

ASSOCIATION OF MOUNTAIN POPULATIONS OF THE WORLD

AFRICA SECTION

announces a Regional Workshop for Africa
to mark the

International Year of Mountains (IYM 2002)

21 – 28 Mai 2002

Fianarantsoa, Madagascar

AFRICAN MOUNTAIN POPULATIONS, THEIR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Conference Objectives and Themes:

The workshop will give a voice to mountain populations, highlighting local mountain development issues from cultural, ecological, social and economic perspectives

- **Theme 1:** Memory and Landscape: Culture and Nature are in natural coalition and co-evolve
+ The Anatomy of Change: Slow natural change or biological evolution in competition with accelerating human change or cultural evolution
(Ramamonjisoa Josélyne et Schachenmann Peter* = animateurs)
 - **Theme 2:** Natural Resources Management: From State management to Community management
(Zingari Pier et Liz Willy* = animateurs)
 - **Theme 3:** Protected Areas and Communities: From conflict to synergy
(Rabetaliana Hanta et Melamari Lota = animateurs)
 - **Theme 4:** Democracy and Good Governance: How to get self-interest to work for a common good or from stakeholders to shareholders (APMM* et AGEKO = animateurs)
 - **Theme 5:** Scientific Research and Appropriate Technologies: How to match local knowledge and traditional solutions with scientific insights and modern methodology
(BEMA ou CIRAD et LDI* = animateurs)
- * animateur anglophone

Background:

African countries have a colonial history of domination and mountain populations in particular are struggling to come out of isolation and neglect. Emerging democracies all over the continent are in the process of learning by doing how to use this new tool for adapting to today's globalised world with new opportunities and constraints for local livelihoods development. 2002 marks the International Year of Mountains, discussing and furthering issues of mountain development. This Regional Workshop gives a voice to Mountain People: civil society who depends on mountains for their livelihood, public administration representatives, scientists and practitioners who work in mountain regions including the private sector who pioneers mountain economic development.

African mountain regions addressed and Participants:

Maximum 80 people of which 50 are expected from outside Madagascar. It is hoped, that at least 50 % of all participants may represent civil society from respective mountain regions from:

- Central-, Eastern-, and Southern Africa
- Mascaren Islands (La Réunion, Seychelles, Mauritius, Comores)
- Madagascar