



High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development 2020 Side Event

Satoyama Initiative – Societies in Harmony with Nature: An inclusive approach for communities, landscapes and seascapes

Date and Time: Thursday 16 July 2020, 8am-9am NY time zone (confirmed)

Organizers: Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES); Ministry of the Environment of Japan (MOEJ), Ministry of Environment and Energy, Costa Rica; Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD); United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) - Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme (GEF SGP); United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS)

Venue: Virtual event (Zoom) – questions may be posted in English and Japanese

Link for registration: https://undp.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Yx63ssg5TQ6y5sDHSS3rQw

Description:

Accelerated action and partnership from local community to global levels is required to achieve the SDGs and other targets. In the face of this challenge, the Satoyama Initiative was developed as a global effort to contribute and achieve the vision of “societies in harmony with nature” through integrated approaches for biodiversity conservation and sustainable development in the socio-ecological production landscapes and seascapes around the world. This side event will highlight how the initiative helps to accelerate protecting the planet and building resilience (SDGs 13, 14, and 15); advancing human well-being and sharing nature’s economic benefits (SDGs 1 and 10); and fostering partnership (SDG 17).

To implement the Satoyama Initiative, the International Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative (IPSI) was established and now consists of 267 organizations including governments, NGOs, academic institutions, private sector organizations, and others. As its flagship program, the Community Development and Knowledge Management for the Satoyama Initiative (COMDEKS) was launched in 2011 to promote sustainable use of natural resources in the landscapes and seascapes with local communities. COMDEKS is funded by the Japan Biodiversity Fund, and implemented by UNDP in partnership with MOEJ, SCBD and UNU-IAS, and has recently been extended for a third phase. Over 200 community-based projects have been supported in the selected landscapes and seascapes in 20 developing countries through the GEF Small Grants Programme, implemented by UNDP, along with the efforts to scale up and institutionalize these successful initiatives.

Speakers at the side event, including the governments of Japan and Costa Rica, will share key lessons learned, and explore ways to integrate the management of “socio-ecological production landscapes and seascapes” into national and sub-national policies as a critical contribution to the SDGs and the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, which is due to be presented at the fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the CBD in Kunming, China, in 2021. The event will also provide a chance to discuss how biodiversity conservation and sustainable use through integrated landscape and seascape approaches could contribute to green recovery from COVID-19.

Event Outline:

08:00-08:05	Moderator Ms. Yoko Watanabe, Global Manager, GEF Small Grants Programme, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)		Moderation of the event
08:05-08:10	Opening Remarks Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator, UNDP	5 mins	Welcome remarks by UNDP. Importance of nature-based solutions in achieving SDGs and the key role of local communities and indigenous peoples.
08:10-08:20	Keynote Address <i>“Role of the Satoyama Initiative for the Achievement of SDGs and Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework in the face of COVID-19”</i> Prof. Kazuhiko Takeuchi, President, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies; Visiting Professor, United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability	10 mins	Critical role of Socio-ecological Production Landscapes and Seascapes (SEPLS) for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. Overview of the Satoyama Initiative, including the Satoyama Development Mechanism, and resilience in the face of COVID-19.
08:20-08:25	Speakers H.E. Shinjiro Koizumi, Minister, Ministry of the Environment of Japan	5 mins	Government perspective as the core contributor to the Japan Biodiversity Fund (JBF) and IPSI
08:25-08:30	H.E. Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, Minister, Ministry of Environment and Energy, Costa Rica	5 mins	Government perspective on the importance of working with communities on landscape and seascape restoration for SDGs
08:30-08:35	Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity	5 mins	Role of CBD and the Japan Biodiversity Fund, including continuation of COMDEKS Phase 3, towards the CBD post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF)
08:35-08:40	Dr. Shinobu Yume Yamaguchi, Director, United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability	5 mins	UNU-IAS perspective in support of Satoyama Initiative including hosting the IPSI Secretariat
08:40-08:55	Discussion and Q&A	15 min	
08:55-09:00	Closing Remarks	5 mins	Key messages from each speaker.