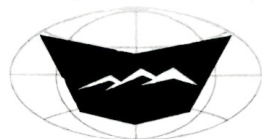


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Organizing Committee

Second International conference “Women of the mountains”

Greetings on behalf of the mountainous communities of Kyrgyzstan to the participants of the second international Conference “Women of the Mountains” on March 8-9, 2011 at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah.

The Kyrgyz National Centre for Development of Mountain Regions & The International University of Kyrgyzstan are glad to initiate, together with Utah Valley University, a second conference, dedicated to gender issues and I am sure it will be a successful endeavor.

The first Conference, hosted by UVU in 2007, helped to create a regional network of stakeholders in the Rocky Mountains interested in promoting sustainable mountain development. The Secretary General of the UN mentioned the results from those efforts as exchanges increased between educators, legislators and ties in cultural areas between the North America and Central Asia. We are glad that we are able to host a new Conference aimed at strengthening and deepening those ties.

I would like to reiterate our desire again to co-organize with UVU the next international Conference “Women of the Mountains-3” in the Ferghana Valley in 2012 as a part of the second Global Mountain Summit in Kyrgyzstan, dedicated to the 10th anniversary of the celebration of International Year of the Mountains in 2002 in Bishkek, the Kyrgyz Republic.

We wish you very fruitful and successful discussions and work.

Sincerely,



Dr. Asylbek Aidaraiev
President