

## Draft Playbook

### Mountains High Session on International Mountain Day 2020

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Cisco WebEx Link for panelists:

<https://unep.webex.com/unep/onstage/g.php?MTID=eef421e0063c570132d5bafda52d644a9>

#### GMT: 13:30- 14.45 hrs.

New York: 09:30- 10.45 hrs.

Berlin, Rome, Vienna: 15:30- 16.45 hrs.

Nairobi: 17:30- 18.45 hrs.

#### A. Objective

Every year, UNEP observes International Mountain Day (IMD) on 11 December and celebrates the ecosystems and communities of mountain areas. The 2020 virtual Mountains High session aims to

- **Promote climate action** with the audience and showcase solutions
- **Create awareness** about the effects of climate change in mountains
- **Appreciate mountain ecosystems**, i.e. through footage of *The Last Ascent*, a documentary about the decrease in glacier ice on Kilimanjaro
- Provide a **platform for science** to exchange about main threats to mountain ecosystems and solutions to protect them
- Showcase **work of the United Nations** in the area of sustainable mountain development and climate change adaptation.
- Inspire the audience to use **sports for positive change**.

#### B. Story

Mountaineer and UNEP Mountain Hero Will Gadd travelled in early 2020 to Tanzania to ice climb the Messner Route on top of Kilimanjaro. What he encountered upon arrival, was hard to believe: The route did not exist anymore because of glacier loss. Losing something he deeply cares for, inspired Will to rethink what he can do to lessen his impact on climate change.

The online session offers a platform to showcase mountain ecosystems, the scientific evidence of climate change in mountains and the urgent need for action. Join an inspiring conversation that **brings together outdoor and nature enthusiasts with experts from the United Nations and the scientific community** to discuss the climate crisis and the power of sports for climate action.

#### C. Speakers

- **Mr. Will Gadd**, UNEP Mountain Hero and ice-climber
- **Ms. Carolina Adler**, Mountain Research Initiative and UIAA
- **Prof. Pantaleo Munishi**, Sokoine University of Agriculture, Department of Ecosystems and Conservation
- **Ms. Lindita Xhaferi-Salihu**, UNFCCC Sports for Climate Action

Moderation:

- Ms. **Musonda Mumba**, Chief Terrestrial Ecosystems Unit UNEP

Outreach and distribution partners:

- SDC, CONDESAN, MRI, IISD, UNFCCC (tbc), UIAA, Red Bull
- UNEP Social Media/ Newsletter

## D. Preliminary Program

Responsible	Subject	Time
UNEP Vienna	Show trailer of <i>The Last Ascent</i> to set the scene	15:30- 15:35 (2")
<b>Musonda Mumba</b>	Welcome by Moderator Speaking points are separately provided	15:35- 15:40 (3-5")
<b>Will Gadd</b>	Story how he witnesses environmental changes in mountains and what he learnt during his journeys to mountains. How has adventure inspired him to take climate action?	15:40- 15:50
<b>Carolina Adler</b>	Presentation of science, climate change effects on (biodiversity in) mountains	15:50 – 16:00
<b>Pantaleo Munishi</b>	Presentation of science, testimony from East African mountain region. What is the evidence and how do people adapt?	16:00- 16:10
<b>Lindita Khaferi-Salihi</b>	What is UNFCCC doing to promote climate action in mountains with the sports community?	16:10- 16:17
<b>Musonda Mumba</b>	React to and summarize interventions –personal experience, science and UN work. Also refer to activities of IOC. 1 question per panelist.	16:17-16:22
<b>Panelists</b>	Reaction	16:22- 16:30
<b>Audience</b>	Asks questions in chat and comments	
<b>Panelists</b>	Discussion	16:30-16:40
<b>Musonda Mumba</b>	Wrap up and footage of <i>The Last Ascent</i>	16:40-16:45

The audience will be able to use the commentary box to ask questions.

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