



Nature is Changing Copenhagen and beyond – What does it mean for Asia?

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You are cordially invited to attend public lecture with experts from the International Union of Conservation of Nature, hosted by the Singapore Institute of International Affairs, and the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, and Indochine.

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SYNOPSIS

Nature is changing – more frequent and unpredictable violent storms, heat waves, forest fires, floods, droughts, retreating glaciers and ice sheets, rising sea levels – these are just a few examples of the impacts of Climate Change on the world today. As world leaders meet at the Conference of Parties in Copenhagen to agree on a global response to the problem, the whole world is grappling to understand what Climate Change means to us, and what we can do about it.

In this dialogue, experts from the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) will explore the impacts of Climate Change on Asia's people, economies and states. We will discuss issues affecting our environments from the Himalayas to the oceans. We will talk about the role of policy at global and national levels and its effectiveness in addressing these issues. Finally, we discuss the opportunities of nature-based solutions, and the positive actions Asian policy makers and the business community can take to improve Asia's resilience to the impacts of Climate Change. Please come and discuss these topics with IUCN, raise your own concerns and explore possible responses to one of the most important issues affecting our lives today.

PROGRAMME

5.00-5.30	Registration
5.30-5.35	Assoc. Prof. Shreekant Gupta , Associate Professor, Environmental Economics, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore
5.35-5.40	Opening remarks by Ms. Camilla Hall , Indochine Group
5.40-5.45	A brief introduction to the hopes for Copenhagen, H.E. Vibeke Rovsing Lauritzen , Ambassador of Denmark
5.40-5.45	In Conversation: "Nature is Changing: Copenhagen and beyond – what does it mean for Asia?" With: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Aban Marker Kabraji, IUCN Asia Regional Director • Dr. T. P. Singh, Regional Group Head, Ecosystems and Livelihoods, Bangkok • Mr. Ganesh Pangare, Water and Wetlands Programme Coordinator, IUCN Asia • Mr. Dorjee Sun, CEO, Carbon Conservation Moderated by Assoc. Prof. Simon Tay , Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy and Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore and Chairman, Singapore Institute of International Affairs
6.30-7.00	Q&A and Closing remarks by Assoc. Prof. Simon Tay , Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy and Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore and Chairman, Singapore Institute of International Affairs

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Ms. Aban Marker Kabraji
IUCN Asia Regional Director



Ms. Aban Marker Kabraji has dedicated 20 years of her professional career to IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature). Aban first joined IUCN as the Country Representative for Pakistan in 1988 for 11 years before initiating the establishment of an IUCN Asia Regional Office in Bangkok. Today, as the Director of IUCN Asia Regional Office she provides strategic leadership across ten countries and two expert groups covering a wide spectrum of thematic environmental programmes. Throughout her career, she has been actively involved in negotiating with governments in implementing international treaties and conventions (CBD, CITES, and Ramsar). She maintains a special interest in gender, social equity and security, to the extent of undertaking programme activities in politically less secure areas where other environmental organizations have found it difficult to work.

Dr. T. P. Singh, Ph.D
Regional Group Head, Ecosystems and Livelihoods, Bangkok



Dr. Singh is responsible for the development and management of IUCN's regional programmes related to the areas of Forests, Wetlands & Water, Environmental law, Protected Areas, Business & Biodiversity, Climate Change and Energy. He is also involved in developing IUCN's new country programmes in India and Indonesia. Dr. Singh has three decades of experience in the natural resource management sector. Trained initially in botany and forestry, Dr. Singh's technical and research skills are interdisciplinary in nature covering sustainable development, community based natural resource management, rural livelihood systems, watershed management, forestry and climate change and policy analysis.

Mr. Ganesh Pangare
Water and Wetlands Programme Coordinator, IUCN Asia



Ganesh Pangare is the Coordinator for the Water and Wetlands Program, IUCN, Asia Regional Office. His main area of work during the past twenty years has been in people-centered water interventions, such as indigenous water harvesting systems, micro-watershed management, participatory irrigation management, urban water bodies, and wastewater management. Currently his main thrust of work is in the area of pro-poor water sector reforms and policy at local, national, regional and global levels for livelihood and food security, with a focus on primary stakeholder participation.

Mr. Dorjee Sun
CEO, Carbon Conservation



Dorjee Sun is CEO of Carbon Conservation and is passionate about forests, community development, conservation and climate change. He started Carbon Conservation to finance the preservation of tropical rainforests and provide carbon credit revenues to local communities via avoided deforestation.

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IUCN is the world's oldest and largest global environmental network - a democratic membership union with more than 1,000 government and NGO member organizations, and almost 11,000 volunteer scientists in more than 160 countries. IUCN's work is supported by over 1,000 professional staff in 60 offices and hundreds of partners in public, NGO and private sectors around

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About the IndoChine Green Festival

The IndoChine Festival was first organized to provide friends of IndoChine Group from around the world to come together for business, fun and for a meaningful reason – opportunities in which to network and establish potential business partnerships can develop since IndoChine Group likes to see itself as facilitator for fun and business through a superb line-up of convivial activities. In the last few years, an esteemed guestlist comprising royalty, celebrities, well-known business personalities and socialites have come together for this prestigious event held in the Lion City. For the past three years, our Guest of Honour has been Dr Ashok Khosla, President of Club of Rome and IUCN. Thanks to strong relationship between Dr Ashok Khosla and IndoChine Group, IndoChine is now taking the lead to help to transform the world through meaningful green business and fair trade by organising events where business leaders can meet scientists to develop sustainable business and give hope for the world. IndoChine has also been asked by the UN to help with their countdown campaign for Copenhagen – Hopenhagen. IndoChine Group believes music and art can transform and unite everybody on this earth to create peaceful and meaningful experiences whereby we all can breathe fresh air and have clean water – and where poverty belongs to history!

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