

*We are Nature: Mountain Women Collectively Defending the Earth - Webinar for Earth Day*

22 April - 13:00 to 15:00 UTC



*Artwork description: the woman shape has many different shapes within her to represent a collectivity, she represents Mother Earth and is drawn with one same line with the mountains.*

As part of the [Mountain Women of the World project](#), we are hosting a Webinar for Earth Day, led from a transnational network of mountain women. It will be a space for groups of mountain women from around the world to share experiences and knowledge. The attendance to the Webinar is open upon registration.

The Webinar is organised by the project partners of [Mountain Women of the World](#): Empowering Women of Nepal, Feminist Hiking Collective, Kilimanjaro Women, las Cholitas Escaladoras de Bolivia, Mujeres a la Cumbre, 3 Sisters Adventure Trekking and Women Who Hike Africa. With the participation of: Alessandra Segantin, Alpine Community Economies Laboratory, Ana Agustina Barros, Bangladesh Mountaineering Federation, Movimiento de Mujeres Indígenas por el Buen Vivir, Club Alpino Italiano, Mountain Partnership, the UIAA - International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation, South South Women, Topchu Art Group and Travolution.

**Webinar and project page:** [www.mountainwomenoftheworld.org](http://www.mountainwomenoftheworld.org)

**Zoom Registration link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsf-6ppz4vE9PnyPZaiZyi0Twdzg9ZwpoA>

The Webinar will cover the following themes:

- Sharing experiences and practices for community-led mountain tourism grounded in mountain protection.
- Sharing tools and practices to strengthen economic justice for mountain women and sharing learnings and ideas on how mountaineering builds women's collective power and collective feminist leadership.
- Sharing practices and knowledge for protecting the mountains' environment, including on 'leave no trace' and water protection, and sharing experiences on how mountain women are impacted by climate change and how we can strategize to create change together to defend the Earth.
- Building collective mindfulness, collective healing and care.
- Create a safer space and a space where we can learn from our collective experiences and mountain cultures, and share a call to action to organise together for International Mountain Day.

UTC time	Structure	Title	Panellists
13:00 – 13:10	<b>INTRODUCTION</b>	Introduction and overview of the Mountain Women of the World project. Setting the framework of mountain protection: introduction on the connection with the mountains and belonging to nature.	Co-hosts
13:10 – 13:20	<b>Presentation from Movimiento de Mujeres Indígenas por el Buen Vivir</b>	Sharing experiences about the Movimiento de Mujeres Indígenas por el Buen Vivir and about the Caminata, and the way that the Mapuche community Lof Cañio of Chubut is protecting the mountains from extractivism, deforestation and the recent fires.	Marylin Cañio - spokesperson of the Mapuche community Lof Cañio of Chubut in Argentina, and part of the Movimiento de Mujeres Indígenas por el Buen Vivir.
13:20 – 13:35	<b>PANEL 1</b>	Co-hosts introducing thematic focus and speakers. Sharing experiences and practices for community-led mountain tourism grounded in mountain protection.	Patricia Breuer Moreno of Mujeres a la Cumbre facilitating; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Lucky Chhetri of 3 Sisters Adventure Trekking / Empowering Women of Nepal- <i>talk about model of trekking training programme for rural women;</i></li> <li>● Lorella Franceschini of Italian Alpine Club;</li> <li>● Stephanie Carmody of Travolution - <i>talk about community-based tourism.</i></li> </ul>
13:35 – 14:00	<b>PANEL 2</b>	Co-hosts introducing thematic focus and speakers. Sharing practices to strengthen economic justice for mountain women and sharing learnings and ideas on how mountaineering builds women's collective power and collective feminist leadership.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Elena and Giulia of Feminist Hiking Collective - <i>talk about building collective power and build collective feminist leadership;</i></li> <li>● Lucky Chhetri of Empowering Women of Nepal - <i>talk about model of trekking training programme for rural women;</i></li> <li>● Bianca Elzenbaumer of Alpine Community Economies Laboratory - <i>talk about model and approach;</i></li> <li>● Ada Rasulova of Topchu Art Group - <i>talk about experience of their work;</i></li> <li>● RosaLaura Romeo of the Mountain Partnership Secretariat - <i>talk about their economic justice work.</i></li> </ul>
14:00 – 14:15	<b>PANEL 3</b>	co-hosts introducing thematic focus of the panel with one slide  building collective mindfulness, collective healing and care.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Zaynah Khanbhai of South South Women - <i>talk about the legacy of the South South Woman's success as Honour Self, Honour Earth.</i></li> <li>● Alia Dattoo Women Who Hike-Africa - <i>mindfulness in hiking;</i></li> <li>● Popi Spagnuoli and Belen Escudero of Mujeres a la Cumbre.</li> </ul>
14:15 – 14:35	<b>PANEL 4</b>	co-hosts introducing thematic focus of the panel with one slide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Prof. Harshwanti Bisth of the UIAA Mountain Protection Commission - <i>talk about tree plantation and ecological conservation work near the</i></li> </ul>

		<p>Sharing practices and knowledge for protecting the mountains, and sharing experiences on how mountain women are impacted by climate change and how we can strategize to create change together to defend the Earth.</p>	<p><i>snout of Gangotri glacier in Indian Himalaya;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dr. Carolina Adler of the UIAA Mountain Protection Commission;</li> <li>● Ana Agustina Barros - <i>talk about protecting water and leave no trace knowledge.</i></li> <li>● Alessandra Segantin International Mountain Leader - <i>talk about the importance of the role of mountain guides in educating clients (and themselves) about mountain protection, especially during times of intense mountain “rediscovery” during the Covid-19 pandemic.</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>14:35 – 15:00</b></p>	<p><b>Sharing and Q&amp;A</b></p> <p><b>Closing and next steps</b></p>	<p>Create a safer space and a space where we can learn from our collective experiences and mountain cultures, and share a call to action to organise together for International Mountain Day.</p> <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● to keep in touch and/or join the <i>Mountain Women of the World</i> transnational network of mountain women email us;</li> <li>● participate to the May month of action for collective mountain protection.</li> <li>● send us a poem on your connection with the mountains, to be part of a collective poem to preface the toolkit on collective mountain protection we are preparing based on the Webinar and more resources - send us more if you would like so.</li> </ul>	<p>Contributions from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Silvia Francescon</li> <li>● Jagaa Ganbaatar</li> <li>● Zanya Sanjaa</li> </ul> <p>Co-hosts facilitating contributions, questions and next steps.</p>