

The *Satoyama* Initiative

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Japan proposes the *Satoyama* Initiative to disseminate the concept of living in harmony with nature as in *Satoyama* landscape to the global community.



G8 Environment Ministers Meeting 2008(Kobe city Japan)
Kobe Call for Action for Biodiversity



CBD-COP9 (Bonn, Germany)



The kickoff meeting was held in March 2009 in Tokyo



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The *Satoyama* Initiative

- Recognize of the potential inherent in satoyama and similar landscapes for optimizing ecosystem services and human well-being in a sustainable manner while also conserving biodiversity
- The *Satoyama* Initiative aims to help evaluate the landscape and promote to maintain and/or rebuild the mechanisms for managing such landscapes.
- A global effort proposed by the Ministry of the Environment of Japan and the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies



The concept of *satoyama* and similar landscape (tentative)

- Basically it is a landscape created in a long term interrelationship between nature and human activities through agriculture, forestry, fishery and animal husbandry.
- Often maintained based on traditional knowledge.
- The focus is to conserve and create ways that human utilize and manage land and natural resources in sustainable manner.
- Include landscape where sustainable natural resource use approach has been recently brought into.
- Include landscape in suburban area where appropriate human-nature relationships are constructed.



Initiative's Threefold Vision

Consolidation of wisdom on the sustainable use, reuse and recycling of natural resources and harmonious co-existence between nature and human society

Integration of Traditional ecological knowledge and modern science

Creation of a “New commons”



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Consolidation of wisdom on the sustainable use, reuse and recycling of natural resources and harmonious co-existence between nature and human society

- Good relationship between human society and natural environment **sustains** and **strengthens** the ecosystems and the services they provide to humans.
- Usage and management of natural resources must be conducted in a manner that **takes advantage of natural processes** and **integrates them with artificial processes**.
- Need to ensure that the natural resources in the area are **recycled** and the organisms may **reproduce**



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Integration of traditional ecological knowledge with modern science

- **TEK:** Knowledge of the regional environments including techniques on natural resource utilization and management
- Have been **experientially, practically or traditionally passed down** within the social and natural context of an area.
- Often rooted in a world view in which people, animals, plants and other structures in the universe are **linked to one another**.
- Provide us with important suggestions that are **suited to the societies and ecosystems of the regions of today**.
- Respect to the world views, history, cultures, traditions and customs that produced landscapes



Creation of a “New Commons”

- **Commons:** the natural resources that are utilized and managed on a “shared” basis as well as the systems for such purposes.
- Not only human-nature relationships but also **human relations and social mechanisms** are important for sustainable use and management of natural resources.
- New regional comprehensive management bodies are needed
- Consists of farmers and foresters, new members to the community, urban residents, administrative bodies and NPOs, etc.



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The Five Perspectives

Based on the vision, the perspectives of the Initiative form the approaches for the revitalization and advancement of satoyama and similar landscapes.



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Satoyama International Partnership

