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## FOREWORD



The successful hosting of the prestigious mega event, CoP-11 to the Convention on Biological Diversity, in Hyderabad in October 2012, has brought honour, prestige and glory to India. The appreciation and wide acclamation received from different quarters have been overwhelming and gratifying. Understandably, much efforts have gone into the preparation and execution of an international event of this stature and magnitude.

I am indeed gratified to have led the team which was involved in the flawless execution of this event. I would also wish to place on record the contribution of Shri M.F. Farooqui who had been the overall incharge of planning and execution of the event.

I am very pleased to present this pictorial presentation of hosting of CoP-11 by India. The booklet documents the background and genesis, alongwith the preparations and the event together with various parallel activities held. This record not only makes an interesting reading by providing an insight into what went into organization of the event but would also be helpful to others in planning and executing similar activities. I congratulate and compliment Shri Hem Pande and Dr. Sujata Arora for taking up the initiative of preparing this document. Putting it all together in the form of a document is the perfect ode to the mega event itself.

India is committed to achieving the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity. As a megadiverse country, conserving our rich biodiversity is a national priority, as it is linked to securing livelihoods of millions of our local people. While hosting of CoP-11 is an important milestone, India would have to guide and steer the implementation of the decisions of CoP-11 during the two year Presidency of CoP-11, and at the same time strengthen the efforts towards biodiversity conservation at the national level.

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## PREFACE



India hosted the eleventh Conference of the Parties (CoP-11) to the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the sixth Meeting of the Parties serving as CoP to the Biosafety Protocol in Hyderabad from 1-19 October 2012. This was the largest ever such conference organized in India. While India had earlier hosted CoP-8 to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in 2002 nearly ten years back, the scale and magnitude of a CoP at that time was much smaller.

Organisation of an event of this stature is a huge responsibility for the Government, and entails planning over a period of nearly two years. As with many things in life, the journey itself is often as exhilarating as the destination itself. Preparing a brief account of how the event was planned and conducted is therefore a useful exercise in having relevant information put together at one place.

I express my appreciation for the initiative as well as the efforts made in preparation of the document on 'Hosting of CoP-11: A Pictorial Presentation', which would serve as a useful record of the megaevent for posterity.

While I was not associated in organization of the event itself as I joined a few weeks later, I am keenly following and supporting the follow-up activities, at the global level as President of CoP, as well as the efforts being made domestically to strengthen biodiversity conservation in the country.

I truly believe that having hosted CoP-11, India with a strong institutional, legal and policy framework, is emerging as a leader in conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and in steering the global agenda on biodiversity in the context of sustainable livelihoods during the UN Decade on Biodiversity 2011-2020.

**(V. Rajagopalan)**

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## Chapter **1**

# Introduction

India, a megadiverse country committed to the cause of conserving its rich biodiversity, successfully hosted the eleventh Conference of the Parties (CoP-11) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), and the sixth Meeting of the Parties serving as CoP (CoP-MoP-6) to the Biosafety Protocol in Hyderabad in October, 2012. This is the biggest global event on biodiversity held biennially. This was also the largest ever such conference organized in India, wherein thousands of delegates from 175 countries participated. Around 80 Ministers/Vice Ministers participated in the said Conference. The meetings were presided over by Minister for Environment and Forests (MEF), India as the President of CoP-11. The event provided India with an opportunity to consolidate, scale-up and showcase its strengths in the field of biodiversity. At the Conference, the Prime Minister launched the 'Hyderabad Pledge', wherein he announced earmarking USD 50 million during India's Presidency of the Conference of Parties to strengthen the institutional, technical and human capabilities for biodiversity conservation in India, and to promote similar capacity building in other developing countries. The term of office of India's Presidency will be for two years till CoP-12 which will be held in October, 2014.



## Chapter 2

# Background

**B**iodiversity encompasses the variety of all life on earth. India is a recognised megadiverse country rich in biodiversity and associated traditional knowledge, which is found both coded as in our ancient texts of Indian systems of medicine, and non-coded, as in oral undocumented traditions. With just 2.4% of the land area, India accounts for nearly 7% of the recorded species even while supporting almost 18% of human population as well as cattle population. The biotic pressure on our biodiversity is therefore immense. Over 45,000 species of plants and 91,000 species of animals have been recorded so far.

For India, conservation of its biodiversity is crucial not only because it provides several goods and services necessary for human survival, but also because it is directly linked with providing livelihoods to and improving socio-economic conditions of millions of our local people, thereby contributing to sustainable development and poverty alleviation.

