



ASEAN CONFERENCE ON BIODIVERSITY 2016

Biodiversity for Sustainable Development

Parallel Event

Health and Biodiversity



Linking Biodiversity, Traditional Knowledge, and Health

In recent years there has been increasing recognition of the contribution of biodiversity in securing public health and community well-being. The relevance of biodiversity to modern health care is understood better due to the high visibility of innovative compounds and novel drugs that have been developed based on plants and other natural resources. At the same time, the significance of ecosystem-specific plants and other resources and related indigenous and local traditional knowledge towards the health and nutritional security of people in insufficiently connected and marginalized regions of the world is much more profound. The paradox is that the regions, which have poor access to formal public health care infrastructure or personnel, are often abundant in bio-cultural resources that can have major impacts on community health and well-being.

Mechanisms for protection of such traditional knowledge resources, prevention of their erosion and linkages with scientific research are related areas that need attention. Some efforts to this effect, such as documentation in biodiversity

registers, encouraging local innovations and enterprise development based on resources and associated knowledge are ongoing and can be strengthened. These also directly have a bearing on strengthening the implementation of the Nagoya Protocol, in addition to other Convention on Biological Diversity objectives and decisions.

About the Session

The session will discuss potential areas of cooperation to generate further understanding and awareness and contribute to the building of more robust, peer-reviewed evidence on the importance of the interlinked domains of biodiversity conservation, health and nutritional security goals, and the use of different knowledge systems to achieve them. Areas of cooperation to be discussed will focus on policy research; capacity development and appropriate learning exchanges; policy advocacy; and supporting good Models of Implementation.

Session Programme

Day 3: Wednesday, 17 February 2016		
Time	Activity/Topic	Person-in-charge
0830 - 0900	Registration	ACB
0900 - 1000	<p>Biodiversity, Traditional Knowledge, Health and Well-Being: What Does Policy Suggest and What are the Practical Imperatives?</p> <p><i>Moderator: Dr. Suneetha Subramanian, United Nations University</i></p> <p><i>Discussant: Dr. Gerard Bodeker, University of Oxford</i></p>	<p>Ms. Cristina Romanelli, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity</p> <p>Dr. Unnikrishnan Payyappalli, United Nations University</p>



Time	Activity/Topic	Person-in-charge
1000 -1030	Coffee Break and Networking	
1030 - 1200	<p>Sectoral Specificities and Intersectoral Linkages: Operationalizing Synergies</p> <p><i>Moderator: Dr. Unnikrishnan Payyappalli, United Nations University</i></p> <p><i>Discussants: Dr. Norini Binti Haron, Forest Research Institute Malaysia and Dr. Suneetha Subramanian, United Nations University</i></p>	<p>Dr. Danny Hunter, Bioversity International</p> <p>Dr. Eni Harmayani, University of Gadjah Mada, Indonesia</p> <p>Dr. Gerard Bodeker, University of Oxford</p>
1200 - 1330	Lunch Break	
1330 - 1500	<p>Ways Forward in ASEAN Region</p> <p><i>Moderators: Dr. Suneetha Subramanian, United Nations University and Dr. Unnikrishnan Payyappalli , United Nations University</i></p>	<p><i>Panelists</i></p> <p>Ms. Cristina Romanelli, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity</p> <p>Dr. Danny Hunter, Bioversity International</p> <p>Dr. Eni Harmayani, University of Gadjah</p>



Time	Activity/Topic	Person-in-charge
		Mada, Indonesia Dr. Norini Binti Haron , Forest Research Institute Malaysia
1500 -1530	Coffee Break and Networking	
1530 – 1730 Plenary Closing Programme at World Ballroom, 23rd Fl.		

