

**Closing remarks by Aida Kasymalieva, Permanent Representative of the
Kyrgyz Republic the UN at the side event
“Advocating for mountain women and girls’ education through student-
engaged learning”**

(March 8, 2023, at 10.00-11.15 am, Conference Room1, UNHQ)

Dear participants,

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to all participants of today’s side event.

I thank my dear colleague **Elisenda** - PR of Andorra and **Hans Almoslechner** - DPR of Austria for their insightful addresses.

I also extend thanks to **Mr. Jamil Ahmad**, representative of UNEP, **Ms. Rosalaura Romeo**, Mountain Partnership Secretariat, **Dr. Rusty Butler**, **Dr. Baldomero Lago**, **Dr. Jay DeSart** – Professors of Utah Valley University, as well as students for their informative and fruitful interventions on the topic of today's event.

It is well known that women and girls, especially in mountains in the developing world suffer most from the effects of climate change and lack of access to digital technologies. At the same time, these women also represent a huge potential and strength to deal with these issues.

In this regard, I believe that we should concentrate our attention within the framework of the Five Years of Action on the education and self-development of students, in particular women and girls in mountain regions.

I express my confidence that the speeches, comments, and, most importantly, suggestions and thoughts voiced today will make a certain contribution to the search for solutions to current issues of the mountain agenda.

Thanks to you and your team, dear Professor Baktybek and Alitha for your assistance in organizing this event and for the excellent moderation!

Thank you for your attention!