

**Green Yatra for Biodiversity Agenda
Sunday, October 14 2012**

10:AM to 1:30PM Group Room 1 (G.01) Ground Level COP 11, Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC)	
8:30AM to 9:45AM	Registration
10:00AM to 10:05AM	Welcome/Introduction – Kusum Vyas, Living Planet Foundation
10:05AM to 10:15AM	Blessing: HH Chinna Jeeyar Swami
10:15 to 10:25AM	Moderator: Yogesh Vyas, Ph.D
10:25 to 10:40AM	Keynote : Role of Spiritual Leaders for Biodiversity Conservation <i>HH Chinna Jeeyar Swami, Founder, Vikasa Tarangini</i>
10:40AM to 10:55AM	Presentation: The Spiritual Values of Biodiversity and Sacred Sites from a Local Community Perspective <i>Santiago Obispo</i>
10:55AM to 11:10AM	Presentation: The Importance of Sacred Natural Sites for the Meditation and Tantric Traditions of South Asia <i>Liza Zogib, Director, DiversEarth</i>
11:10AM to 11:20AM	Break
11:20AM to 11:35AM	Presentation: How Can Pilgrimages Contribute to Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity? Case in Point: Maha Kumbh Mela <i>Maniprasad Mishra, Ph.D; Maha Kumbh Mela Officer-in-Charge</i>
11:35AM to 11:50AM	Presentation: Conservation Activities of a Spiritual & Indigenous Organization <i>Sandip Varia, Shree Swaminarayan Gadi Sansthan</i>
11:50AM to 12:05PM	Presentation: The Value of Transboundary Exchange Visits (Yatras) In Bio Cultural Conservation <i>Krishna Prashad Oli, Ph.D, ICIMOD</i>
12:05AM to 12:20PM	Presentation: Capacity building with Protected Area Managers and Custodians in safeguarding sacred natural sites <i>Bas Verschuuren, Co-Chair for the IUCN WCPA Specialist Group on Cultural and Spiritual Values of Protected Areas and Coordinator for the Sacred Natural Sites Initiative.</i>
12:20 PM to 12:35 PM	Presentation: Standards and Guidelines applicable to sacred sites, pilgrimages and where to from here? <i>John Scott, The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity</i>
12:35PM to 1:15PM	Discussion
1:15PM to 1:30PM	Summary & Road to Side Event of October 16 <i>Dr. Yogesh Vyas</i>
1:30PM to 2:00PM	Lunch
2:30PM to 4:30PM Ceremonial Launch of the Green Kumbh Yatra The Pool Area at the Novotel Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC)	
2:30PM to 2:35PM	Welcome by John Scott, the Secretariat of the CBD
2:35PM to 2:45PM	HH Jeeyar Swamiji's blessings & presentation of the Kumbh to Hon. Dias
2:45PM to 2.55PM	Remarks by Dr. Balakrishna Pisupati, Chairman, National Biodiversity Board, India
2:55PM to 3:05PM	Remarks by Hon. Dias & presentation of Kumbh to Swaminarayan Sanstha
3:05PM to 3:10PM	Green Kumbh Yatra introduction by Kusum Vyas
3:10PM to 3:30PM	Tree ballet presented by local students
3:30PM to 3:40PM	Vandana performed in assorted dance styles
3:40PM to 3:45PM	Blessings by Various faith traditions
3:45PM to 4:30PM	Cultural Display Performance by local artists
4:30PM	Ends

