacion Pro Yungas</b>	Proyecto Rutas Alto Bermejo (turismo rural)	Alejandro Diego Brown	email: <a href="mailto:abrown@proyungas.com.ar">abrown@proyungas.com.ar</a> web: <a href="http://www.proyungas.com.ar">www.proyungas.com.ar</a>	ORG M
<b>Red Agroindustrial Rural del Peru (REDAR)</b>	Productos de Montaña / Desarrollo de Agroindustrias y Mercados para la Arracacha	Sonia Salas	<a href="mailto:soniarul@yahoo.es">soniarul@yahoo.es</a> web: <a href="http://www.condesan.org/redar/">www.condesan.org/redar/</a>	ORG NM
<b>Andes Tropicales (Regional - Argentina, Bolivia, Venezuela)</b>	Fondo Michiruy "Una red de servicios turísticos comunitarios - Camino Posaderos Andinos" (Andes Venezolanos) -		email: <a href="mailto:contacto@andestropicales.org">contacto@andestropicales.org</a> web: <a href="http://www.andestropicales.org/">www.andestropicales.org/</a>	ORG NM
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