In the last few decades globally, biodiversity has come under increasing pressure on account of factors such as habitat fragmentation, development imperatives and more recently global warming. The global concern about loss of biodiversity found expression in

the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) which was adopted at the Rio Earth Summit in 1992.

India is a Party to the CBD. The three objectives of the Convention are: conservation of biodiversity, sustainable use of its components, and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources. The Convention has near universal membership with 193 countries as Parties. USA is the only major country which is not a Party to the CBD.

The CBD adopted in January 2000 a supplementary agreement to the Convention known as the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (CPB). India has acceded to the Biosafety Protocol on 17th January 2003. The Protocol has come into force on 11th September 2003. As on 27 August 2013, 166 countries are Parties to the Protocol. The objective of the Protocol is to contribute to ensuring an adequate level of protection in the field of the safe transfer, handling and use of Living Modified Organisms resulting from modern biotechnology that may have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health, and specifically focusing on transboundary movements.



In India, measures for conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity did not start with the CBD. India has a long history of conservation and sustainable use of natural resources. Environment protection is enshrined in our Constitution (Articles 48 A and 51 A (g)). Over a period of time, a stable organisational structure has been developed for environment protection. Numerous and wide-ranging policies, programmes and projects are in place which serve to protect, conserve and regulate sustainable use of biological resources of the country.

CoP is the governing body of the CBD, which keeps under review implementation of the Convention and steers its development. CoP is open to all Parties, and to observers from non-Parties, international and non-governmental organizations. Eleven meetings of CoP have been held so far, first three annually (in 1994, 1995, 1996), and, thereafter, biennially in 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010 and 2012, as indicated in the table below.

**Table 1: CoPs to the CBD- The journey so far**

CoP	PERIOD	PLACE, COUNTRY	REGION
CoP-1	Nov-Dec 1994	Nassau, Bahamas	Latin American & Caribbean
CoP-2	November 1995	Jakarta, Indonesia	Asia & Pacific
CoP-3	November 1996	Buenos Aires, Argentina	Latin America & Caribbean
CoP-4	May 1998	Bratislava, Slovakia	Central & Eastern Europe
CoP-5	May 2000	Nairobi, Kenya	Africa
CoP-6	April 2002	The Hague, Netherlands	Western Europe and Others
CoP-7	February 2004	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Asia & Pacific
CoP-8	May 2006	Curitiba, Brazil	Latin America & Caribbean
CoP-9	May 2008	Bonn, Germany	Western Europe & Others
CoP-10	October 2010	Nagoya, Japan	Asia & Pacific
CoP-11	October 2012	Hyderabad, India	Asia & Pacific

## Chapter **3**

# Genesis

## How it all started

**D**r. Ahmed Djoghlaif, the-then Executive Secretary, CBD Secretariat, during his visit to Delhi in November 2006 to attend an International Conference on Biosafety organized by the Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEF), met MEF and senior officers in MoEF, and Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), and requested that India may consider to host CBD's CoP-11 in 2012. Dr. Djoghlaif followed up the matter by writing to the-then MEF in November 2006. The MEA expressed some apprehensions on the matter given the pressures that the host country finds itself. The request nevertheless was examined and a considered view was taken in the Ministry that, at that stage India would like to concentrate its efforts and energy in the ongoing negotiations on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS), and that we would be willing to consider hosting a future CoP after conclusion of ABS negotiations in 2010. This was communicated to Dr. Djoghlaif in March 2007.

Thereafter, Dr. Djoghlaif once again approached the MEF in October 2009 requesting to know if India would be interested to host CoP-11 in 2012. The Minister agreed to the request and directed the Ministry to aggressively pursue the matter. Accordingly, India's willingness to host CoP-11 to the CBD was communicated to Dr. Djoghlaif in October 2009. Simultaneously, MEA and Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) were requested to convey their concurrence for hosting CoP-11 to the CBD in 2012, from political and security angles, respectively. The MEA communicated their concurrence in January 2010, and the MHA communicated their in-principle no objection to the proposal in March 2010.

# Chapter 4

## Preparatory Phase

### 4.1 CoP-10: Decision of hosting CoP-11

As per the procedures and past practice, India's offer to host CoP-11 was included under the agenda item on 'Date and venue of next CoP' during CoP-10 to CBD held at Nagoya in October 2010. The CoP-10 to the CBD welcomed and endorsed India's offer to host CoP-11.

