



Agenda

High-Level Dialogue on “Business and Ecosystem Services: Risks, Opportunities and Solutions”

Official Side Event of 11th Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Conveners: World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) and TERI-BCSD

Date: Tuesday, 16 October 2012, 18:15-19:45

Venue: Room 1.10 Level 1, HICC-HITEX Complex, Hyderabad

With an economy closely linked to its natural resource based and climate sensitive sectors, India is poised with the challenges of poverty eradication, sustaining the rapid economic growth and dealing with the global threat of climate change, biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation.

All businesses impact and depend on natural ecosystems and the services that they provide. If unsustainable trends of economic development continue, ecosystem services that are available today may become more costly or even cease to be available for future generations. Further, businesses highly dependent on biodiversity and ecosystem services (BES) viz. water, biotic products or those located on a coast or near a river or water body will face environmental and economic conditions that are radically different from what they have faced in the past.

Most corporate social responsibility guidelines and, increasingly, government procurement guidelines in India require careful consideration of biodiversity. While the current sustainability initiatives, strategies, framework and processes focus on wider national aspirations and strategic objectives, there is an urgent need for strengthened understanding and interventions at the local levels that facilitate translation of national strategic objectives into concrete practical actions.

Co-organized by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) and its Indian partner TERI BCSD, this “**Business and Ecosystem Services: Risks, Opportunities and Solutions**” session will aim to delve into the challenges and opportunities for businesses to integrate BES considerations into their practices and to manage and use BES on an equitable and sustainable manner.

A panel of senior representatives from government, businesses and academia/research will discuss the methodologies and tools that can facilitate appraisal and decision making on BES issues at the company level. Business leaders will share good practices and experiences on how BES issues have been integrated in their companies’ sustainability strategy.

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- 18:00 - 18:15** **Registration**
- 18:15– 18:20** **Welcome and Introduction**
Dipanker Sanyal, CEO, TERI BCSD
- 18:20– 18:35** **Setting the Theme: *Business and ecosystems: risks, opportunities and solutions available for businesses today* –**
Presentation from WBCSD on global examples of business and ecosystems services from its 200 company membership around the world, and tools available to manage these.
James Griffiths, Managing Director: Ecosystems, Forest Solutions and Water, WBCSD
- 18:35– 18:40** **Biodiversity in practice - presentation** - Update on Fortune 50 companies' practices in terms of biodiversity preservation
Eric Dugelay, Partner Sustainability & Climate Change Services Leader, Deloitte
- 18:40– 19:10** **Moderated Panel discussion:** Six panelists, from business, the conservation community, and government, will respond to specific questions posed by the moderator. This will bring out company experiences in ecosystems services management, and responses from policy-makers and the biodiversity community on these examples
Andrew Heald, Sustainability Manager, UPM; Ylva Stiller, Head Social Policy & Performance, Syngenta; Ganesh Chandra Tripathy, Head - SHE & Sustainability - South Asia, Hindustan Unilever Ltd; SG Choudhary, Corporate Head - Technology and Sustainability, Tata Chemicals Ltd; Krunal Negandhi, Assistant Vice President - Environment, Lavasa Corporation Ltd; Gerard Bos, Head of Business and Biodiversity Programme, IUCN
- 19:10– 19:35** **Open Discussion**
Moderated by Rashila Kerai, Biodiversity Programme Manager, Holcim
- 19:35– 19:45** **Way Forward and Close**
James Griffiths, Managing Director: Ecosystems, Forest Solutions and Water, WBCSD
- 19:45** **Networking time / tea break**