The Conference is the fourth in the Series of International Conferences organised by India as part of its contribution to United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (UNDESD 2005-2014)

As the nodal agency for the UNDESD in India, this Conference is being organized by Centre for Environment Education (CEE) for the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India (MHRD-GOI), on 13 - 14 October, 2012, Saturday and Sunday at Hyderabad, India.

The Conference will be held in partnership with UNESCO, the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Government of India.

The DESD and more recently the announcement of the Decade of Biodiversity (2011-2020) provides an opportunity to include Biodiversity in Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). India is hosting the eleventh meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP 11) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Hyderabad from 1 - 19 October 2012. Governments from around the world and international experts on biodiversity are expected to participate in the deliberations. The ESD conference proposed to be held alongside the COP 11 provides an opportunity to use this expertise in strengthening ESD.

The recommendations of the Conference will be shared and discussed with members of COP 11 in a side event followed by the conference.
Conference Objectives

1. Reflect upon scope, issues and challenges of education for biodiversity conservation in the context of ESD
2. Share experiences and best practices in biodiversity conservation education
3. Provide inputs to point 3.2 of the agenda of COP 11 “Review of progress in providing capacity building support to Parties, promoting communication, education and public awareness and strengthening of the clearing house mechanism and technology transfer and cooperation”
4. Provide inputs and serve as a Prep Com for the UNDESD End-of-Decade Conference, Japan 2014 with a focus on mainstreaming of biodiversity conservation into ESD

Conference Outcomes

1. The Conference outcomes will provide inputs to
   a. Point 3.2 of the agenda of COP 11
   b. The education component of the UNESCO Biodiversity Initiative
   c. The UN Decade of Biodiversity
2. A set of recommendations on integrating Biodiversity into ESD will emerge as an outcome to the Conference.
3. The Conference recommendations will include a road map for ESD and biodiversity conservation towards the End of the Decade DESD Conference in Japan in 2014.
4. The conference will provide an effective forum for exchange of knowledge and experiences, and promote increased networking and the fostering of partnerships for integrating Biodiversity into ESD.

Who can attend?

Educators, teachers, students, policy makers, practitioners, UN agencies, non-governmental organizations and community groups, academics and religious thinkers that work in the field of Biodiversity and in Education for Sustainable Development can attend this Conference.

Conference Format

The conference over two days will have 5 Plenary Sessions and 4 Thematic Workshops. The plenary sessions will give the context and have expert presentations. The plenaries will also set the tone for the deliberations at the Workshops.

Workshop Themes

1. Biodiversity and Formal Education
2. Biodiversity and Non-Formal Education
3. Education for Biodiversity Conservation and Rural Livelihoods
4. Education for Biodiversity Conservation in Urban and Industrial Areas

Registration Fees

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