During the closing plenary of CoP-10, India as the incoming President, hosted a Reception on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2010. About 2000 delegates attended the Reception. The CoP-10 President, Environment Minister of Japan, the UK Environment Minister, and other high dignitaries were also present. The Reception started with a welcome address by Mr. Vijai Sharma, the-then Secretary (E&F) followed by a brief speech by CoP-10 President and Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, the-then Executive Secretary, CBD Secretariat. The cultural programme included recital of sitar, Bharat Natyam and dances on a few Bollywood numbers in the end. The beauty was that all the items were performed by Japanese troupes which were brought from Osaka with the help of Indian Mission there. Indian snacks specially ordered for the purpose were procured from an Indian restaurant in Nagoya. The Reception was a mega





hit and it was such a heart-warming sight to see the international audience enjoying and sometimes dancing to the tune of Indian classical and Bollywood numbers performed by Japanese artists on a foreign land. Many delegates commented that this was a unique experience for them, and they were eagerly looking forward to coming to India, possibly with their families.

In response to an invitation from the Prime Minister of Japan to the Indian Prime Minister for attending the opening of the high level segment of CoP-10 in Nagoya, Japan in October 2010, the Prime Minister of India sent a reply to the Japanese Prime Minister on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010, wherein regretting his inability to travel to Nagoya because of prior commitments, he stated that India has offered to host CoP-11 in 2012.

## 4.2 Meeting of past, present and future CoP Presidencies

A Ministerial meeting was organized by the CBD in partnership with the Government of Switzerland at Bogis-Bossey near Geneva on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2010, of the 11 States that had presided over or will preside the CoPs to the CBD. The-then MEF, Mr. Jairam Ramesh attended this meeting in his capacity as the Potential President of CoP-11. He also chaired this important meeting which resulted in the adoption of the Geneva Ministerial Biodiversity Call for Immediate Action, that was transmitted to CoP-10 held in Nagoya in October 2010. Thereafter, it was decided to organise this meeting as a regular annual event, and Switzerland agreed to host the meeting every year on 3<sup>rd</sup> September at the same venue.

## 4.3 UNGA's High Level meeting on Biodiversity

The UN General Assembly organized a special high level meeting on biodiversity on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2010 in New York, as a contribution to the International Year of Biodiversity, which was attended by Mr. Jairam Ramesh, the-then MEF. The outcome of this meeting was presented to CoP-10.





Participants of UNGA special session on Biodiversity

#### **4.4 Attending meetings of CoP-10 Bureau**

As the host of next CoP, India was thereafter invited to attend CoP Bureau meetings as observer to report on progress in the preparations for CoP-11. The first Bureau meeting attended by the then Special Secretary, MoEF, Mr. M.F. Farooqui, as Liaison officer designated for CoP-11, was in Nairobi on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2010 on the sidelines of the first meeting of Working Group on Review of Implementation, wherein a presentation was made on India's offer to host the CoP-11. Thereafter, following the decision adopted by CoP-10 regarding hosting of CoP-11 by India, Mr. Farooqui attended the CoP-10 Bureau meetings, and through presentations informed the Bureau members about the preparatory work being undertaken by India for hosting of CoP-11.

## 4.5 CoP-11 Logo and Slogan

The (MoEF) commissioned the services of National Institute of Design (NID), Ahmedabad, a premier professional design institute for preparing the logo and slogan for CoP-11 in February 2011. After a series of inputs from MoEF and series of consultations and several drafts, the logo and slogan for CoP-11 were finalized.



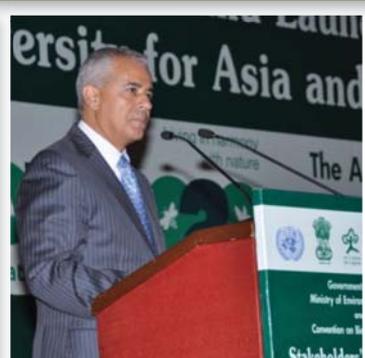
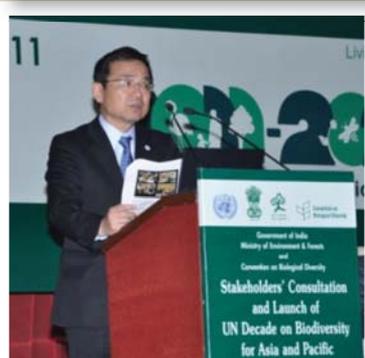
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The circle of the logo symbolizes nature's cycle. A woman (representing Mother Earth) winnowing grains depicts linkage of biodiversity with livelihoods. The motif at the top is of a tiger, the most charismatic of all the large land animals. India is home to nearly half of the 3,500 tigers that remain in the world. The tiger is also India's national animal. At the bottom is a dolphin, one of the most intelligent animals. Dolphins display advanced social behavior and culture similar to humans. The Gangetic dolphin is India's national aquatic animal. At the center is a bird representing avifauna and a leaf representing flora. On top is the slogan in Sanskrit: '*Prakruti Rakshati Rakshita*', translated in English as 'Nature Protects if She is Protected'.

