

24 February 2016

**International Conference on  
Climate Change, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for the SDGs:  
Policy and Practice  
27-29 June 2016  
Cha-am, Petchaburi Province, Thailand**

**Scope**

The Conference will take on the global agenda – SDGs UNFCCC COP21 Agreement, and the IPBES Programme – and discuss the issues of climate change, biodiversity and ecosystem services in the context of science-policy-society interfaces. There will be three streams of parallel sessions – Watershed Vulnerability Adaptation Assessment, Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation, and Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services – discussing models, guidelines, policy, management, practices and multi-stakeholder approaches in the form of panel discussions and paper presentations.

**Tentative Program**

**27 June, Monday**

09:00-10:00, **Session 1: Plenary Opening Ceremony**

10:00-10:30, Break

10:30-12:00, **Session 2: Plenary Keynote Presentations I**

- On “2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and SDGs”
  - *Mario Tabucanon, Visiting Professor, United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (Tentative)*
- On “Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation”
  - *Kasemsun Chinnavaso, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Thailand (tbc)*
- On “Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services”

12:00-13:30, Lunch Break

13:30-15:00, **Session 3: Parallel Sessions I**

- A) Watershed Vulnerability and Adaptation Assessment (VAA)
  - The WACC Experience
    - Key Presentation
    - Panel Discussion
- B) Biodiversity Conservation - Policy
  - Paper Presentations
- C) Ecosystem Services Management - Policy
  - Paper Presentations

15:00-15:30, Break

15:30-17:00, **Session 4: Parallel Sessions II**

- A) The Regional Watershed VAA Guidelines & Watershed-based Adaptation to Climate Change (WACC) Next Steps
  - Key presentation
  - Panel Discussion
- B) Biodiversity Conservation – Management
  - Paper Presentations
- C) Ecosystem Services – Management
  - Paper Presentations

**28 June, Tuesday**

09:00-10:00, **Session 5: Plenary Keynote Presentations II**

- On “Climate Change: Science-Policy-Society Interface”
  - *Shobhakar Dhakal, Associate Professor, Asian Institute of Technology (tbc)*
- On “Biodiversity & Ecosystems Services: Science-Policy-Society Interface”
  - *Fanie Bekker, WWF Greater Mekong (tbc)*

10:00-10:30, Break

10:30-12:00, **Session 6: Parallel Sessions III**

A) Climate Change Adaptation Adaptive Learning – From Policy to Practice

- Key Presentation
- Panel Discussions

B) Biodiversity Conservation – Practice

- Paper Presentations

C) Ecosystem Services – Practice

- Paper Presentations

12:00-13:30, Lunch Break

13:30-15:00, **Session 7: Parallel Sessions IV**

A) Regional Experience in Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Climate Change Adaptation: Country Presentations

- Country Presentations
  - *Suppakorn Chinvanno, Southeast Asia START Regional Center, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand (tbc)*
  - *Robert Mathers, IUCN (tbc)*
  - *Richard Friends, ISET (tbc)*

B) Biodiversity Conservation – Multi-stakeholder Approaches

- Paper Presentations

C) Ecosystem Services – Multi-stakeholder Approaches

- Paper Presentations

15:00-15:30, Break

15:30- 17:00, **Session 8: Plenary Closing**

- Reflections on the Conference
- Cha-am Statement on Climate Change, Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for the SDGs

**29 June, Wednesday**

Whole Day visit to the Sirindhorn International Environmental Park in Cha-am and other Royal Projects in Petchaburi Province, Thailand (Program to be arranged)

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**9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Regional Centres of Expertise (RCE) on  
Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)**

29 June, Wednesday

The RCEs in Asia and the Pacific region will be holding its 9<sup>th</sup> Regional Meeting hosted by RCE Cha-am. As of January 2016, there are 51 RCEs in Asia-Pacific including three in Thailand – RCE Cha-am, RCE Trang, and RCE Maha Sarakham. Participation is limited to the RCE community. A separate program will be available.

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**Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services  
(IPBES) Capacity Building Workshop on Policy Support Tools**

30 June to 1 July, Thursday to Friday

Invited RCEs will be joining the workshop. A separate program will be available.

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