

## **Discussion Paper**

### **Collaborative Activities of the International Partnership for the *Satoyama* Initiative**

#### **Background**

The International Partnership for the *Satoyama* Initiative (IPSI) is an alliance with links to national/sub-national and regional partnerships established to carry out the activities identified by the *Satoyama* Initiative. It comprises committed organisations seeking to promote and support socio-ecological production landscapes around the world to maintain their contribution to human well-being and to achieve the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity. The structure of IPSI and clustering of activities are proposed in this paper to operationalise Article 7 of the proposed operational framework.

#### Article 7 – Activities and focal members

7.1 Collaborative activities of the IPSI shall be developed and implemented with the endorsement of the Steering Committee. This article, however, does not impose any binding limits upon individual members' mandates or activities. Initial activities may begin before the Steering Committee is set up subject to endorsement at the Inception Meeting of IPSI.

7.2 Collaborative activities of the IPSI shall involve at least two members.

7.3 A focal-member shall be designated for each cluster of activities at the IPSI Assembly based on the mandate, competence, resources and comparative advantage of the candidate.

7.4 The focal-member of a particular activity cluster shall provide annual progress reports to the Steering Committee.

#### **1. Collaborative Activities and the Role of Focal Members**

All members shall engage, in an appropriate capacity, in one or more of the activities described in the Paris Declaration. These activities are divided into five clusters, as described in the following section. To be a collaborative activity of IPSI, the activity should be endorsed by the Steering Committee. However, initial activities may begin before the Steering Committee is set up subject to endorsement at the Inception Meeting of IPSI to be held this October during the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP10). IPSI's collaborative activities shall pursue the achievement of goals identified by the Initiative through close communication and information exchange among IPSI members. Proponents of an activity are responsible for securing resources for the activity. However, all

members, in particular the steering committee, shall make every effort to mobilise financial resources needed for IPSI's activities.

If a single collaborative activity is to be conducted under a specific cluster, one of the organisations leading the activity shall play the role of focal-member to facilitate information dissemination by providing annual progress reports to the Steering Committee and through other means. If there are more than two collaborative activities under a specific cluster, one of the organisations leading one or more activities shall be selected as focal-member. This is essential to coordinate activities to avoid duplication, to achieve maximum impact and to facilitate information dissemination through annual progress reports to the Steering Committee and other means. A focal-member shall be designated for each cluster of activities at the IPSI Assembly based on the mandate, competence, resources and comparative advantage of the candidate.

The Secretariat of IPSI shall play a major role in supporting the operational processes of focal-members, facilitating communication among participating members and providing an online discussion space for each cluster.

## **2. Cluster Activities**

The activities identified by the Paris Declaration can be regrouped into the following five clusters under two activity goals (a) and (b):

- (a) Enhance understanding and raise awareness of the importance of socio-ecological production landscapes for livelihoods and the three objectives of the Convention.

### **Cluster 1. Knowledge Facilitation**

Collecting, analysing, synthesising and comparing case studies, and distilling lessons learned for dissemination through a searchable online database and other means, and for use in capacity-building activities

### **Cluster 2. Policy Research**

Undertaking research on ways and means to (i) promote wisdom, knowledge and practice which enables a stable supply of diverse ecosystem services; (ii) build bridges for inter-cultural communication between traditional ecological knowledge systems and modern science; (iii) Exploring new forms of co-management system or “new” commons while respecting traditional communal land tenure; (iv) revitalise and innovate socio-ecological production landscapes; and (v) integrate results in policy and decision-making processes

### **Cluster 3. Indicators Research**

Developing measurable indicators of resilience associated with linkages between

human well-being and the socio-ecological production landscape mosaic, including linkages between wild and anthropogenic components of landscape and ecosystems; and applying these indicators to contribute to the implementation of the Ecosystem Approach; and

- (b) Support and expand, where appropriate and as part of the implementation of the post-2010 Strategic Plan, socio-ecological production landscapes, building on activities in (a) above.

**Cluster 4. Capacity Building**

Enhancing capacities for maintaining, rebuilding and revitalising socio-ecological production landscapes, including promoting education and regional capacity-building workshops.

**Cluster 5. On-the-Ground Activities**

Providing support for on-the-ground projects and activities to maintain, rebuild and revitalise socio-ecological production landscapes;

Activities to produce documents for increasing awareness on socio-ecological production landscapes and to foster synergies with other organisations, initiatives or programmes were also described in the Paris Declaration. These activities are also important but are not proposed to be grouped as a separate cluster. They should instead be integrated into other IPSI activities, especially into the work of the IPSI Secretariat.

Figure: Collaborative Activities of the International Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative (IPSI)

