



Biodiversity and Health-related Side Events

CBD Eleventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 11)

8 to 26 October, Hyderabad, India

Monday 8th October at 13:15 to 14:45

Biodiversity and Health: strengthening synergies and seeking collaboration by Secretariat to the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD), World Health Organization (WHO), DIVERSITAS, EcoHealth Alliance, with case studies from Brazil and New Zealand.

Biodiversity offers critical health-supporting ecosystem services and benefits. Public health arguments are an opportunity for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and biodiversity considerations can be used to achieve mutual benefits in national health strategies. In recognition of the growing awareness of these synergies and opportunities for joint policies and implementation, there is increasing engagement between the health and biodiversity sectors. This side event will provide updates on some current experiences and encourage dialogue on potential areas for further collaboration in the future.

Tuesday 9th October at 18:15 to 19:45

Biodiversity and community health: operationalizing linkages between conservation and development on the ground by United Nations University-Institute of Advanced Studies, Bioversity International, UNEP, UNDP, SCBD, and others include India and Indonesia.

The event will highlight the inherent linkages in the conservation of biological resources and various practices relevant to health and development at the level of communities that enable achievement of various global development objectives.



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Wednesday 10th October at 13:15 to 14:45

An interactive USB key toolbox on biodiversity for development, food security and human health by FAO, CIRAD, CGIAR and SCBD.

The event will launch the new USB toolbox and launch the new Guide to Biodiversity and Health Linkages, as well as encourage input and discussions on the draft Good Practice Guide on Biodiversity and Food Security.

Thursday 11th October at 18:15 to 19:45

Innovative Strategies to Implement the CBD: Pilot Cases from Madagascar and Latin America by International University Network on Cultural and Biological Diversity (IUNCBD)

The IUNCBD will present pilot cases that propose communication, education, public awareness and capacity building objectives integrated in a unique, dynamic, long-lasting strategy and action plan that can really feed the 'life cycle of the Convention'. Capacity-building approaches, including the development of an on-line health and biodiversity regional forum for the Americas by the IUNCBD and partners will also be presented.

Monday 15th October at 10:30 a.m.

Launch of Cities and Biodiversity Outlook (CBO). The Cities and Biodiversity Outlook (CBO) is the world's first global analysis of how projected patterns of urban land expansion will impact biodiversity and crucial ecosystems. It also demonstrates how urban areas can play a central role in achieving 20 key biodiversity goals (known as the Aichi Biodiversity Targets) which were agreed upon in 2010 by parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity. The event will take place in Halls 5 & 6 of the Hyderabad International Convention Centre.

The CBO was produced by the Secretariat of the CBD in partnership with the Stockholm Resilience Centre (SRC) and Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI).

Wed 17th October at 18:15 to 19:45 (time TBC)

The SCBD will contribute via teleconference from Hyderabad, India.

Participants are invited to video-link from their computer to see and contribute to a session on the development of a new EcoHealth Vision at the 4th Biennial Conference of the International Association for Ecology and Health in Kunming City, China.

Accessibility information is to be confirmed and will be available at: www.ecohealth2012.org

Further Information

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