

## Satoyama Initiative Regional Workshop in Africa 2015

### ***“Securing Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for Sustainable Development in Africa: Status, Trends and Future of Socio-ecological Production Landscapes and Seascapes”***

<b><i>Dates:</i></b>	10-12 August 2015
<b><i>Venue:</i></b>	Alisa Hotel North Ridge, Accra, Republic of Ghana
<b><i>Co-organizers:</i></b>	IPSI Secretariat, United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS) Government of the Republic of Ghana: Forestry Commission of Ghana Ghana National Biodiversity Committee Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation of Ghana (MESTI)
<b><i>Cooperating organizations:</i></b>	A Rocha Ghana Conservation Alliance
<b><i>Language:</i></b>	English

#### ***Background and purpose:***

As negotiations for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are completed this year, and the world turns toward implementation, it is clear that conventional approaches to nature conservation and human livelihoods will not be sufficient to achieve the Goals. However, it still remains to be seen what kinds of innovative approaches will be put in place for their achievement. One promising area is socio-ecological production landscapes and seascapes (SEPLS), where biodiversity and human production activities coexist in a harmonious mosaic of land-uses and habitats.

The Satoyama Initiative Regional Workshop in Africa aims to contribute to sustainable development in the region by strengthening the knowledge base related to SEPLS in the African region, as well as to share the concept of the Satoyama Initiative more widely. It is expected that this will help to create shared understanding of issues related to SEPLS and promote more effective communication among participating organizations, and to identify effective ways for the International Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative (IPSI) to contribute and develop its network in Africa.

The workshop will focus on participants' experiences, bringing together knowledge and good practices through presentations and dialogue in order to contribute to international policy-making and scientific processes such as the Aichi Biodiversity Targets of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Intergovernmental science-policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).

#### ***Main questions to be addressed in the Workshop:***

- 1. What are the status of, trends in, and threats facing SEPLS in Africa?**
- 2. What should be done for the revitalization, conservation, and sustainable management of SEPLS in Africa?**

### ***Workshop procedure:***

The workshop will consist of the following sessions:

#### **Plenary Day 1:**

Keynote speeches and panel discussion will provide background information and insight into the concept of SEPLS and how it may be applicable in Africa.

#### **Working Groups:**

The afternoon session on 10 August and the morning session on 11 August will be devoted to working-group discussions. Four working groups will be formed according to the primary ecosystems in which participants' activities are carried out (forest, dry-land, aquatic, and agricultural) within the broader mosaic of the landscape and/or seascape. Working groups' discussions will generally include: 1) presentations of their activities by each group member working in Africa; 2) discussion of these activities in terms of the status, trends and threats facing SEPLS in Africa by seeking answers to the following questions:

- What benefits can SEPLS provide in Africa?
- What threats do SEPLS face in Africa?
- What challenges have you faced when working in SEPLS in Africa
- What opportunities have you discovered through working in SEPLS in Africa?

This will be followed by discussion to address what should be done for the revitalization, conservation, and sustainable management of SEPLS in Africa.

#### **Plenary Day 2:**

Working groups will present their conclusions, followed by plenary discussion generally aimed at addressing the "Main questions to be addressed in the Workshop" (see previous page).

### ***Expected Outputs:***

#### **Workshop Report**

Summaries of presentations and discussion from the plenary and working-group session will be compiled into a report for dissemination on the IPSI website and other platforms.

#### **Publication: "Socio-ecological Production Landscapes and Seascapes (SEPLS) in Africa" (*working title*)**

It is expected that further data collection and analysis will be conducted to produce a publication building on the results of the workshop. "Socio-ecological Production Landscapes and Seascapes (SEPLS) in Africa" would serve to showcase issues and practices in the region in order to attract the attention of both a wider audience and policy-makers at national, regional and global levels.

<b>Chair:</b>	Prof. Alfred Oteng-Yeboah	(Ghana National Biodiversity Committee)
<b>Moderators:</b>	Dr. Maurizio Farhan Ferrari Dr. Wanja Dorothy Nyangi	(Forest Peoples Programme) (Kenya Wetlands Biodiversity Research Team)

#### ***Group Discussion Facilitators:***

Group 1:	Ms. Florence Daguitan Mr. Atsuhiko Yoshinaka	(TEBTEBBA) (CBD Secretariat)
Group 2:	Dr. Anil Kumar Mr. Nicholas Remple	(MS Swaminathan Research Foundation) (UNDP)
Group 3:	Dr. Senka Barudanovic Dr. Yoji Natori	(University of Sarajevo) (Conservation International)
Group 4:	Mr. Alejandro Argumedo Ms. Yoko Watanabe	(ANDES) (GEF Secretariat)

## Programme

**DAY 1: Monday, 10 August**

MC: Mr. William Dunbar (UNU-IAS)

