

LOCAL ACTION FOR ACHIEVING THE AICHI TARGETS AND GLOBAL GOALS

9:30 am – 11:00 am

Indigenous peoples and local communities are among the best managers of the world's biodiversity and ecosystems and are indispensable partners in sustainable development. Whether it is forests, marine ecosystems, agricultural landscapes or wildlife corridors, it is often at the local level where win-win solutions for people and nature are forged. When empowered to manage their biodiversity and ecosystems, indigenous peoples and community-based organizations are capable of delivering benefits well beyond environment and conservation, in other words, they can deliver the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Panelists will discuss how facilitating the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in biodiversity conservation will contribute to achieving the Aichi Targets and the SDGs.

MODERATOR

- Eva Gurria, UNDP Equator Initiative

SPEAKERS

- Jamison Ervin, UNDP Global Biodiversity Programme
- Angela Fajardo, Organización de Manejo y Conservación, Guatemala
- René García, Grupo de Estudios Ambientales y Sociales, Mexico
- John Knox, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Environment
- John Scott, Programme Officer for Traditional Knowledge, CBD
- Andrew Rhodes Espinoza, General Director for Institutional Development and Outreach, National Commission of Natural Protected Areas (CONANP), Mexico
- Tehmina Akhtar, Global Manager a.i., GEF Small Grants Programme

LOCAL ACTION FOR SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

11:15 am – 12:45 pm

Efforts by the international community to address deforestation and illegal wildlife trade have progressed significantly in recent years, but threats due to logging, extractive industries, large-scale infrastructure projects, and poaching continue. The session will shed light on the role of indigenous peoples and local communities as indispensable partners for sustainable forest management and wildlife conservation, and will serve as a platform to discuss how investing in their rights, entitlements, and empowerment will be central to achieving the SDGs.

MODERATOR

- Carmen Miranda, ICCA Consortium

SPEAKERS

- Daniel Ancapan, Comunidad Indígena Manquemapu, Chile
- Ana Isabel Arroyo, Asociación de Artesanas Unidas de Los Límites, Colombia
- Yesenia Alvarado, Asociación de Comunidades Forestales de Peten, Guatemala
- Héctor Anguiano, Comunidad Indígena Nuevo San Juan Parigarcitiro, Mexico
- Government of Chile (TBC)
- Carlos Manuel Rodríguez, Regional Vice-President, Conservation International
- Government of Norway (TBC)
- Eva Gurria, UNDP Equator Initiative

LOCAL ACTION FOR SUSTAINABLE FISHING AND CONSERVATION OF MARINE HABITATS

1:15 pm – 2:30 pm

Marine biodiversity is essential to ecosystem health and provides a critical source of livelihoods for local communities and indigenous peoples around the world. Yet, marine and coastal habitats are consistently under threat from destructive fishing practices, overfishing, and climate change. This session will include presentations from communities working to safeguard their marine resources, and interactive discussion on how these initiatives can be scaled up and replicated to meet the SDGs.

MODERATOR

- Handoko Adi Susanto, Indonesia, RARE

SPEAKERS

- Oscar Pihauve, Junta de Manejo Participativo Pesquero de Puerto Cayo, Ecuador
- Rigoberto Bonilla, Comité para la Defensa y Desarrollo de la Flora y Fauna del Golfo de Fonseca, Honduras
- Jordán Solórzano, Coope Tarcoles, Costa Rica
- José Canto, Pescadores de Vigía Chico y Cozumel, Mexico
- Suzanne von de Porten, Nereus Program, University of British Columbia, Canada
- Leonel Requena, GEF-SGP National Coordinator, Belize
- Gerald Singh, Nereus Fellow, University of British Columbia, Canada

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE: USING TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE TO PRESERVE BIOCULTURAL DIVERSITY

2:45 pm – 4:15 pm

Indigenous and local resource management practices contribute to the maintenance of productive and sustainable ecosystems. Traditional knowledge about locally-adapted plant varieties, preserving seed stock, and sustainable production plays a key role in reducing poverty (Goal 1), fostering food security (Goal 2), conserving biodiversity (Goal 14), and enhancing to climate change adaptation (Goal 13). Presenters will share best practices in sustainable agricultural practices, discuss effective land tenure policies, and examine the role of indigenous and local knowledge in preserving biodiversity for human development.

