

Statement
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Hello, participants and honored guests. It is a great honor for me to take part in this side event. I am a teacher of Geology at Osh Technological University, here in the Kyrgyz Republic. Since the fall of 2021, my students and I as a mentor have been involved in a joint project with Utah Valley University in the United States to develop student initiative through the student-engaged learning model. This unusual model has been active at Utah Valley University since 2011 and now we are using it at our own Osh Technological University. Dr. Baktybek Abdrisaev and the President of Utah International Mountain Forum a non-traditional student, Alitha Thompson have been a great help to us in achieving our goals.

Together, we highlight the complex problems facing mountain communities. This has been a great program where the interaction of our two cultures allows students and faculty to see different perspectives of the challenges in the lives of mountain women. You just had an opportunity to witness how our partnership enriched each of us and as a result all members of the group with new knowledge and skills to improve themselves and surrounding world in accordance with the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable development.