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Recent 'happenings' in Central Asia

In 2018, **Marc Foggin FI'15** organized the **World Mountain Forum 2018** together with his team at the Mountain Societies Research Institute, University of Central Asia. Entitled *Mountains in a Changing World: Strengthening Partnerships and Pathways Towards a Thriving Mountain Future*, this event brought together around 300 participants to advance the Sustainable Mountain Development agenda. Participants took part in plenary sessions, thematic tracks, poster presentations and featured focus events. The Forum opened on the Snow Leopard Day (see www.globalsnowleopard.org for more information about the conservation of snow leopard and their high mountain habitats) and concluded with the widely endorsed message, *A Call for Mountains*. For more information about the Forum, see <http://enb.iisd.org/mountain/wmf/2018/>.

Other events organized by Foggin included a workshop on the anticipated environmental impacts from China's Belt & Road Initiative in the globally recognized Mountains of Central Asia biodiversity hotspot, along with a planning meeting of the Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas (ICCA) Consortium focused on West & Central Asia, with attention given to critical issues such as the need for more inclusive conservation. Foggin also recently was appointed as regional representative for Central Asia in Mountains Specialist Group, IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA).

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Photo: Nomadic girl and her lamb. Credit Marc Foggin