The logo and slogan were formally unveiled by the MEF on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011. Detailed guidelines and manual for using the logo and slogan prepared by NID were circulated widely within the country, as well as to the CBD Secretariat. The logo and slogan were also uploaded on MoEF's and CBD's websites. As a result, several organizations started using the logo and slogan of CoP-11 in their documents nearly 15 months before the event.

#### 4.6 Formal launch of CoP-11 preparations

As the incoming Presidency of CoP-11, India hosted the regional launch of the UN Decade on Biodiversity (UNDB) for the Asia & Pacific region, alongwith National stakeholder consultations for CoP-11 on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011. This was the first in the series of a number of regional launches planned over different regions. The global launch of the UN Decade was originally scheduled to be hosted by the CoP-10 Presidency, Japan in Tokyo a day earlier, i.e., on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, the International Biodiversity Day. However, because of the earthquake and tsunami in northeast Japan on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2011, the global launch had to be postponed and was held on 17-19 December 2011 in Ishikawa Prefecture, Japan. Mr. Hem Pande, Joint Secretary in-charge attended this event.



The high level event organized in New Delhi on 23<sup>rd</sup> May was chaired by the MEF, and attended by Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the CBD Secretariat, the Vice Minister of Environment of Japan representing the CoP Presidency, the Ministers of a few countries, Ambassadors/





High Commissioners of many countries, representatives of Central Government Ministries, State Governments, National Biodiversity Authority, State Biodiversity Boards, Universities, specialized agencies of this Ministry, UN bodies, IGOs, CSOs and business. More than 500 participants attended this event. The event also marked the formal commencement of preparations for CoP-11 in India. At this event, the MEF released the logo and slogan for CoP-11, and also announced Hyderabad as likely venue city for CoP-11.

## 4.7 Intersessional meetings hosted by India

As a run-up to CoP/MoP-6 and CoP-11, India hosted and supported a series of important intersessional meetings. Some of these are given in the table below.

**Table 2. Intersessional meetings hosted by India**

S. No.	Name of the meeting	Venue and dates
1	Launch of Asia-Pacific chapter of UN Decade on Biodiversity, and national stakeholders consultation to launch of preparations for CoP-11	New Delhi, 23 May 2011
2	Capacity building workshop on socio-economic impacts of LMOs	New Delhi, 14-16 November 2011
3	Asia-Pacific Regional workshop on Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Protocol on Liability and Redress	New Delhi, 17-18 November 2011
4	Sub-regional Training of Trainers workshop on LMOs	New Delhi, 21-25 November 2011
5	Sub-regional workshop for South, East and South-East Asia on updating NBSAPs	Dehradun, 6-10 December 2011
6	Sub-regional workshop for South, East and South-East Asia on Protected Areas	Dehradun, 6-10 December 2011
7	Expert Group on Biodiversity for Poverty Eradication	Dehradun, 12-14 December 2011
8	SACEP capacity building workshop on Clearing House Mechanism	Dehradun, 12-16 December 2011
9	Familiarization seminar for CoP-11	Hyderabad, 14 December 2011
10	Second meeting of Intergovernmental Committee on Nagoya Protocol on ABS (ICNP-2)	New Delhi, 2-6 June 2012
11	ASEAN-India Environment Ministers meeting on Biodiversity	New Delhi, 6-7 September 2012

India also sponsored and/or actively participated in a number of intersessional activities undertaken at the international level in preparation of CoP-11. Some of these are list in the Table below.

