



ASEAN Conference on Biodiversity 2009

21-23 October 2009 • Singapore

Provisional Programme

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The ASEAN Conference on Biodiversity (ACB2009) with the theme **Biodiversity In Focus – 2010 and Beyond** will be held on 21-23 October 2009 in Singapore.

This inaugural event will primarily feature, in plenary and poster presentations, the ASEAN Member States' (AMS) assessment of progress in achieving the 2010 targets. The Conference will also have three parallel sessions focusing on: (1) Biodiversity and Climate Change; (2) Access to Genetic Resources and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising out of Their Utilization; and (3) Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity – the ASEAN Region's Contribution. Side events will also be organized (e.g. Launch of the ASEAN Biodiversity Champions, Awarding Ceremonies of the ASEAN-wide photo contest "Zooming in on Biodiversity," launch of the ACB Biodiversity Information Sharing Service, promotion of the 2010 ASEAN Heritage Parks Conference and book).

About 200 participants are expected to participate in the Conference. The Conference is intended to provide a forum for exchanging perspectives on initiatives that address biodiversity issues in the region and discussing steps forward in advancing the ASEAN biodiversity agenda within the context of meeting the 2010 Biodiversity Target and beyond. Specifically, the Conference aims to:

1. Provide a venue to report and discuss the status of biodiversity in the ASEAN region and assess the progress in achieving the 2010 target;
2. Discuss key biodiversity issues that are important to the region, including the gaps and challenges in ASEAN Member States' biodiversity conservation efforts;
3. Recommend the way forward in addressing the region's biodiversity challenges; and,
4. Profile the work of ACB and the ASEAN in biodiversity conservation and attract potential donors and partners to support regional biodiversity conservation programmes.

By the end of the Conference, the following outputs are expected:

1. Enhanced awareness of AMS' biodiversity conservation efforts;
2. Recommendation on the elements of a Regional Biodiversity Outlook for ASEAN supported by governments, donors and key partners, for consideration by the ASEAN Ministers of Environment;
3. Enhanced network of biodiversity experts in the ASEAN; and
4. Proceedings, posters, and other publications of the ABC2009

Below is the Provisional Programme.



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Day 1 (October 21, 2009)		
Registration		
AM Session - Opening Ceremonies		
9:00 AM	<i>Welcome Remarks</i>	Mr. Rodrigo U. Fuentes Director, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity
9:15	<i>Welcome Remarks</i>	Dr. Surin Pitsuwan Secretary General Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
9:30	<i>Opening Remarks</i>	H.E. Holger Standertskjöld Nordenstam Head of Delegation European Commission to Singapore
9:45	<i>Opening Address</i>	H. E. Mr. Mah Bow Tan Minister of National Development Singapore
10:00	<i>Keynote Address</i>	Dr. Aaron Bernstein Center for Health and Global Environment Harvard Medical School Co-Author of the Book "Sustaining Life"
11:00	Tour of Exhibit	
11:30 Noon	Press Conference	
12:30 PM	Lunch	
Day 1 PM Session - Plenary Sessions		
Chair: Mr. Ong Keng Yong		
2:00	Introduction to the Plenary Session	Mr. Ong Keng Yong (Plenary Chair) Director, Institute of Policy Studies Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy National University of Singapore
2:30	Plenary Paper 1 <i>The Status of Biodiversity and Challenges in the ASEAN Region</i>	Prof. Peter Ng Kee Lin Professor, Dept of Biological Sciences National University of Singapore
3:00	Plenary Paper 2 <i>Climate Change and Biodiversity: The 2007 IPCC Report on Biodiversity and recent updates.</i>	Dr. Andreas Fischlin Head, Terrestrial Systems Ecology ETH-Zentrum, Zurich Member, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
3:30	Plenary Paper 3 <i>Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity- The ASEAN Region's Contribution</i>	
4:00	Plenary Paper 4: <i>Access to Genetic Resources and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising out of their Utilization</i>	Dato' Zakri A. Hamid Director of Advanced Studies United Nations University
4:30	Panel Discussion with Plenary Speakers Open Forum and Chair's Summary	
6:00	End of Day 1 Sessions	
7:30	Welcome Dinner/Reception hosted by ACB and NParks Singapore	



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Day 2 (October 22, 2009)

