

Outcomes of the IPSI-3 Public Forum



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About the IPSI-3 Public Forum

- This is the first time that the IPSI Global Conference was organized back-to-back with a CBD COP
- Recognizing the opportunity created by having back-to-back meetings, the topic for IPSI-3 (including the Public Forum) was “Contribution to Achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets”
- The Public Forum was attended by representatives of many IPSI member organizations, but it was also a pleasure to be joined by many non-members who contributed strongly to the discussions and outcomes



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Key Elements of the IPSI-3 Public Forum

- Date: 7 October 2012 (09:30 – 18:00)
- Co-chairs: Dr. Anil Kumar (MSSRF), Ms. Yoko Watanabe (GEF Secretariat)
- Presentation on Aichi Biodiversity Targets delivered by Mr. David Duthie, CBD Secretariat
- To encourage active discussion and participation, participants divided into **three working groups**, and then rejoined for plenary presentations and discussion



Working Group 1: Indicators of Resilience in Socio-Ecological Production Landscapes and Seascapes

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Some Key Outcomes:

1. Need to test SEPLS resilience indicators in wide range of landscapes and seascapes (e.g. forests, aquatic systems, pastoral systems, etc.)
2. Need to determine how indicators help communities monitor resilience of landscape and ability to manage, adopt, and communicate/link with others
3. Need to understand how indicators help communities in SEPLS affirm their role and contribution to the Aichi Biodiversity Targets

(Dr. Eyzaguirre will be speaking later in today's side event program about the collaborative indicators work, which has been developed within the context of IPSI together with the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies)

Working Group 2: Creating Synergy between Traditional Knowledge and Modern Science

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Some Key Outcomes:

1. Creating this type of synergy first requires that traditional knowledge is recorded, validated where appropriate, and forms the basis for developing innovations.
2. There is an urgent need to record traditional knowledge before it is lost, but such activities should be conducted using a careful participatory approach, or – where possible – by the communities themselves.
3. Policy needs to reflect understanding of importance of local and indigenous people's knowledge, that they own it, and they should be able to choose what pieces of knowledge to share in the public sphere.
4. Both hi-tech and low-tech solutions should be considered when collecting and communicating traditional knowledge (e.g. GIS/GPS, social networking platforms, etc.)

Working Group 3: Multi-stakeholder Collaboration towards Sustainable Production and Consumption

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Some Key Outcomes:

1. To achieve sustainable production and consumption, there needs to be information about safe ecological limits (threshold) and perhaps a combination of soft/hard approaches to managing production/consumption activities.
2. Multi-stakeholder collaboration is crucial and should be formed at the appropriate level depending on region and locality.
3. IPSI platform can play an important role in this area in terms of facilitating communication among stakeholders and demonstrating a range of activities that promote sustainability.

Thank you for your attention



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