

# Beyond Copenhagen: Climate, Ecosystem Services and Human Well-being

Date: Wednesday, 21 October 2009, 2:00 – 5:30 pm

Venue: Conference Center, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan

Language: English

## Agenda and Objectives

The threats of global warming are now acknowledged as real and require urgent and adequate response by researchers, governments and the public. A new deal on climate will be reached at Copenhagen in December 2009. As such, the entire world is eagerly awaiting the decision outcomes, which are being touted as the means to save planet-Earth. Post-Copenhagen, intensive efforts to tackle climate change will restart with greater enthusiasm. Much of the work will build on current research already initiated on various aspects of vulnerability and adaptation, including technological innovations and impact regulations. Different institutions analyze Earth System changes from various perspectives, namely policy, economic, biophysical and environmental. For sustainable environmental management, it will be useful to synergize the research strengths of different institutions in a joint analytical framework to develop scenarios that may confront us post-Copenhagen. In this context, a policy discourse among relevant institutions in Japan and abroad will be held on 21 October 2009 at the Conference Center, Hokkaido University Sapporo, Japan. The discourse will cover the gamut of drivers of climate, the trend in these drivers, how climate change will affect ecosystem services, and the implications for human well-being. The policy discourse will explore research architecture in a time bound manner that utilizes the capacities of different leading global change research organizations on this topic.

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## Session I

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| 2:00 – 2:15 | Welcome and Opening Remarks<br><i>Prof. Mitsuru Osaki</i><br><i>Professor of Nutrition, Division of Biological Resources and Production, Graduate School of Agriculture, Hokkaido University</i>   |
| 2:15 – 2:25 | Introductory Remarks "Environmental Policy in Japan"<br><i>Ms. Mimi Nameki</i><br><i>Deputy Director, Policy and Coordination Division</i><br><i>Environment Management Bureau, Ministry of the Environment, Japan</i>                           |
| 2:25 – 2:40 | Presentation "Trans-disciplinary Approach to Resources Management: Designing Future Environment"<br><i>Prof. Tsugihiko Watanabe, Professor, Center for Coordination, Promotion and Communication, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature</i> |

2:40 – 2:55	<i>Coffee Break</i>
2:55 – 3:10	<p>Presentation “Nexus between Human Well-being and Ecosystem Services”  <i>Dr. Anantha Kumar Duraiappah, Chief, Ecosystem Services Economics Unit, Division of Environmental Policy Implementation (DEPI), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)</i></p>
3:10 – 3:25	<p>Presentation “Ecosystems and Climate Governance”  <i>Dr. Jose Puppim de Oliveira  Assistant Director and Senior Research Fellow, UNU-IAS</i></p>
3:25 – 3:40	<p>Panel  <i>Chair Prof. Mitsuru Osaki  Speakers: Dr. Hideaki Shibata and Dr. Per Stromberg, JSPS-UNU  Postdoctoral Fellow and other speaker</i></p>
<b>Session II</b>	
3:40 – 4:30	<p>Roundtable Discussion on Research Design  <i>Moderator: Prof. Ademola Braimoh, Executive Director, Global Land Project, Sapporo Nodal Office, Hokkaido University and Dr. Suneetha Subramanian, Research Associate, UNU-IAS</i></p>
4:30 – 4:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
4:45 – 5:20	<p>Roundtable Discussion on Work Plan and Schedule  <i>Moderator: Prof. Ademola Braimoh and Dr. Suneetha Subramanian, Research Associate, UNU-IAS</i></p>
5:20 – 5:30	Closing (next steps and meeting dates)

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