**Table 3: Intersessional work with India's sponsorship or active participation in preparation for CoP-11**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the activity</b>	<b>Venue and dates</b>
1	Regional capacity building workshop for updating and revision of National Biodiversity Strategic and Action Plans (NBSAPs) for East, South and South East Asia	Xi'an, China, 9-16 May 2011
2	Reflection meeting on the Global Multilateral Benefit Sharing Mechanism (GMBSM)	Lysaker, Oslo, Norway, 24-25 March 2011
3	Expert meeting on compliance for Nagoya Protocol	Tokyo, Japan, 28 February-1 March 2012
4	Global dialogue seminar on scaling up finance for biodiversity	Quito, Ecuador, 6-9 March 2012
5	Informal Workshop on national experiences in implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020	Brasilia, Brazil, 12-14 March 2012
6	High Level Panel co-sponsored by Governments of UK and India on global assessment for resources required for implementation of Strategic Plan	Cambridge, UK, 2-3 August 2012



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# NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT SHARING (ICNP-2)

New Delhi, 2nd July-6th July, 2012

Hosted by: Ministry of Environment and Forests, G



## 4.8 Intergovernmental Committee on Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing



India hosted the second meeting of Intergovernmental Committee on Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (ICNP-2) in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi from 2-6 July 2012. It was the first ever open-ended meeting of the CBD hosted by India. Being held just three months prior to the CoP-11 mega event to be held in Hyderabad in October 2012, ICNP-2 was thus like a dress-rehearsal or trial-run especially in terms of logistics. The meeting was attended by over 500 participants (as compared to 300 who attended ICNP-1 held in Montreal in June, 2011) representing governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, local authorities, indigenous and local communities, the research community and the private sector. The meeting went off quite smoothly in terms of logistics, and made good progress in terms of agenda and contents.

The ICNP-2 adopted eight recommendations on ABS clearing house, capacity building and development, awareness raising, compliance procedures, guidance to financial mechanism, resource mobilisation and global mechanism for benefit sharing, in preparation for the Protocol's entry into force.





## 4.9 Logistic arrangements

Preliminary discussions were held during 2010 with leading and specialized conference organizations and destination management companies, exploring the possibilities of seeking end-to-end execution on turn-key basis.

The logistic arrangements for hosting the CoP-11 at Hyderabad picked up in early 2011. The venue for CoP-11, i.e., Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC), is a purpose-built facility with state-of-the-art IT infrastructure, design and telecommunications. Exhibition and some other events of CoP-11 were planned to be organised at Hyderabad International Trade Expositions Ltd (HITEX) which is adjacent to HICC.

Dr. Djoghlaif visited India to attend the 98<sup>th</sup> Indian Science Congress in January 2011, and to discuss arrangements for CoP-11 preparations. He met the MEF on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at Hotel Ashok in New Delhi.

Selection of a suitable Professional Conference Organiser (PCO) was undertaken through a tendering process. MCI (Mind Communications Ideas) was selected as the PCO in mid 2012 for assisting the Ministry in hosting of CoP-11.

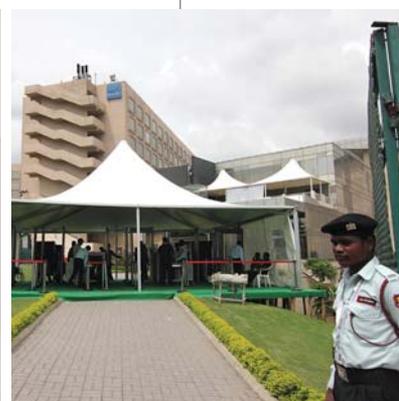
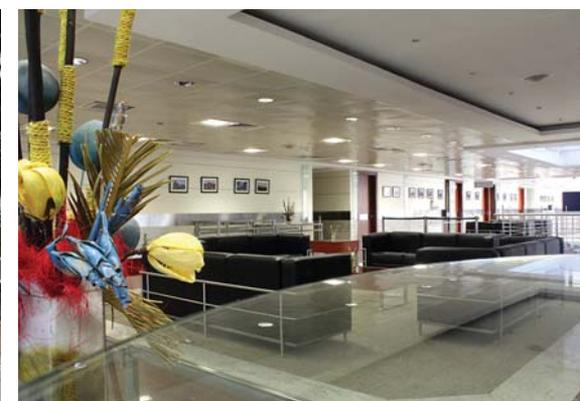




A multi-tier coordination mechanism for CoP-11 was developed. A National Steering Committee co-chaired by the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh and MEF was set up, the first meeting of which was held on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2011. A National Working Group co-chaired by Chief Secretary, Andhra Pradesh and Secretary (E&F) was set up which first met on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2011. An interministerial steering committee consisting of representatives of various Central Ministries such as Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Ministry of Environment & Forests was set up. The Government of Andhra Pradesh constituted a CoP Cell with representation of all relevant Departments. Teams were set up for: Reception/ High-level segment coordination/ Conference room logistics coordination/ Catering/ Security/ Medical/ Hygiene & Housekeeping/ Transport & accommodation/ Culture & tourism/ Exhibition/ Side events/ Visa facilitation/ Technical/ Media.