AM Sessions – Thematic Sessions

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
9:00 – 9:30			
Introduction by Chairpersons of the Thematic Sessions			
<p>Climate Change and Biodiversity</p> <p>Co-Chairpersons: Dr. Rodel Lasco World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)</p> <p>Dr. Konrad Uebelhoer GTZ</p>	<p>Access to Genetic Resources and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising out of their Utilization</p> <p>Co-Chairpersons: Dr. Sam Johnston United Nations University</p>	<p>Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity- The ASEAN Region's Contribution</p> <p>Co-Chairpersons: Dr. H. Francisco EEPSEA</p>	<p>Donors' Forum (By invitation only)</p> <p>Co-Chairpersons: Mr. Dirk Meganck (EU)</p> <p>Dr. Vann Monyneath ASOEN-Chair Cambodia and ACB Governing Board Chairman</p>
9:30 – 10:30			
Paper Presentations			
<p><i>Reducing emissions from forests and carbon credits</i></p> <p>-Dr. Meine van Noordwijk, World Agroforestry Center</p>	<p><i>Finalizing the International ABS Negotiations</i></p> <p>-Timothy Hodges, Co-Chair Working Group on Access and Benefits-Sharing, CBD</p>	<p><i>Valuing Biodiversity Conservation in a World Heritage Site: Citizens' Non-use Values for Tubbataha Reefs National Marine Park, Philippines</i></p> <p>-Dr. Rodel Subade, University of the Philippines-Visayas</p>	
<p><i>Climate change impacts on, and vulnerability and adaptation of coral reefs and marine ecosystems</i></p> <p>- Dr. Terry P. Hughes, James Cook University</p>	<p><i>Benefit Sharing and Compliance</i></p> <p>-Dr. Andreas Drews, GTZ, Africa ABS Project</p>	<p><i>Wildlife Trading in Vietnam: Why It Flourishes</i></p> <p>- Dr. Nguyen Van Song, Hanoi University of Agriculture -Viet Nam</p>	
<p><i>Climate Change impacts on, and vulnerability and adaptation of tropical forest and mountain ecosystems</i></p>	<p><i>ABS Issues in the ASEAN Region</i></p> <p>-Dr. Raman Letchumanan, ASEAN Secretariat</p>	<p><i>A Field Experiment of Direct Incentive Scheme for Provisioning Watershed Services</i></p> <p>-Dr. Leimona Beria, World Agroforestry Center, Indonesia</p>	
10:30 – 11:00			
AM Break			
11:00 – 12:00			
Continuation of Paper Presentations			



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<i>Climate Change impacts on, and vulnerability and adaptation of mangrove ecosystems</i> - Dr. Joanne Ellison, University of Tasmania	<i>Issues on access on use of genetic resources in the ASEAN: Case Study of Malaysia- Sarawak Biodiversity Centre</i> -Dr. K. Nagulendran Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment Malaysia	<i>Private Contributions Towards the Provision of Public Goods: The Conservation of Thailand's Endangered Species</i>	
<i>Climate change impacts on, and vulnerability and adaptation of wildlife species</i> -Ms. Cristi Marie Nozawa, Birdlife International	<i>Importance of natural product drug discovery in facing global human disease challenges: Does biodiversity in the ASEAN have a role?</i> -Dr. Martin Everett, Head of Research, Merlion Pharmaceuticals Singapore	<i>Valuing Business and Biodiversity Initiatives</i> -Dr. Naoki Adachi, Japan Business Initiative on Biodiversity (JBIB)	
12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH BREAK			
1:00 – 2:30 SIDE EVENTS			
Side Event A APN		Side Event B JICA	
2:30 -3:00 PM Sessions - Continuation of Thematic Sessions			
<i>Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment in Southeast Asia</i>	<i>ABS Capacity Building and Access to Technologies and Information</i> -Atty. Elpidio Peria Legal Adviser to the Philippine delegation to the ABS Working Group and CBD Negotiations, Philippines	<i>Dangers of the Numbers Game in Biodiversity: Alternative Means of Valuing Biodiversity</i>	ASEAN Heritage Parks Committee Meeting (By invitation only)
3:00 – 5:00			
Panel Discussion 1	Panel Discussion 2	Panel Discussion 2	
5:30-7:00 SIDE EVENT C ESABII Japan			



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Day 3 (October 23, 2009)		
AM Session – Plenary Discussion		
9:00	Introductory Remarks	Plenary Chair: Mr. Rodolfo Severino, Head ASEAN Studies Centre and Visiting Senior Fellow Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore
9:15	Session 1 Chair's Presentation: <i>Climate Change and Biodiversity</i>	Dr. Rodel Lasco Philippines Programme Coordinator World Agroforestry Center Dr. Konrad Uebelhoer Coordinator, Program Implementing the Biodiversity Convention, GTZ
9:30	Session 2 Chair's Presentation: <i>Access to Genetic Resources and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising out of their Utilization</i>	Mr. Sam Johnston United Nations University
9:45	Session 3 Chair's Presentation: <i>Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity- The ASEAN Regions's Contribution</i>	Dr. Herminia R. Francisco Director Economy and Environment Programme For Southeast Asia (EEPSEA)
10:00	<i>Report from Donors' Forum</i>	Mr. Dirk Meganck (EU) Dr. Vann Monyneath ASOEN-Chair Cambodia and ACB Governing Board Chairman
10:15 – 10:30AM AM BREAK		
10:30	<i>Panel Discussion</i>	Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif Executive Director, CBD Secretariat • Ministry of Environment, Japan • Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP • Dr. Dato' Zakri A. Hamid, Malaysia • Dr. Cielito Habito, Philippines
12:30 – 1:30PM LUNCH BREAK		
1:30 – 2:30PM SIDE EVENT D (Japan Ministry of Environment CBD COP10 Preparation)		
2:30 – 4:00PM CLOSING CEREMONIES		
<i>Recommendations from the conference (Draft recommendation)</i>	Mr. Rodrigo U. Fuentes Executive Director ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity	
<i>Closing address:</i>	Mr. Ng Lang Chief Executive Officer National Parks Board Singapore	



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4:00 – 7:00PM
POST-CONFERENCE TOURS

Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve

Singapore Botanic Gardens and National Orchid Gardens

Tree-Top Walk at MacRitchie Reservoir Park



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