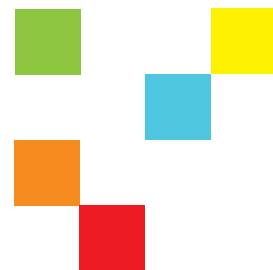


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Urban Biodiversity and Ecology for Sustainable Cities



An Expert Panel Session during the World Cities Summit 2010

Date : 30 Jun 2010
Time : 1100 - 1730
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Synopsis

More than 50% of the world's population live in cities and the figures are expected to escalate to 70% by 2050.

In order to be highly liveable, cities will need to be planned for ecological sustainability so that residents can enjoy nature and biodiversity even as urbanisation intensifies. This expert panel session brings together the people who can play a role in shaping cities of the future, and will include policy makers, planners, administrators, designers and researchers. The cross-fertilisation of different disciplines will provide the link to successful application.



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Speakers



Prof Bruce Clarkson

Director, Centre for Biodiversity and Ecology Research, University of Waikato

Prof Clarkson's research includes systematics and ecology of New Zealand native plants and vegetation. He has maintained a strong interest in applying aspects of his research to assist in the protection and restoration of native plants and ecosystems and is active in community based ecological restoration projects.



Dr Ahmed Djoghla

Executive Secretary
UN Convention on Biological Diversity

Dr. Djoghla assumed the position of Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in 2006. He was named to his previous position as Assistant Executive Director of UNEP in June 2003, following his success as Director and Coordinator of UNEP's Division of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), where he played a key role for some seven years and successfully raised UNEP'S profile.



Gwendolyn Hallsmith

Director of Planning and Community Development
City of Montpelier, Vermont, USA

Gwendolyn Hallsmith is also the founder and Board Co-Chair of Global Community Initiatives and author of three books including The Key to Sustainable Cities; Taking Action for Sustainability: the EarthCAT Guide to Community Development. Her international experience has included work with the United Nations Environment Program, the United Nations Development Program, the Institute for Sustainable Communities, the International City/County Management Association, and Earth Charter International.



Assoc Prof Mark McDonnell

Director, Australia Research Centre for Urban Ecology (ARCUE)

Assoc Prof McDonnell's research interests include the processes driving vegetation change, landscape ecology, the structure and function of ecological systems in urban and suburban environments and the conservation and restoration of urban and suburban natural areas.



Prof Leo Tan Wee Hin (Moderator)

Director (Special Projects)
Faculty of Science
National University of Singapore

Professor Leo Tan is currently Director (Special Projects) in the Science Dean's Office at the National University of Singapore. His present leadership roles include Chair of the Garden City Fund, President of the Singapore National Academy of Science, Vice Chair of the Singapore Environmental Council and Chair of the Science Sub-Commission of the Singapore National Commission for UNESCO. He also represents Singapore as Governor on the Asia-Europe Foundation.



Prof Richard Corlett

Department of Biological Sciences
National University of Singapore

Prof Corlett's research for the last 30 years has been largely concerned with the ecology of the deforested tropics with focus on understanding which wild species survive in these human-dominated landscapes and what factors determine the potential for landscape recovery when human impacts are reduced.



Herbert Dreiseitl

Senior Partner
Atelier Dreiseitl Asia

An internationally renowned, sculptor, artist, and interdisciplinary planner, with 30 years of experience, Herbert is founder of Atelier Dreiseitl. He has realized ground-breaking contemporary designs in the fields of urban hydrology, water design, stormwater management, urban planning, and landscape architecture. He is the author of several books including Waterscapes – Planning, Building and Designing with Water.



Mr Bob Harvey

Mayor of Waitakere City
New Zealand

Bob Harvey became Mayor of Waitakere City, New Zealand in 1992 and has been re-elected for six consecutive terms. He has been seminal in many ground-breaking initiatives, most critically his long-time championing of the Eco-City principles established at the United Nations Rio Earth Summit in 1992. Under his leadership, Waitakere has developed into a vibrant, environmentally sustainable city.



Mr Ng Lang

CEO National Parks Board

Mr Ng Lang has been CEO of the National Parks Board of Singapore for the past four years. The National Parks Board is a public service organisation with a vision to make Singapore a great liveable city by achieving an unparalleled integration of nature and its cityscape.



Prof Wang Xiangrong

Director, Research Centre for Urban Eco-Planning & Design
Fudan University

Prof Wang serves as a regional vice-chair of East Asia, the IUCN Commission on Education and Communication. His current research focuses are in the areas of Urban Ecology & Planning, Environmental Policy and Management, Vegetation Ecology and Natural Conservation, and Environmental Assessment & Planning.

