

International Consultation on the Role of Biodiversity in Achieving the United Nations Millennium Development Goal of Freedom from Hunger and Poverty

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Global Facilitation Unit for
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Venue: Sambasivan Auditorium, MSSRF, Chennai

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Monday, 18 April 2005

08.30 – 09.30

Registration of delegates

MSSRF

09.30 – 11.00

Inaugural session

Chair: Prof. M.S. Swaminathan, Chairman, National Commission on Farmers

Invocation

Ms. Anuradha Krishnamurthi

Welcome address

Dr. M. Velayutham, Executive Director, MSSRF

Dr. (Ms) Maxine Olson, Resident Rep. UNDP

Dr. Stefano Padulosi, IPGRI

Dr. Irmgard Hoeschle-Zeledon, GFAR

Presidential address: Biodiversity and MDGs

Prof. M.S. Swaminathan

Special address: Biodiversity and livelihoods

Dr. E. Frison, DG, IPGRI

Keynote addresses:

Hon'ble. Mr. Ernest Debrah,

Minister of Agriculture, Ghana

Hon'ble Thiru. K. Pandurangan

Minister of Agriculture, Tamil Nadu

Dr. R.D. Cooke, IFAD

Inaugural address

Hon'ble Mr. Anura Kumara Dissanayake

Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land & Irrigation Sri Lanka

Vote of thanks

Dr. S. Bala Ravi, MSSRF

11.00 – 11.20

Coffee break

Session I – Biodiversity and livelihoods

11.20 – 13.10	Chair: H E. Ernest Debrah. Minister of Food and Agriculture, Ghana Co-Chair: Rapporteurs: FARA, Syngenta Foundation	
11.20 – 11.40	Leafy vegetables to enhance nutritional security in Sub-Saharan Africa	R.K. Oniang'o (Kenya)
11.40 – 12.00	Asian tropical fruits deliver social and economic benefits	K. Tahir (Malaysia)
12.00 – 12.20	Andean grains and tubers: ancient crops for better livelihoods today	J. Blajos (Bolivia)
12.20 – 13.00	Discussion	
13.00 – 13.10	Opening photo exhibition "Where nature and culture meet"	K. Probst (Germany)
13.10 – 14.15	<i>Lunch break</i>	
Session I (<i>continued</i>)		
14.15 – 15.45	Chair: H E. A.K. Dissanayake, Minister of Agriculture, Sri Lanka Co-Chair Rapporteurs: GFAR, FAO	
14.15 – 14.35	Managing biodiversity for improved community well-being	S. Sastrapradja (Indonesia)
14.35 – 14.55	Community based seed security systems	E. Zulu (Zimbabwe)
14.55 – 15.15	Linking farmers to markets: success stories	R. Adbur (Bangladesh)
15.15 – 15.45	Discussion	
15.45 – 16.15	<i>Coffee break</i> and interaction with women self help groups from India	
Session II – Biodiversity and policies		
16.15 – 17.45	Chair: H E. C.N. Keenja, Minister of Agriculture, Tanzania Co-Chair Rapporteurs: APAARI, IFAD	
16.15 – 16.35	Marketing biodiversity and sharing the benefits	N. Louwaars (The Netherlands)
16.35 – 16.55	The international framework on biodiversity	M. Hermann (Colombia)
16.55 – 17.45	Discussion	
18.15 – 19.45	Public Forum	

Biodiversity and Freedom from Hunger

Venue: Triple Helix Auditorium, CLRI, Adyar

Chairperson:

Shri. N. Ravi,
Editor, *The Hindu*

Moderator:

Prof. M.S. Swaminathan,
Chairman, National Commission on Farmers
Hon'ble Mr. Anura Kumara Dissanayake
Minister of Agriculture, Sri Lanka

Prof. Domenico Bagnara
Member, Italian Academy of Sciences, Italy

Hon'ble Dr. Emile Frison
Director General, International Plant Genetic Resources Institute, Rome

Hon'ble Mr. Ernest Debrah
Minister of Agriculture, Ghana

Dr. Martin Sommer

Head, Natural Resources and Environment Division
Swiss Agency for Development and Co-operation, Switzerland

Prof. Setijati Sastrapradja

Chair, NATURINDO (Naturae Indonesiana), Indonesia

20.00 – 22.00 *Dinner at MSSRF Lawns*

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Session III – Group discussions and input to recommendations

09.00 – 13.30 Chair: M.S. Swaminathan, Chairman, MSSRF

Rapporteurs: MSSRF, IPGRI, GFU

09.00 – 10.30 *Group 1: Food and nutritional security*

Chair: H E. M. Seidou Traore, Minister of Agriculture, Mali

Co-Chair:

Rapporteurs: Dhan Foundation, McGill University

Group 2: Biodiversity and socio-economics

Chair: K. Atta-Krah, DDG elected IPGRI

Co-Chair:

Rapporteurs: AVRDC, LI-BIRD

Group 3: Policies

Chair: H E. L. Escobar Bravo, Minister of Agriculture, Ecuador

Co-Chair:

Rapporteurs: WUR, AREA

Group 4: Community perspective

Chair: M. Velayutham, Executive Director, MSSRF

Co-Chair:

Rapporteurs: MSSRF

10.30 – 11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00 – 12.00 Report to plenary

Group Chairs

12.00 – 13.30 Preparation of draft recommendations

Drafting Committee

Visit to MSSRF

13.30 – 14.30 *Lunch break*

Session IV – The way forward

14.30 – 16.15 Chair: M.S. Swaminathan, Chairman, MSSRF

Rapporteurs: CIDA, GTZ

14.30 – 15.15 Presentation of draft recommendations

15.15 – 16.15 Adoption of recommendations

16.15 – 16.45 *Coffee break*

Closing and wrap-up session

16.45 – 18.30 Chair: E. Frison, Director General, IPGRI

16.45 – 17.30 Closing remarks

Policy makers, donors, civil society
organizations, organizers

17.30 – 17.45 Vote of thanks

Executive Director, MSSRF

18.00 – 18.30 **Press conference**

19.30 – 21.30 *Cultural programme and farewell dinner*

Wednesday, 20 April 2005

Departure of participants