08:30-09:00	Registration				
Opening Ceremony – Chair: Prof. Alfred Oteng-Yeboah		Venue: Ridge Arena in Pegasus Wing			
9:00-9:10	Opening Remarks	Prof. Kazuhiko Takeuchi (United Nations University)			
9:10-9:20	Address from Chair	Prof. Alfred Oteng-Yeboah (Ghana National Biodiversity Committee)			
9:20-9:30	Address by Forestry Commission of Ghana	Forestry Commission of Ghana			
9:30-9:40	Address by Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation of Ghana (MESTI)	Ministry of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation of Ghana (MESTI)			
	Group Photo				
Plenary Session Day1		Venue: Ridge Arena in Pegasus Wing			
10:00-10:15	Keynote speech 1	Prof. Kazuhiko Takeuchi (United Nations University) “The Satoyama Initiative and societies in harmony with nature: resilient socio-ecological production landscapes for Africa”			
10:15-10:20	Q&A				
10:20-10:35	Keynote speech 2	Dr. Tanya Abrahamse (South African Biodiversity Institute, SAMBI) “Introduction of Activities of South African Biodiversity Institute, SAMBI”			
10:35-10:40	Q&A				
10:40-10:55	Keynote speech 3	Prof. Alfred Oteng-Yeboah (Ghana National Biodiversity Committee) “How are we doing with our Ghanaian land and water scapes?”			
10:55-11:00	Q&A				
11:00-11:10	Introduction of the Regional Workshop	Mr. William Dunbar (IPSI Secretariat, UNU-IAS)			
11:10-12:15	Panel Discussion	<Moderators> Dr. Maurizio Farhan Ferrari (Forest Peoples Programme) Dr. Wanja Dorothy Nyingi (Kenya Wetlands Biodiversity Research Team)			
	Panel Presentation 1 11:15-11:25	Mr. Seth Appiah-Kubi (A Rocha Ghana) “Atewa Critical Conservation Action Programme”			
	Panel Presentation 2 11:25-11:35	Ms. Marie-Laure Mpeck (UNDP in Cameroon) “Local communities contributing to adaptive management of Bogo landscape”			
	Panel Presentation 3 11:35-11:45	Mr. Zeleke Tesfaye Habtemariam (UNDP in Ethiopia) “SEPL: the experience of Gilgil Gibe 1 catchment in Ethiopia”			
	Panel Discussion 11:45-12:15				
12:15-12:30	Explanation of Working Group sessions	Mr. William Dunbar (IPSI Secretariat, UNU-IAS)			
12:30-14:00	Lunch				
Working Group Session					
14:00-17:00	Session 1	Forest @ Ridge Arena in Pegasus Wing	Drylands @ Prins Hall in Pegasus Wing	Aquatic @ Volta in Heritage	Agriculture @ Afram in Heritage
Reception					@ Asante Hall
18:00	Reception				

## DAY 2: Tuesday, 11 August

Working Group Session					
9:00-12:00	Session 2	Forest @ Ridge Arena in Pegasus Wing	Drylands @ Prins Hall in Pegasus Wing	Aquatic @ Volta in Heritage	Agriculture @ Affram in Heritage
12:00-13:30	Lunch				
Plenary Session Day 2 – Moderators: Dr. Dorothy Wanja Nyingi Dr. Maurizio Farhan Ferrari					
		Venue: Ridge Arena in Pegasus Wing			
13:30-14:30	Report back from groups	Report from working group (10 minutes / working group) Q&A (5 minutes / working group)			
14:30-15:30	Plenary Discussion	<b>Q 1.</b> What are the status of, trends in, and threats facing SEPLS in Africa? <b>Q 2.</b> What should be done for the revitalization, conservation, and sustainable management of SEPLS in Africa?			
15:30-16:00	Break				
Closing Session – Chair: Prof. Alfred Oteng-Yeboah					
		Venue: Ridge Arena in Pegasus Wing			
16:00-16:20	Plenary Discussion Roundup	Dr. Maurizio Farhan Ferrari (Forest Peoples Programme) Dr. Wanja Dorothy Nyingi (Kenya Wetlands Biodiversity Research Team)			
16:20-16:30	Feedback Comments	Prof. Kazuhiko Takeuchi (United Nations University) Dr. Tanya Abrahamse (South African Biodiversity Institute)			
16:30-16:45	Wrap-up and Next Steps	Prof. Alfred Oteng-Yeboah (Ghana National Biodiversity Committee)			
16:45-16:50	Closing Remarks	Prof. Kazuaki Hoshino (United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability)			
16:50-17:00	Explanation of Excursion	IPSI Secretariat			

## DAY 3: Wednesday, 12 August

06:30	Breakfast	
07:30	Registration	
08:00	Departure from Alisa Hotel	
11:00	Arrival at A Rocha Ghana Kibi Office	
12:00	Departure from A Rocha Ghana Kibi Office	
12:30	Lunch at Linda Dor Restaurant: Buffet style	
13:30	Departure from Linda Dor Restaurant	
14:00	Beginning of the Site-visit	
16:00	Depart from Atewa Community	
18:30	Arrival at Alisa Hotel	