

T4P WEBINAR #2

BUILDING ETHICAL AND SUSTAINABLE RELATIONS BETWEEN HUMANITY AND NATURE

GENERAL INFO

16 February 2021

13:45-15:35 Bangkok time

17:45-19:35 Sydney / 12:15-14:05 New Delhi

BACKGROUND

As a leadup to T4P Regional Dialogue, the second webinar 'Building Ethical and Sustainable Relations between Humanity and Nature' has been planned. This webinar will look into the overwhelming concerns of the general public, such as the climate crisis and the destruction of our natural environment, issues that are of substantial importance for World Peace. The webinar will highlight the importance to turn from a long period of debating environmental issues of relevance for human survivability, to action that does what has been said before. It aims to encourage the application of promising practices of people living in harmony with nature. The 'Take Away messages' of the webinar will be made available to the Member States as recommendations for action towards 'positive peace'.

REGISTRATION LINK

https://unesco-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3Ft2NJbXTkSpmGQs3rwUEg

PRELIMINARY AGENDA (Bangkok time)

13:45-13:55 **Registration** Waiting Room

13:55-14:00 **Introduction**

Benno Böer, Natural Sciences Programme Specialist, UNESCO Bangkok

14:00-14:05 **Welcome Adress**

Shigeru Aoyagi, Director, UNESCO Bangkok

14:05-14:15 **Opening Remarks**

Shamila Nair-Bedouelle, UNESCO Assistant-Director General, Natural Sciences Sector, UNESCO Headquarters

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Video

[The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services IPBES Regional Assessment of Asia-Pacific](#)

14:20-14:30

Keynote I

Biosphere Reserves: models for sustainable human living

Roman Jashenko, Kazakhstan Man and the Biosphere National Commission

14:30-14:31

Video

[UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021 - 2030: 10 years to heal the planet](#)

14:31-14:40

Keynote II: Human survivability

Kaoru Takara, Graduate School for Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability, Kyoto University, Japan

14:40-14:45

Slide Show: UNESCO Green Academies

Benno Böer with music by Charlie Winston

14:45-15:15

Panel Discussions

- Time for Nature
Sriaram Siriporn, Acting Head of Thailand Office, IUCN
- Peace-People-Nature
Deepak Sharma, Vice President for Academy Affairs, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)
- Climate Change
Toru Terai, First Secretary and Alternate Permanent Representative of Japan to ESCAP, Embassy of Japan in Thailand
- Human & Nature
Anantha Kumar Duraiappah, Director, UNESCO MGIEP

15:15-15:30

Q&A

15:30-15:35

Closing Remarks

Shabaz Khan, Director, UNESCO Jakarta Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Sciences

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER BIOS

Keynote I Biosphere Reserves: models for sustainable human living



ROMAN JASHENKO

Kazakhstan Man and the Biosphere National Commission

Prof. Jashenko is the Director-General of the Institute of Zoology RK, Chairman of the Kazakhstan National Committee for the UNESCO Program "Man and the Biosphere" (MAB), member of the National Commission of Republic of Kazakhstan on UNESCO and ISESCO, member of the International Advisory Committee for Biosphere Reserves UNESCO, and the president of the Tethys Scientific Society.

Keynote II Human survivability



KAORU TAKARA

Graduate School for Advanced Integrated Studies in Human Survivability, Kyoto University, Japan

Dr Takara is a professor at Kyoto University, Japan since 1998. He joined international research activities such as IDNDR (International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction) in 1994, UNESCO-IHP (International Hydrological Programme) in 1996, and JASTIP (Japan-ASEAN Science, Technology and Innovation Platform) in 2015. He also established UNESCO Chair WENDI (Water, Energy and Disaster Management) in Kyoto University in April 2018, serving as the Chairholder.

Panel discussion



SIRIPORN SRIARAM

Acting Head of Thailand Office, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Ms Sriaram is managing several projects such as MARPLASTICCs, Thailand Business and Bio-Diversity Network Alliance (B-DNA), Dow & Thailand Mangrove Alliance. She joined IUCN in 2008 as the Mangroves for the Future (MFF) Thailand National Coordinator. In 2018, Ms Siriporn became a member of IUCN Commission on Education and Communication (CEC) with a passion to connect, educate and inspire people about sustainable development through nature conservation.



DEEPAK SHARMA

Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT)

Prior to taking up his current position, Mr Sharma directed the Energy Policy program at the University of Technology in Sydney. His professional interests include energy and environmental policy interfaces, energy-food-water security nexus, infrastructure-economy linkages, institutions, governance, and political economy.



TORU TERAJ

First secretary of the Embassy of Japan in Thailand

Mr Terai serves as the first secretary of the Embassy of Japan in Thailand and is in charge of environmental cooperation between Japan and Thailand. Before coming to Thailand he had worked at the Ministry of the Environment in Japan for more than 10 years. He has been mainly in charge of mitigation of and adaptation to climate change, industrial waste management especially food waste and hazardous waste, air pollution, and radioactive and hazardous materials management.



ANANTHA KUMAR DURAIAPPAH

Director, UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP)

Mr Duraiappah took the position as Inaugural Director of the MGIEP based in New Delhi, India in 2014. A science-policy pacesetter, with over 35 years' experience, he now plays a key role in positioning UNESCO MGIEP as a leading research institute on education for peace, sustainable development and global citizenship.