



Communiqué: Workshop on the Satoyama Initiative (Kathmandu, Nepal) - May 15, 2013

Organizers: Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation, Government of Nepal
International Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative (IPSI) Secretariat

1. The Workshop on the Satoyama Initiative was organized in Kathmandu, Nepal on May 14 and 15, 2013 with the following objectives to:
 - (a) Share information and experiences from the Asian region relevant to the Satoyama Initiative
 - (b) Further promote IPSI activities and understanding of the partnership in the region
 - (c) Contribute to the further development of the IPSI Strategy and Plan of Action
 2. The workshop was inaugurated by Hon. Minister Tek Bahadur Thapa Gharti of the Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation (MoFSC), Nepal and proceeded by co-chairs Dr. Krishna Chandra Paudel, Secretary of the MoFSC and Ms. Yoko Watanabe, Program Manager, Senior Biodiversity Specialist, Secretariat of the Global Environmental Facility (GEF). The workshop was attended by 59 experts from 16 countries (a list of participants is attached)
 3. The workshop discussed the following topics:
 - (a) Sharing experiences on socio-ecological production landscapes and seascapes (SEPLS) in Asia
 - (b) Identifying the main challenges and opportunities of working with SEPLS
 - (c) Opportunities with IPSI to address identified challenges
 4. Further steps:
 - (a) A detailed report of the proceedings will be prepared by the Secretariat and made available online;
 - (b) The outcome of the workshop will be discussed at the next IPSI Steering Committee meeting, which is scheduled for May 17, 2013 in Kathmandu, Nepal.
 - (c) The outcome of the workshop will contribute to IPSI's continuing development and will feed into the IPSI Plan of Action discussions.
 5. All the participants expressed their appreciation to the organizers, in particular, the Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation, Nepal for their arrangements and hospitality.
 6. The workshop organizers have provided the overseas participants with the opportunity to visit Nepalese SEPLS in Janagal, Kavre; Kushadevi, Kavre and Namobuddha, Kavrepalanchowk on May 16, 2013.
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