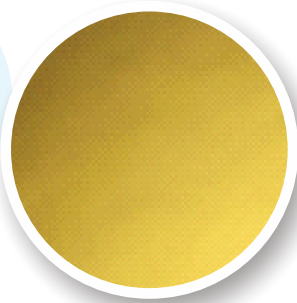


Recognizing and Managing the value of nature's contribution to people through food systems and transformation

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Welcome Remarks



(Moderator)

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Panel Discussion 1



(Moderator)

Linxiu Zhang

UNEP senior staff
Director, UNEP-International Ecosystem Management Partnership (UNEP-IEMP)

Dr. Linxiu Zhang, UNEP senior staff and Director, UNEP-International Ecosystem Management Partnership (UNEP-IEMP), a joint center between the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and UNEP. She is leading the implementation of a UNEP flagship programme focusing on the nexus of climate change, ecosystem services and sustainable livelihoods (CEL) through South-South cooperation. She is affiliated with the Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research of CAS as a senior research fellow and with the University of CAS (UCAS) as an adjunct professor. She is also a fellow of The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS). Prior to joining UNEP in 2018, she served as Director/Deputy Director of the Center for Chinese Agricultural Policy of CAS. She has more than 30 years of professional experience on policy-relevant studies on rural development, particularly in the fields of employment and migration, land tenure, public goods and services provision, poverty alleviation and sustainable livelihoods, climate change adaptation and gender.



Pavan Sukhdev

Founder & CEO, GIST Impact

Pavan Sukhdev is a scientist by education, an international banker by training, and an environmental economist by passion. Years of work in sustainability and the invisible economics of nature led to his appointment to head the United Nations' "Green Economy Initiative" and to lead the G8+5 study TEEB (The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity).

Pavan was awarded the McCluskey Fellowship (2011) by Yale University. At Yale, he taught a graduate course on TEEB and wrote his book "Corporation 2020-Transforming Business for Tomorrow's World". In this book, he advocates four changes in micro-policy and regulation

which can rapidly transform today's corporation to deliver tomorrow's green and equitable "economy of permanence". This led to his ongoing campaign (launched at Rio+20, 2012) on transforming business for tomorrow's world. Pavan promotes tomorrow's corporation, "Corporation 2020", one with positive rather than negative externalities as the engine of tomorrow's inclusive green economy.

As founder and CEO of GIST Impact, which delivers impact valuation and analytics, Pavan works with asset managers, C-suite executives and senior government officials on transition techniques, with an emphasis on metrics for sustainability.

Pavan has served on the boards of Conservation International (CI), the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), the Stockholm Resilience Centre (SRC), and on the TEEB Advisory Board and has won several awards for his work including the Blue Planet Prize (2016) and the Tyler Prize (2020).



Zhentuan Lin

Director, Division of Nature Ecology and Marine Ecology Environment (Soil Ecology), Ecology Environment Bureau of Shenzhen Municipality, China



Ellie Xiang

Deputy Director of International Cooperation, GoldenBee Representative of Capitals China Hub

She has been engaged in promoting Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Sustainable Development in China for 12 years. She deeply involved in the bilateral governmental CSR Projects, such as Sino-Swedish CSR Project, Sino-German CSR Project. She has provided CSR consulting, research, training and branding services for many international organizations, such as UNCEF, UNDP, UN Women, UNHCR, OECD, CBCC, Capitals Coalition, etc. Since 2020, together with Capitals Coalition, she has been leading the TEEBAgriFood Project in China, to promote capitals assessment in business.



Martin Lok

Executive Director and Member of the Management Board, Capitals Coalition

As Executive Director and Member of the Management Board of the Capitals Coalition, Martin Lok holds general responsibilities for leading and managing the organization. He leads the Coalition's policy advocacy as well as its collaboration with its Hubs across the world.

Before joining the Coalition, Martin worked more than 30 years as policy maker for the Netherland's government. He has worked in several policy domains, including environmental policy, nature policy, international biodiversity policy and green growth policy. Martin is co-author of several national policy documents and has led public-private collaborative actions on natural capital in the Netherlands from 2014 onwards.



