

## REGISTRATION FORM

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Accommodation and travel have to be on your own. A few slots are open for bus/AC-3Tier train return fare and guest house rooms for two days will be provided on advance request on first come first serve basis. Working lunch and snacks will be served.

Registration is free of cost but mandatory to be sent by 25<sup>th</sup> September 2012 by email to [gauthama.rallapalli@gmail.com](mailto:gauthama.rallapalli@gmail.com) or [rrallapallius@yahoo.com](mailto:rrallapallius@yahoo.com)

Signature of the participant  
Organizing committee wishes you a happy stay in this fascinating city of the old and the new.

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**Network of Indian Universities on Cultural and Biological Diversity (NIUCBD)** : Network of Indian Universities on Cultural and Biological Diversity (NIUCBD) was launched with concurrence of S.V. University, Tirupati with the aim to implement the Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) programme of Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). NIUCBD is functioning under the Chairmanship of Prof. R. Ramamurthi, former Vice Chancellor, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati and is being coordinated by Prof. G. Sudarsanam, Department of Botany of the same University as General Secretary.

Role of Network of Indian Universities on Cultural and Biological Diversity (NIUCBD).

- ❖ Provide a platform for Universities and related colleges, institutions and departments to work for enhancing awareness related to biological diversity, culture relevant to conservation and sharing of benefits.
- ❖ Serve as the core-group, through national network and regional network of Universities to engage in constructive dialogue related to conservation action.
- ❖ Serve as the knowledge platform for biodiversity issues in supporting action at secondary and tertiary levels of education.
- ❖ Assist directly and/or through the National Biodiversity Authority in enhancing support to biodiversity education through relevant bodies and ministries including UGC, CSIR, Ministries of HRD and education.
- ❖ Prepare a national Programme on building expertise on biodiversity issues.
- ❖ Organize awareness raising programmes through the creation of "Voluntary Team on Education" (VOTE) on biodiversity issues at national, regional and state levels.

## INTERNATIONAL EXPERT CONSULTATION ON "EDUCATION FOR BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION" during COP-11 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> October 2012



Venue: NAC Seminar Hall, NAC Campus,  
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## WELCOME TO HYDERABAD , INDIA.

We extend a cordial invitation to the “**International Expert Consultation on “Education for Biodiversity Conservation”** organized by Network of Indian Universities on CBD (NIUCBD) in collaboration with National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2012.

There is no shortage of interest in biodiversity, judging from the universal popularity of zoos, aquariums, botanical gardens and nature programs on television. Yet beyond “showcase” species, there is still a yawning gap in public awareness about the huge role that biodiversity plays in providing water, food and the essentials for survival in the name of goods and services. The Convention on Biological Diversity stresses the importance of public awareness on biodiversity issues and the Convention Secretariat is mandated to help Parties explain and communicate the scientific and technical work of the Convention to many different groups, and to integrate biodiversity into the education systems in all Parties to the Convention.

### IMPORTANCE

- ❖ Public awareness is central to building support for implementation of the Convention
- ❖ Provides tools to Parties to explain the importance of biodiversity to various audiences
- ❖ Integration of biodiversity into formal and non-formal education is key to the creation of future generations of citizens and managers

**CEPA:** The challenge for the Contracting Parties, and organizations involved in the Convention, is to develop effective communication to stimulate a change in those practices that act against biodiversity conservation and the wise use of natural resources. To be effective, the Contracting Parties need to first engage stakeholders in defining the issues and possible solutions. In this consultation the role of communication and education is assessed as well as the need for it to support appropriate legal and economic instruments that can bring about change. This means that CEPA should form a central part of implementing the Convention by each Contracting Party.

**What can India do?** Considering COP-11, India can focus on the following

- (a) Discussing and finalizing national CEPA strategies and their contribution to implementation;
- (b) Mobilization of the media for communication of messages on the importance of biodiversity for human well-being and of the Convention and its objectives;
- (c) Integration of biodiversity considerations into education including formal and informal contexts, and *inter alia* primary, secondary, university, and professional training;
- (d) Best practices in raising public awareness, including communicating with stakeholders and major groups, including business and other important economic sectors.

### ABOUT INDIA:

In the nearly six decades since independence, India has made considerable progress. India is the second fastest growing major economy in the world. With a history of heritage, learning and civilization dating back to almost 5000 years or perhaps even more, the Modern India presents itself as an ideal Conference and Tourist destination. From snow clad mountains to breezy sparkling blue sea side, from arid desert with shifting sand dunes to lush green country sides, from ancient relics and architectural ruins dating back into antiquity to modern cities, India has it all.

### ABOUT HYDERABAD :

The city hosts three Central Universities – the University of Hyderabad, the Maulana Azad National Urdu University and the English and Foreign Languages University. Hyderabad is also home to another central institution that is internationally well-known, the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB). Several other state universities are also located in Hyderabad.

### TRAVEL INFORMATION

**Airport :** The Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) is the world-class and makes international and domestic transit lot more convenient.

There is a dedicated cab service from the Airport (Meru Cab/ City Cabs) are available at the airport, which can be hired at Rs. 15 per km (approx.). From the local bus /train station you can take ride in the local transport by bus or auto rickshaws.

## ACCOMMODATION

A range of accommodation options are available in Hyderabad. You can download the complete list from website. Please make your hotel reservations directly from Hotels. Organizers can provide guest room on the campus on request.

## AGENDA AT A GLANCE

<b>Day 1. : 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012</b>	
9.00am to 10am	Registration
10-11 am Inaugural Session	Inauguration Welcome remarks and introduction Consultation address by <b>Dr. Balakrishna Pisupati</b> , Chairman, NBA, Chennai
11:00-11:30	Coffee
Session-2 11:30-12:00	<b>Keynote presentation 1</b> “Role of CEPA in implementation of CBD at National level”
12:00-12:30	<b>Keynote presentation 2</b> “Education for conservation: Lessons learnt”
12:30-13:00	<b>Keynote Presentation 3</b> “Networking Universities for promoting conservation and sustainable management of biodiversity”
13:00-14:00	Lunch
Session -3 14:00-14:30	New approaches to networking
Session 4 14:30-17:30	<b>Group discussions</b> Group 1 – Developing a programme of work for education under CEPA for India Group 2 – Importance of CBD through University network – Opportunities and challenges
<b>Day2 : 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2012</b>	
Session 5 10-11 am	Presentation of group work
11 - 11.30 am	Coffee break
Session 6 11.30-13.00	Work plan for NIUCBD – Discussion
13:00-14:00	Lunch
Session 7 14:00-15:00	Taking a message to COP-11
Session 8 15-15.45	Wrap up – Discussion
Session 9 15.45-16.30	Closing remarks & Valedictory Session