As a part of a multi-pronged strategy on communication, education and public awareness, through the 'Prakrithi Mitra' initiative of the National Green Corps (NGC), which is a





Government of India's programme to promote environment education among students, around 2200 school and college students from across all the 23 districts in the State of Andhra Pradesh were identified and trained to develop a talented ensemble of student volunteers. There were 200 hospitality staffs taken from National Institute of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Hyderabad, and 100 foreign language volunteers from English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad. Through a training programme conducted during the 15 months before CoP-11, they were trained in various aspects of media relations, hospitality and international relations to be able to guide and assist CoP-11 delegates.

A half-day familiarization seminar on CoP-11 was organized in Hyderabad on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011 to familiarize the officials of the Government of Andhra Pradesh, local NGOs, industry and other stakeholders about the CBD, the CoP, its functioning etc.

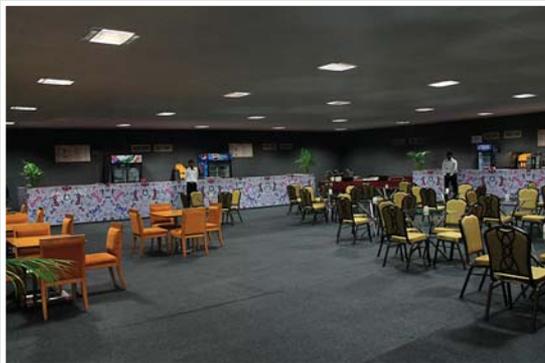
Action was initiated in consultation with the State Government for arranging accommodation of visiting delegates, efficient transport plan, visa facilitation and protocol, tourism, security, catering, exhibition, side events etc. Action on Media and awareness campaign was also initiated in consultation with the State Government.

Regular interactions were held with the CBD Secretariat for liaisoning on these issues. Discussions were also undertaken with them regarding the Host Government Agreement (HGA).

Dr Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary, CBD visited CoP-11 venue in October 2011, when meetings were arranged with MoEF and senior State Government officials. Discussions were also held with him regarding the HGA. A UNON Security and CBD conferencing team visited CoP-11 venue in Hyderabad on 15-18 November 2011.

Invitation letters were sent from Secretary (E&F) to Heads of over 80 relevant UN bodies and multilateral agencies in December 2011 inviting them for CoP-11. It was decided that the Prime





Minister of India would inaugurate the High Level Segment of CoP-11 by the Prime Minister on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012. The Governor and the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh would also be invited for the inaugural events. Accordingly, MEF sent letters of invitation to the Prime Minister and other high level dignitaries for this purpose.

Subsequent to the hiring of MCI as PCO, after detailed survey undertaken with representatives from CBD, MoEF, MCI and HICC for proper assessment of allocations and requirements, arrangements were made at the conference venue for registration office, hospitality desk, conference secretariat, bank, post office, warehouse etc.



A comprehensive audio visual and IT set up using best quality equipment was put in place. First aid and emergency medical facilities including tie-up with a leading hospital was made. Security plan at the venue, accommodation places and generally in the city, with round the clock CCTV surveillance and monitoring, keeping in view the regular delegate movement, VIP movement and general public movement, were put in place with



the involvement and approval of Cyberabad and Hyderabad Police. Sufficient catering arrangements with cafeteria/snack bar at competitive rates were made at both HICC and HITEX. For airport reception, two help desks each at domestic and international terminals of Rajiv Gandhi International airport at Hyderabad were set up. Facilitation arrangements were also made at New Delhi and Mumbai airports to cater to delegates entering via these cities. Protocol arrangements for the visiting dignitaries were made in consultation with the Ministry of External Affairs. A visual identity plan through signages was arranged at the airport, around the city and in the overall complex for ensuring proper guidance to all delegates.

The National and State Disaster Management Authorities were engaged alongwith HICC for putting in place a risk and disaster management plan, alongwith a possible emergency evacuation plan with the assistance from Cyberabad Police. Training to these staffs and all volunteers to act at time of emergency was provided.