MODERATOR

- Joji Cariño, Forest Peoples Programme

SPEAKERS

- Yolanda Contreras, Asociación de Artesanas de Arbolsol y Huaca de Barro del Distrito de Mórrope, Peru
- Ángela Gómez, Asociación de Productores Indígenas y Campesinos de Riosucio Caldas, Colombia
- José del Carmen Huichin, Koolle Kab/Muuch Kambal, Mexico
- José Juárez, Café la Selva, Mexico
- Kent Nnadozie, International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- Emile Frison, International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (IPES-Food)

SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE TOURISM: RESPECTING CULTURE, PROTECTING NATURE

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Indigenous peoples and local communities worldwide are harnessing the finances generated through tourism to conserve biological and cultural diversity. Local initiatives are leading in innovative ecotourism and ethnotourism ventures that can help promote sustainable and inclusive tourism and boost local economies. This session will open with a panel on local best practice in ecotourism and legal frameworks affecting the tourism industry today. The second half of the session will engage audience members in interactive discussion around how ecotourism can be harnessed and scaled up to support the SDGs.

MODERATOR

- Alejandra Pero, UNDP Equator Initiative

SPEAKERS

- Guido Mamani, Albergue Ecológico Chalalán, Bolivia
- José Antonio Medina Oviedo, Red Indígena de Turismo, Mexico
- Galindo Parra, Federación Plurinacional de Turismo Comunitario del Ecuador
- Roman Caamal, Community Tours Sian Ka'an, Mexico
- Cristina Eghenter, World Wildlife Fund (WWF Borneo Programme)
- Government of Costa Rica, National Analysis (TBC)

CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF THE EQUATOR INITIATIVE & 25 YEARS OF THE GEF SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

Catered reception - 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

For 15 years, the Equator Initiative has worked to recognize and advance local sustainable development solutions for people, nature, and resilient communities. For 25 years, the UNDP-Implemented Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme (SGP) has worked with communities around the world to grapple with critical global environmental problems while generating sustainable livelihoods. Since their inception, both initiatives have witnessed an extraordinary groundswell of grassroots innovation for the environment and for more prosperous and resilient communities. The 208 Equator Prize winners and over 12,000 SGP grantees demonstrate that community-led projects play a powerful role in creating local solutions to global problems.

MODERATOR

- Jamison Ervin, Manager, UNDP Global Biodiversity Programme

SPEAKERS

- Government of Norway (TBC)
- Jose Ines Loria Palma, Fundación San Crisanto, México
- Matthias Krause, Government of Germany
- Juana Baltodano, Iniciativa Talamanca, Costa Rica
- Kristen Walker, Senior Vice President, Managing Director, Policy Center for Environment and Peace, Conservation International
- Yoko Watanabe, Senior Biodiversity Specialist, Global Environment Facility
- Thingreiphi Lungharwo, SGP Global IP Fellow, Nagaland, India
- Edith Bastidas Calderón, SGP Global IP Fellow, pueblo de los Pastos, Colombia
- Tehmina Akhtar, Global Manager a.i., GEF Small Grants Programme

About the Equator Initiative

The Equator Initiative brings together the United Nations, governments, civil society, businesses and grassroots organizations to recognize and advance local sustainable development solutions for people, nature and resilient communities. The Equator Initiative seeks to:

- **Recognize the success** of local and indigenous initiatives,
- **Create opportunities and platforms** to share knowledge and good practice,
- **Inform policy** to foster an enabling environment for local and indigenous community action, and
- **Develop the capacity** of local and indigenous initiatives to scale-up their impact.

The Equator Initiative accomplishes these goals through three action areas: **The Equator Prize, Equator Dialogues** and **Equator Knowledge**.

The GEF Small Grants Programme

The Small Grants Programme (SGP) is a corporate programme of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) since 1992.

SGP grantmaking in over 125 countries promotes community-based innovation, capacity development, and empowerment through sustainable development projects of local civil society organizations with special consideration for indigenous peoples, women, and youth.

In particular, SGP supports biodiversity conservation, climate change mitigation and adaptation, prevention of land degradation, protection of international waters, and reduction of the impact of chemicals, while generating sustainable livelihoods.

The Equator Initiative, GEF Small Grants Programme (SGP), Convention on Biological Diversity Secretariat, and partners will host the “Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) Day” at the Rio Conventions Pavilion. The intention of the day is to provide a platform to showcase indigenous and local community voices and perspectives, and to serve as an effective bridge connecting policy makers, academics, private sector, civil society and the media with on-the-ground practitioners.

The day will consist of a series of dialogues and panel discussions to share knowledge, exchange best practices, inform policy, and enhance capacity. Topics addressed will mirror the main themes of COP 13 – forests, fisheries, tourism and agriculture – and SDGs, while focusing on local solutions for the protection and sustainable use of biological resources.

The evening reception will be the first event in a series of celebrations to mark the 15th anniversary of the Equator Initiative and the 25th anniversary of the GEF Small Grants Programme.



Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities Day

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