

**M.S. SWAMINATHAN RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

***International Consultation on***  
**“20 Years of Rio: Biodiversity – Development – Livelihoods”**

at **MSSRF, Chennai**  
on **February 15-17, 2012**

**Tentative Programme**

**15<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

**10.00-11.00am: Session 1: Conference Opening Session**

Welcome: Dr. Ajay Parida, Executive Director, MSSRF

Remarks:

Dr. P.K. Mudbhary, Coordinator, FAO, Bangkok

Dr. Rodney D. Cooke, Director, IFAD, Rome

Dr. Sara Ahmed, IDRC, New Delhi

Dr. Hari D. Upadhyaya, ICRISAT, Hyderabad

Dr. V.P. Singh, ICRAF, New Delhi

Special Remarks:

Ms. Caitlin Wiesen, Country Director, UNDP

Inaugural Address:

Prof. M.S. Swaminathan, Chairman, MSSRF

**11.30-1.30pm: Session 2: Progress Made since Rio and Challenges Ahead**

**Chair: Dr. P.L. Gautam, Chairman, PPVFRA**

- Prof. M. S. Swaminathan, Chairman, MSSRF
- Dr. Rodney Cooke, IFAD, Rome
- Mr. Javad Mozafari Hashjin, National Plant Gene Bank, Iran

**1.30-2.30pm: Lunch**

**2.30-6.00pm: Session 3: Biodiversity and Alleviating Hunger and Poverty**

**Chair: Dr. S. Edison, CTCRI, Trivandrum**

- Dr. Ashutosh Sarker, ICARDA, New Delhi
- Dr. V.P. Singh, World Agroforestry Centre, New Delhi
- Dr. Stefano Padulosi, Bioversity International, Rome
- Dr. C.L.L. Gowda, ICRISAT, Hyderabad
- Dr. R. Siddhappa Setty, ATREE, Bangalore
- Dr. Md. Giashuddin Miah, Agricultural University, Bangladesh
- Dr. M.K. Prasad, Information Kerala Mission

**7.00pm: Dinner (Guindy Race Club)**

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**9.00-1.00pm: Session 4: Biodiversity and Sustainable Livelihood**

**Chair: Dr. Stefano Padulosi, Bioversity International**

- Dr. Mauricio Bellon, Bioversity International, Rome
- Prof. Brent Swallow, University of Alberta, Canada
- Dr. K.R. Viswanathan, SDC, New Delhi
- Dr. Hari D. Upadhyaya, ICRISAT, Hyderabad
- Dr. V. Prakash, JSS MVP, Mysore
- Dr. H.A.J. Gunatilake, CRB, Sri Lanka
- Dr. Srinivasan Iyer, UNDP, New Delhi
- Dr. P.S. Geethakutty, CGSA-KAU, Thrissur
- Dr. S. Edison, CTCRI, Trivandrum

**1.45-5.30pm: Session 5: Vulnerable Ecosystems: Priority Actions and Attention**

**Chair: Prof. Brent Swallow, University of Alberta**

- Dr. T.P. Singh, IUCN, Bangkok
- Dr. K. Palanisami, IWMI, Hyderabad
- Dr. K. Venkataraman, ZSI, Chennai
- Dr. Paramjit Singh, BSI, Kolkata
- Dr. T. Balasubramanian, CAS-Annamalai University, Chidambaram
- Dr. Sanathani Ranasinghe, CRB, Srilanka
- Dr. Harpinder Sandhu, CSIRO, Australia
- Dr. Sanjay Tomar, GTZ, New Delhi

**7.00pm: Dinner (Adyar Boat Club)**

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**9.00-11.00am: Session 6: Food and Nutrition Security – Linking Agriculture and Nutrition**

**Chair: Dr. John J. Kennelly, University of Alberta**

- Dr. Mihoko Tamamura, WFP, New Delhi
- Dr. P. K. Mudbhary, FAO, Bangkok
- Dr. B. Sesikeran, NIN-ICMR, Hyderabad
- Dr. N.A.Tennakoon, CRB, Sri Lanka
- Dr. Girish Chandel, IGAU, Raipur

**11.30-1.30pm: Session 7: Public Policies for Sustainable Development**

**Chair: Dr. Nat Kav, University of Alberta**

- Dr. Sara Ahmed, IDRC, New Delhi
- Dr. P. Balakrishna, NBA, Chennai
- Prof. H.S. Chawla, G.B. Pant University, Uttarakhand
- Dr. K. Krishnaiah, NFDB, Hyderabad
- Dr. S. Nagarajan, MSSRF, Chennai

**2.30-4.00pm: Session 8: General Recommendations – Open Forum  
and Concluding Session**

**Chair: Prof. M.S. Swaminathan, Chairman, MSSRF**

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