Martin is a member of the Board of the Partnership for Biodiversity Accounting Financials Foundation (PBAF Foundation) and also of MVO Nederland's Advisory Board for the Chemical Sector.

Panel Discussion 2



(Moderator)

Michelle Guertin

Head of Business Development and Resource Mobilization, ICIMOD

Michelle Guertin is the Head of Business Development and Resource Mobilization at ICIMOD – the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development. She holds over 20 years of experience managing programs, projects, and multi-disciplinary teams in the public sphere (Government of Canada, including Global Affairs Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada, and the Canadian Wildlife Service) and at the international level (CIMMYT-CGIAR and ICIMOD). She has played a key role in policy and regulatory development for biodiversity conservation in Canada, as well as in negotiations of international environmental agreements. Her experience lies in resource mobilization, strategic partnerships, and development cooperation in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and North Africa, and Latin America. She holds a master's degree in Environmental Science from Sherbrooke University and a bachelor's degree in Agricultural and Environmental Sciences from McGill University.



Vinod B. Mathur

Former Chairperson, National Biodiversity Authority of India

After serving for 33 years at the prestigious Wildlife Institute of India including as the Dean (2005-2014) and subsequently as the Director (2014-2019) Dr. Vinod B. Mathur worked as the Chairperson of the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) from 1st September, 2019 to 31st August, 2022. Dr. Mathur obtained his doctorate degree from the University of Oxford, United Kingdom in 1991. He has been the Regional Vice-Chair of the IUCN-World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA-South Asia) from 2011-2021.

Dr. Mathur has been actively contributing on biodiversity research-policy interface issues and has been the Regional Vice-Chair (Asia-Pacific Region) of United Nations Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (UN-IPBES) Multi-disciplinary Expert Panel (MEP) (2014-2018). He is currently the UN IPBES Bureau member (2019-2023) and also the UN-CBD Bureau Member (2019-2022). In July, 2022 he was elected as the Vice-Chair of IPBES Bureau. His area of interest include Biodiversity Mainstreaming, International Biodiversity Negotiations and Green Infrastructure Development.



Weidong Zhou

China Director & Ambassador for CBD COP15, WBCSD
Chief Advisor of China, Business for Nature

In this role he is responsible for setting the strategic direction of all of the projects of WBCSD and lead the China office operation. He is working with WBCSD members and partners to bring business solutions to COP15 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in China,



and to other Climate & nature-related initiatives and events. Wei dong also takes the role as Chief China Advisor for Business for Nature (BfN). In this capacity, he is advising BfN on all activities in China and leading national outreach.

Prior to this, he established the China Alliance of Green Consumption and Green Supply Chain (GCSG) as its Executive Secretary-General and acted Managing Director of The Sustainability Consortium (TSC) in China. From 2005-2012, he founded and led Business for Social Responsibility (BSR) as China Country Director for 8 years. Mr. Zhou graduated from Qingdao University of Science & Technology and later obtained his master's degree in Asian Business Studies from the University of London (SOAS) in UK.



Benchamaporn Wattanatongchai

Director of the Biodiversity National Focal Point Section of Biodiversity Management Division (BMD), Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning (ONEP).



Xuefang Wu

Researcher and deputy chief engineer, Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences (CRAES)

Wu Xuefang is the researcher and deputy chief engineer of Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences (CRAES). He holds the Doctor's degree, Master's degree and bachelor's degree of Atmospheric physics from Beijing University. He has been engaged in the formulation and revision of ecological and environmental standards and related scientific research over the past 30 years. He presided over the formulation and revision of dozens of major national environmental standards, such as ambient air quality standards and emission standards of air pollutants for thermal power plants, as well as the preparation of the 12th and the 13th Five-Year development plans of national environmental protection standards. He has won the China Standard Innovation Contribution Award and the Environmental Science and Technology Award for many times.



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