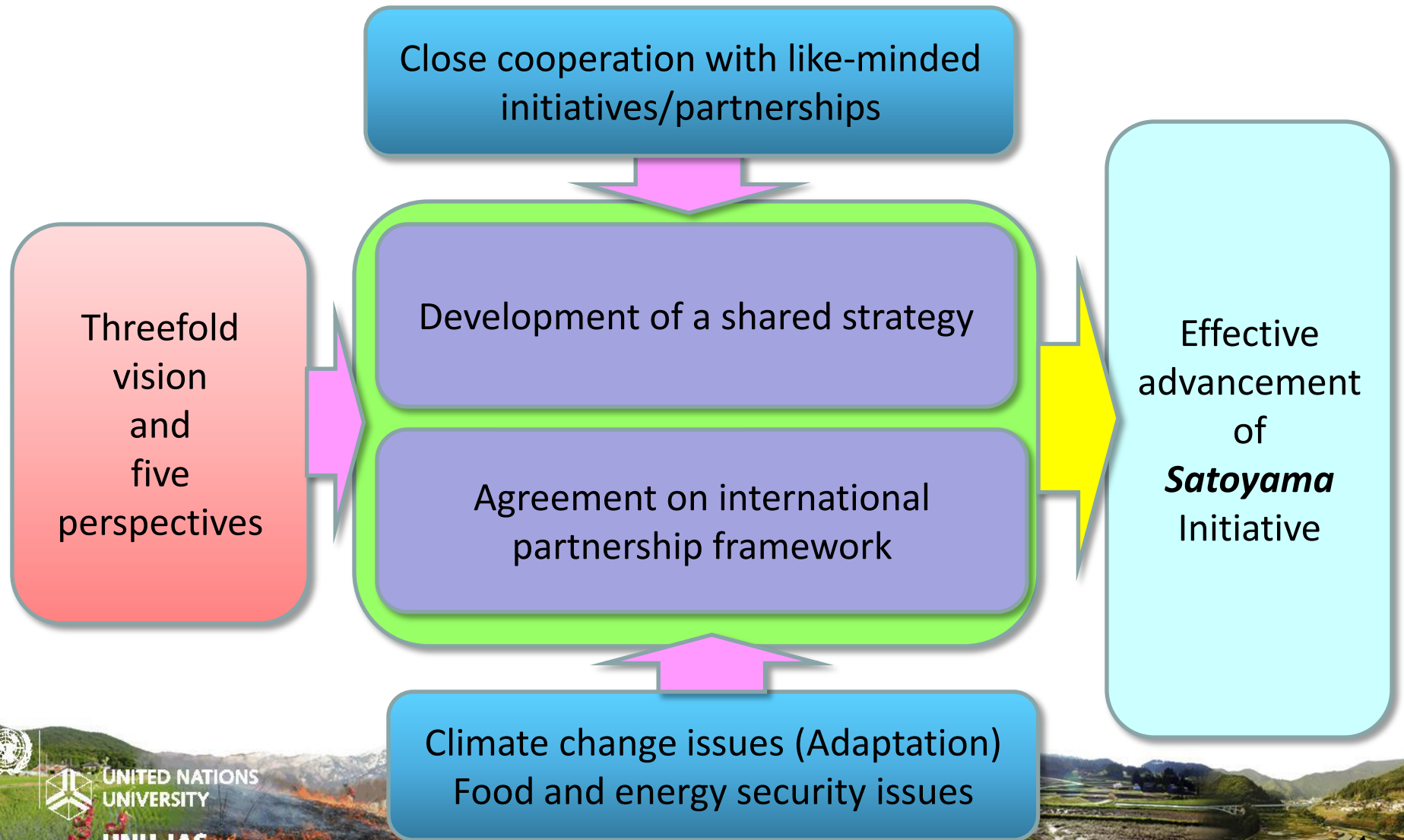


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Strategic Development of the *Satoyama* Initiative



Possible activities under the *Satoyama* Initiative

Information gathering
(Case studies: sustainable use of natural resources)

Analyses of gathered information
(Lessons learned, Challenges, Good practices, etc.)

Database development
→ Establishment of online portal site

Information dissemination, Capacity building

Action Plan formulation
Joint Research/Joint Activities

→ Contribution to Post 2010 Target

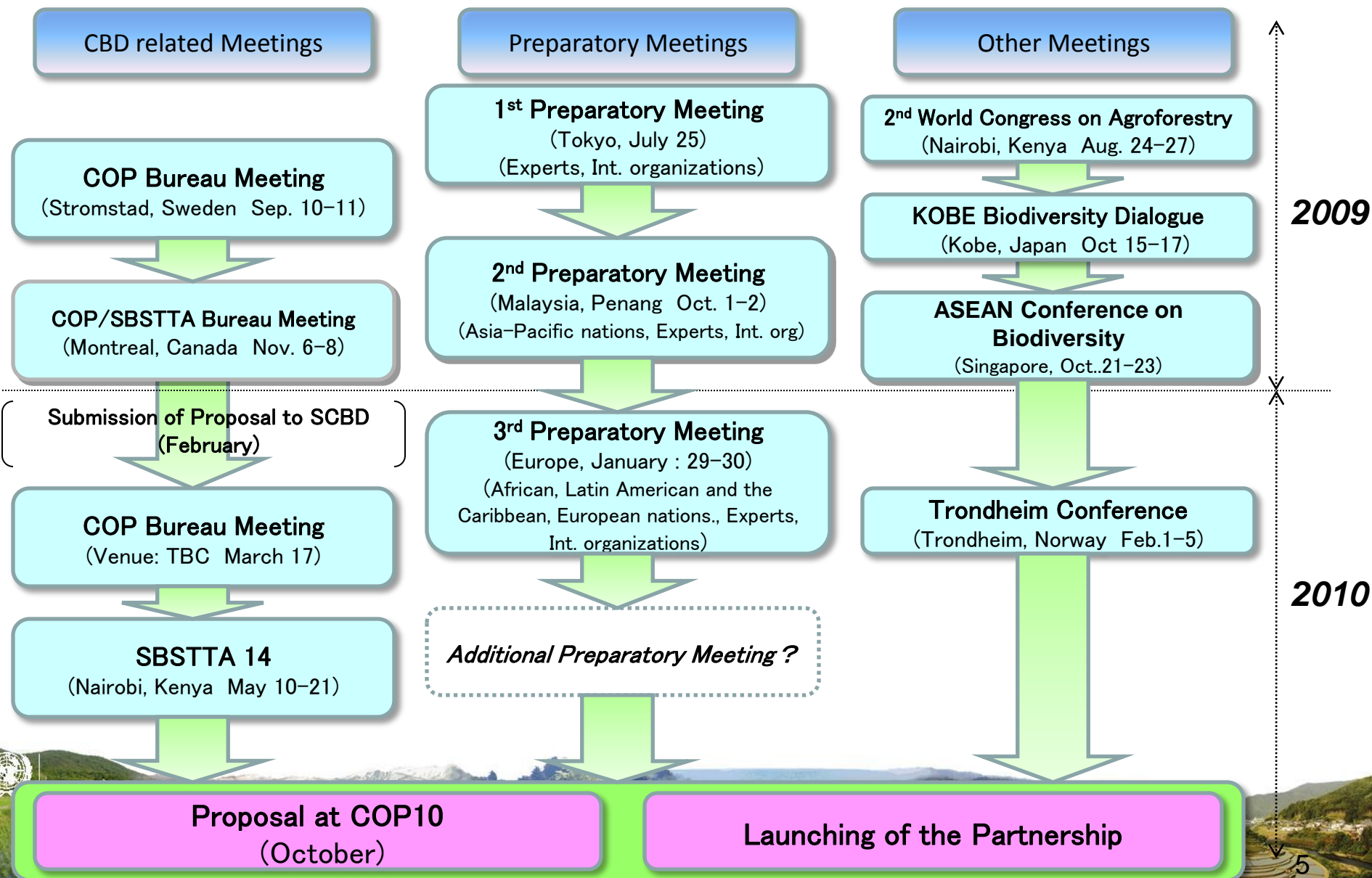


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Time-line of the *Satoyama* Initiative Preparation



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