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Biocultural Diversity in Ishikawa: From Discovery to Coordination How can local governments utilize global networks?



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Background

UNU-IAS Operating Unit Ishikawa/Kanazawa (UNU-IAS OUIK) has been conducting a variety of activities that have contributed to promoting Ishikawa's natural resource conservation efforts at an international level. Through collaboration with Ishikawa Prefecture, these efforts have achieved significant results, including GIAHS designation of Noto's *Satoyama* and *Satoumi* in 2011. In addition, the rich natural and the cultural diversity of Ishikawa has drawn high levels of recognition, including GIAHS in the Noto area, the Hakusan BR site of the UNESCO MAB program, *Ae no koto* intangible cultural heritage designated by UNESCO, and the *Katanokamoike* Ramsar site. Each of these registered sites is managed by the respective local governments and stakeholders.

Our keynote speaker, Dr. Ana Persic, is officer in charge of the joint programme by UNESCO and the Secretariat of the Convention of Biological Diversity on "Links between biological and cultural diversity". OUIK has also invited representatives from local governments to discuss how to promote coordination among these different types of registered sites to achieve a more strategic and comprehensive approach under the overarching theme of "Biocultural Diversity in Ishikawa Prefecture". This is pre-event for the upcoming international symposium on the "Bio-Cultural Region of Ishikawa and Kanazawa", which will coincide with the UNESCO Creative City Network Meeting in Kanazawa, scheduled for May 2015.

Programme

13:00	Opening Remarks <i>Tsunao Watanabe</i> (Director, UNU-IAS OUIK)
13:10—14:00	Keynote Lecture <i>Dr. Ana Persic</i> (PhD, Science Specialist, UNESCO Office in New York) 「UNESCO-SCBD Joint Programme on Biocultural Diversity」 (TBC)
14:00—14:20	Presentation 1 <i>Mr. Yoshiro Shimizu</i> (Deputy Director of the Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery Division, Hakui City) 「Globally Important Agricultural Heritage System, Noto's Satoyama Satoumi」
14:20—14:40	Presentation 2 <i>Mr. Takashi Yamaguchi</i> (Hakusan Tedorigawa Geopark Promotion Council) 「Hakusan UNESCO Eco park and Hakusan Tedorigawa Geopark」
14:40—15:00	Presentation 3 <i>Mr. Mamoru Harino</i> (Head of the Nature Conservation Group, Environmental Policy Department, Environment Division, Kanazawa City) 「Creative City Kanazawa: Nurtured by nature」
15:00—15:20	Presentation 4 <i>Dr. Toshinori Tanaka</i> (Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Frontier Science, The University of Tokyo) 「Biocultural Diversity and International Frameworks: A Historical Perspective」
15:20—15:40	Coffee Break
15:40—16:50	Panel Discussion Moderator: <i>Tsunao Watanabe</i> (Director, UNU-IAS OUIK) Discussants: <i>Ana Persic</i> (Science Specialist, UNESCO Office in New York) <i>Yoshiro Shimizu</i> <i>Takashi Yamaguchi</i> <i>Mamoru Harino</i> <i>Asami Shikida</i> (Professor, Hokkaido University, Visiting Professor UNU-IAS) <i>Toshinori Tanaka</i>
16:50—17:00	Closing Remarks <i>Koji Nakamura</i> (Specially Appointed Professor, Kanazawa University, Visiting Professor UNU-IAS)