On behalf of SwedBio at Stockholm Resilience Centre I and my colleague Pernilla Malmer would like to express our sincere thanks to the government of Guatemala and CONAP and to Sotzil as our local hosts and to the SCBD for the collaboration in preparing this dialogue seminar and for receiving us. Both for the planning of content of the workshop and for the tremendous efforts to bring people safe to Guatemala. I would also like to give my appreciation to all of you who have come to this workshop from fare and close by, and many of you who have helped with the planning.

~~I would also like to mention that the dialogue workshop has been funded by the European Commission, Swedish international development cooperation agency (Sida) through SwedBio and the CBD Japan fund.~~

Collective action was recognised in several decisions at CP12 of CBD.

In response to the Decision on Financial Resources and a framework for reporting in this framework CBD decided to organise a dialogue workshop to discuss the various aspects and methods for doing this.

There are many synergies between this and COP decisions on Traditional Knowledge and Customary Sustainable Use of Biodiversity by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (Article 8j and 10 c) and development related to Community Based Monitoring and Information Systems (CBMIS).

This seminar Dialogue Workshop on Assessment of collective Action of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities for Biodiversity Conservation and Resource Mobilization that will take place between today until Saturday will:

* seek to improve understanding of the value of collective action to facilitate further discussions under CBD
* discuss various methodologies that will be presented related to demonstrating the value and contribution of collective action
* and to seek ways to possibly aggregate this information in national indicators and CBD financial reporting framework

Agenda and rules

I and Edgar Perez my co-chair will be chairing the meeting and please come to us if you have any ideas or complaints about how we proceed. It is a whole team of us working with the seminar though, both colleagues from SCBD, and Pernilla Malmer and we have appointed note taker for each round table discussion and working group. We also have two main note takers for the report Sarah Cornell from Stockholm Resilience Centre and Caroline de Jong from Forest Peoples Programme.

I will now take you through the agenda. Does everyone have the agenda in front of you

Show power point. Agenda and rules

Open Space to note down things you think is missing but then you need be willing to lead a group, and do not be sad if no one else will want to discuss it, we will for the open space group the notes and make groups of subjects.

So items you would like to talk about related to the seminar outcomes please note them down and we will talk about them tomorrow at the open space.

Cultural evening: Pernilla Malmer will explain a bit more about this tomorrow.

Report – co-chairs report

Instruction for buzz, note down your answers 5 min, discuss in buzz 25 min and in plenary 15 min.