

WORKSHOP 8

ECOSYSTEMS AND INDIGENOUS & LOCAL PEOPLES WELLBEING

ORGANISER NAME(S):

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PRESENTER(S):

Any interested participant from the forum can present. We aim to have open structure for this workshop. The organizer(s) will provide a brief introduction and then the workshop will open for the group members to share their ideas and to come up with a framework at the end of the workshop.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

All Forum participants are welcome; we encourage policy makers, Government representatives, Indigenous and local people, researchers from social, economics and natural sciences background.

BRIEF:

This workshop will specifically discuss topics related to Indigenous and local communities wellbeing and ecosystems services (ES). The aim will be to evaluate each and every link including main provisioning ES, particularly the socio-cultural benefits as recognized by the participants, that can help to develop an Indigenous specific ES framework.

The facilitator(s) will use the commonly used ES frameworks developed by the Millennium Assessment and the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, to start discussion and may include ideas linking spiritual and cultural connections that matter for people's wellbeing.

The workshop will also explore the current policy mechanisms that can help mainstreaming ES in to Indigenous development (wellbeing), applying multi-disciplinary approaches.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

An Indigenous and local peoples specific ES framework