



INTER- & TRANSDISCIPLINARY MOUNTAIN DATA ACROSS THE ANDES: IDENTIFYING USER REQUIREMENTS & ACCESS PREFERENCES

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This workshop seeks to better understand the current interdisciplinary data landscape across the Andes region.

The discoverability, accessibility, and usability of a wide range of environmental and socio-economic data are crucial prerequisites to both the advancement of science and a range of more practical applications related to sustainable development, climate change adaptation, and natural hazard mitigation in the world's mountainous regions.

By drawing upon the contributions of regional experts including research scientists, practitioners, local and regional authorities, and other stakeholders, and acknowledging all previous and ongoing efforts and initiatives in the region, this workshop will seek to develop a broad, interdisciplinary, and systematic understanding of the current “data situation” across a range of relevant disciplines in the Andean region. It will be co-convened by the Mountain Research Initiative (MRI), GEO Mountains, and CONDESAN under the umbrella of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation's Adaptation at Altitude Programme.

Following two introductory presentations, the principal objective of the workshop will be addressed initially via open discussion. The following questions are of particular interest: i) what requirements do users of mountain data have with respect to online database(s)/portal(s) through which mountain data is made searchable and downloadable?, ii) which organizations and institutions are major providers of relevant data in the region?, iii) what disciplines / regions currently benefit from a good or satisfactory coverage and availability of data (i.e. examples of good practice)? and iv) what are the major gaps in terms of data discoverability, accessibility, and usability that are currently experienced by data users?

Thereafter, attendees will be invited to complete a survey to allow information to be captured in a more systematic fashion.

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