

Biodiversity for Sustainable Development

Parallel Event

Health and Biodiversity



17 February 2016

Centara Grand & Bangkok Convention Centre at CentralWorld Bangkok, Thailand

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	Biodiversity, Traditional Knowledge,	Ms. Cristina	
	Health and Well-Being: What Does Policy	Romanelli, Secretariat	
	Suggest and What are the Practical	of the Convention on	
	Imperatives?	Biological Diversity	
	Moderator: Dr. Suneetha	Dr. Unnikrishnan	
	Subramanian, United Nations University	Payyappalli,	
		United Nations	
	Discussant: Dr. Gerard Bodeker,	University	
	University of Oxford		

Time	Activity/Topic	Person-in-charge		
1000 -1030	Coffee Break and Networking			
1030 - 1200	Sectoral Specificities and Intersectoral Linkages: Operationalizing Synergies	Dr. Danny Hunter, Bioversity International		
	Moderator: Dr. Unnikrishnan Payyappalli, United Nations University	Dr. Eni Harmayani, University of Gadjah Mada, Indonesia		
	Discussants: Dr. Norini Binti Haron,			
	Forest Research Institute Malaysia and Dr. Suneetha Subramanian, United Nations University	Dr. Gerard Bodeker, University of Oxford		
1200 - 1330	Lunch Break			
1330 - 1500	Ways Forward in ASEAN Region	Panelists		
	Moderators: Dr. Suneetha Subramanian, United Nations University and Dr. Unnikrishnan Payyappalli, United Nations University	Ms. Cristina Romanelli, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity Dr. Danny Hunter,		
		Dr. Eni Harmayani, University of Gadjah		
		Mada, Indonesia		
		Dr. Norini Binti Haron, Forest Research Institute Malaysia		
1500 -1530	Coffee Break and Networking			
1530 – 1730 Plenary Closing Programme at World Ballroom, 23 rd Fl.				

Profiles of Chair, Co-Chair, Speakers, and Panelists

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