



REGIONE SICILIANA



COMUNE DI CASTELBUONO



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**International Mountain Day
Castelbuono (PA), 10-11 December 2009**

**THE CHALLENGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE: NATURAL, ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL EFFECTS ON THE EUROPEAN MOUNTAIN AREAS.
WHAT TOOLS OF INTERVENTIONS
FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN MOUNTAIN?**

Chiesa del Rosario, Piazza Tenente Schicchi

The Region of Sicily, in the framework of the International Mountain Day, organizes a Conference on "Climate Change: Natural, Economic and Social Effects of the European Mountain Areas . What Tools of Interventions for the Mediterranean Mountain?" on the 10th and the 11th December 2009, in Castelbuono (Palermo).

The aim of the conference is to promote a better regional, local and national mountain governance and to open a debate on the instruments needed to deal with natural, economic and social challenges as a result of climate change.

At the event will participate various representatives of European mountain regions, of the European institutions and of the main European interregional organizations. They will analyse the effects of climate change, the political, legal and financial instruments available to mountain Regions, innovation and employment in mountain areas, and look at future perspectives.



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Agenda

10 December 2009

10.00	Presentation of the project of a joint declaration of the Region of Sicily and of the Sicilian mountain municipalities for a European Mountain policy
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WELCOME

10.00	Pietro TOLOMEO , Region of Sicily, Regional Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Director General of the Forestry Department
10.10	Carlo SCIBETTA , Mayor of Palazzolo Acreide
10.20	Mario CICERO , Mayor of Castelbuono
10.30	Debate
12.30	Inauguration of the Regional Wine and Food Salon – Exposition and tasting of typical products and wines from the Sicilian mountain municipalities (@ ex Chiesa del Monte, via S. Anna)

INTRODUCTION

15.45	Rosaria BARRESI , Region of Sicily, Regional Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Director General of the Structural Interventions Department
16.00	Dario CARTABELLOTTA , Region of Sicily, Director General of the Vitis and Wine Institute
16.15	Cosimo GIOIA , Region of Sicily, Regional Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Director General of the Infrastructural Interventions Department
16.30	Fulvio BELLOMO , Region of Sicily, Director General of the Regional Forest Service
16.45	Angelo ALIQUO' , Commissioner of the Madonie Park
17.00	Robert LEONARDI , Region of Sicily, Presidency, Director General of the Department of Brussels and External Affairs

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SESSION 1 - The Effects of Climate Change on the Mountain Areas

Chairman:	Andrea ZANFI , Writer and journalist
9.00	Inke SCHAUER , German Federal Environmental Agency, Co-ordinator of a study for the European Environmental Agency on climate change and water resources in the European mountains
9.15	Massimo ROMAGNOLI , Special Commissioner of Ente Italiano della Montagna (EIM)
9.30	Olivier BERTRAND , Member of Saint-Sylvain de Bellegarde Municipal Council, Member of the Committee of the Regions
9.45	Maria Cristina STIMOLO , Region of Sicily, Department of Brussels and External Affairs
10.00	Cesare PATRONE , Commander of the State Forestry Department



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10.15 | **Coffee Break**

SESSION 2 - Political, Legislative and Financial Instruments for Mountain Regions

Chairman:	Andrea MONORCHIO , Economist
10.30	Luca MATTIOTTI , European Commission, DG Regional Policy, Directorate G, Unit "Italy and Malta"
10.45	Nicolas EVRARD , European association of elected representatives from the Mountain Regions (AEM), Secretary General
11.00	Giuseppe BLASI , Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies, Director General of Rural Development, Infrastructures and Services
11.15	Massimiliano BENELLI , Permanent Representation of Italy to the European Union
11.30	Enrico BORGHI , National Union of Mountain Municipalities Communities and Institutions (UNCEM), President
11.45	Francesco MUSOTTO , Member of the Committee of the Regions; President of the EU Commission of the Sicilian Regional Assembly
12.00	Gaspere VITRANO , Member of the Regional Parliament
12.15	Riccardo SAVONA , President of the Budget Commission of the Sicilian Regional Assembly
12.30	Debate
12.45	Lunch

SESSION 3 - Innovation and Employment for the Mountain. What perspectives for the future?

Chairman:	Carmelo CARRARA , Judge
15.00	Loïc DAUTREY , Region of Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (PACA), Project Leader, Unit "Mission Mountain"
15.15	Jérôme POLVERINI , Region of Corsica, Executive Advisor and President of the Office of Environment
15.30	Jorge GARBISU BUESA , Autonomous Community of the Basque Country, Member of the Cabinet of the Minister of Environment, Territorial Planning, Agriculture and Fisheries
15.45	Nicoletta CLAUSER , Autonomous Province of Trento, Head of the Local Development and European Affairs Department
16.00	Coffee Break
16.15	Luigi LO PIPARO , Region of Sicily, Department of Brussels and External Affairs
16.30	Maria TIKMANIDI , Region of Crete, Executive Advisor to the Secretary General
16.45	Aurelio SCAVONE , President of the Sicilian Association of Graduated in Agronomists and Foresters
17.00	Debate

CONCLUSIONS

17.20 | **Michele CIMINO**, Region of Sicily, Regional Minister of Agriculture and Forestry



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	Mario MILONE , Regional Minister of Environment and Territory, Region of Sicily Raffaele LOMBARDO , President of Region of Sicily
19.00	Tasting of Mountain Vegetables (@ ex Chiesa del Monte, Via S. Anna)
19.00	Concert (@ ex Chiesa del Monte, Via S. Anna)
19.45	Mountain Wine Contest – Award ceremony (@ ex Chiesa del Monte, Via S. Anna)
20.30	Dinner