An agency for handling media matter was appointed to work in coordination with the CBD Media team and the State Government Media Committee. A Media Centre was planned at HITEX areas with facility for live reporting and live feed of proceedings.

Transport facilities were arranged for the delegates for airport transfers, hotels to conference venue and back, transfers for officials social evenings, and shuttles within conference venue, using air conditioned fleet of vehicles for ensuring seamless delegate movement. The hotel to venue shuttle transfer scheduled was covered through 14 identified routes.

The on-site services provided at the venue of the conferences included: shipping/freight counter, postal and courier service, foreign exchange, tour desk, transportation counter, business





centre, lost and found counter, medical centre, ATM machines, food court, and information desk.

A list of all categories of hotels including over 8000 rooms was made available on the website, with the option of delegates making their own arrangements or using the services of the officially designated PCO.

#### 4.10 India's direct financial contribution

A proposal for incurring expenditure for hosting of CoP-11 activities was prepared for Rs. 65.70 crores, which was approved on 8th August, 2011. An additional amount of Rs. 22.34 crores was approved thereafter. Necessary approvals of the competent authority were then obtained. This amount was towards meeting the cost of hiring of venue, transport, PCO charges, amount to be paid to CBD Secretariat etc.

In response to a request by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, an amount of Rs. 90 crores (30% grant) was provided to them as a onetime Additional Central Assistance enabling the State Government to take up work for the conference up to Rs. 300 crores for activities such as upgradation of infrastructure and beautification of the venue city, and security etc.

In addition, in order to give a major thrust to biodiversity conservation programmes in the country during India's Presidency of CoP-11, a proposal for Rs. 216 crores for the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan period 2012-2017 for the existing Plan scheme on Biodiversity Conservation was approved.

#### 4.11 Support to LDCs and others for participation in HLS

In order to facilitate participation of Ministers from the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in the High Level Segment, a sum of USD 1 million equivalent to Rs. 5,49,10,000 was sanctioned out of the Special Fund of USD 5 million announced by the External Affairs Minister during the India-LDCs Ministerial Conference held in February, 2011. This amount was utilized for supporting participation of Minister plus one from each of the LDCs, and also for a few Bureau members on their request.

In response to request from CBD Secretariat, India contributed a sum of Rs. 12 lakhs towards meeting local hospitality expenditure for participation of CBD-sponsored delegates representing Indigenous and Local Communities (ILCs) at CoP-11.

Responding to a request from Reporting Services of International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)-United Nations Office, funding support of Rs. 10 lakhs was provided as in-part contribution for meeting the cost of coverage of CoP-11 by Earth Negotiation Bulletin (ENB).





In response to a call from the MoEF inviting various organizations to undertake activities relevant to CoP-11 in preparation for and during the event, the Ministry received very enthusiastic response from nearly 100 such organizations. In order to examine the large number of proposals received, a committee was constituted in National Biodiversity Authority. Based on recommendations of this committee, funding support was provided to 60 organizations for undertaking CoP-11 related activities.

#### 4.12 Host country website

An official website for CoP-11 was developed and made operational nearly six months before the event in April 2012, with the official domain: [www.cbdcop11india.in](http://www.cbdcop11india.in), and parallel domains as [www.cbdcop11india.org](http://www.cbdcop11india.org) and [www.cbdcop11india.com](http://www.cbdcop11india.com). All delegates services were made available under this single website, a link for which was also made available on CBD's official website. With the facility of a direct contact form, the visitor could contact organizers without sending email. Some other key features of the website included: detailed and regularly updated information for delegates, including about India, host city, conference venue and logistic arrangements; booking of accommodation with payment gateway from budget to five star category hotels alongwith hotel maps; detailed transport plan with time schedules; Exhibition space layout and booking with payment gateway; details of tours and excursions with facility of online booking; and important public information regarding police, hospitals etc.

#### 4.13 High Level Segment (HLS)

As has been the practice, India as the host Government organized a High Level Segment (HLS) on 16-19 October 2012, with a view to facilitate advancing of discussions on the agenda of CoP. The programme for HLS was worked out by the host Government in consultation with the CBD Secretariat. To begin with, India identified the following five key issues for discussions in the HLS so as to advance the agenda of CoP and CBD:

- ◆ Biodiversity and Livelihoods
- ◆ Integration of value of Biodiversity in National Planning and Accounting Process
- ◆ Strategy for Resource Mobilization
- ◆ Coastal and Marine Biodiversity
- ◆ Operationalisation of Nagoya Protocol

Letters were sent from the MEF on 1st August 2011 to the Ministers-in-Charge of CBD of all countries informing them about these issues, and inviting them to the HLS, more than a year before the event.

Eventually, in consultation with the CBD Secretariat, it was decided to have statements by Heads of Ministerial delegations and international organizations running in parallel with the following four interactive Panel discussions during the HLS:

**Panel I:** Implementation of the Strategic Plan on Biodiversity 2011-2020

**Panel II:** Biodiversity for Livelihoods and Poverty Reduction

**Panel III:** Coastal and Marine Biodiversity

**Panel IV:** Implementation of Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing

Moderators and Facilitators were identified for these four Panels, and invitation letters sent to them by the MEF.

In order to prepare background papers for the four Panels, inputs were obtained from CBD Secretariat, National Biodiversity Authority, and other experts.

<p align="center"><b>High Level Segment of CoP-11 to CBD</b>  <i>Venue:</i> Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC), Hyderabad, India  <i>Date:</i> 16-19 October, 2012</p>			
<p align="center"><b>TENTATIVE PROGRAMME</b>                      (As on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2012)</p>			
<p align="center"><b>Opening Plenary of the High Level Segment (HLS)</b>  <i>Date:</i> 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2012  <i>Time:</i> 3.30 to 4.30 pm</p>			
<p align="center">Opening Statements by the <b>Prime Minister of India</b> and other dignitaries including                      Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh; President of CoP-11;                      Executive Secretary of CBD; GEF CEO and Executive Director of UNEP</p>			
Sessions	17 October (Wed)	18 October (Thurs)	19 October (Fri)
Morning session (10.00 AM - 01.00 PM)	<p><u>Chair:</u> Ms Jayanthi Natarajan, Minister Environment and Forests, Government of India (GoI) and President CoP-11</p> <p>Statements by Heads of Ministerial Delegations and participating International Organisations</p> <p><u>Parallel Panel discussion</u>  <b>Panel-I: Implementation of the Strategic Plan on Biodiversity 2011-2020</b>                      Moderator: UK                      Facilitators: Germany, Brazil, South Africa, Costa Rica, Cuba</p>	<p>Statements by the participants at Ministerial level (Cont'd.)</p> <p><u>Parallel Panel discussion</u></p> <p>Panel-III: Coastal and Marine Biodiversity</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Peru  <u>Facilitators:</u> France, Philippines, Senegal, Seychelles, Venezuela</p>	<p>Chair's Summary HLS Panels (I - IV)</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Ms Jayanthi Natarajan, Minister of Environment and Forests, GoI and President CoP-11</p>
Lunch (01.00 - 03.00 PM)	Lunch by Government of India (by invitation) <u>Invitees:</u> All HLS participants (1+1)	Lunch by Government of India (by invitation) <u>Invitees:</u> All HLS participants (1+1)	Lunch by Government of India (by invitation) <u>Invitees:</u> All HLS participants (1+1)
Afternoon Session (03.00 - 06.00 PM)	<p>Statements by the participants at Ministerial level (Cont'd.)</p> <p><u>Parallel Panel discussion</u>  <b>Panel-II: Biodiversity for Livelihoods and Poverty Reduction</b>                      Moderator: Namibia                      Facilitators: Sweden, Bolivia, Indonesia, Ghana, Australia</p>	<p>Statements by the participants at Ministerial level (Cont'd.)</p> <p><u>Parallel Panel discussion</u>  <b>Panel-IV: Implementation of Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing</b>                      Moderator: Norway                      Facilitators: Bhutan, Mexico, Ethiopia, Republic of Korea, EU</p>	Closing Plenary of CoP-11
Evening Session	07.00 - 09.00 PM Reception hosted by Government of India <u>Invitees:</u> All participants in the HLS (1+1)	07.00 - 09.00 PM Reception hosted by Government of Andhra Pradesh <u>Invitees:</u> All participants in the HLS (1+1)	06.00 PM Reception by Republic of Korea

After a series of discussions over the drafts, these were finalized and communicated to CBD Secretariat.

#### 4.14 Preparation of country position

The agenda of CoP is largely drawn from decisions of previous CoP. Side events and exhibition also play a role in evolution of emerging issues on the agenda of CoP. Thus, agenda of CoP-11 was inherited from decisions of CoP-10, and had about 36 substantive items.

As has been the practice, the country position on different agenda items of CoP-11 was prepared in consultation with concerned Ministries and experts. The process was started more than 15 months before the event, when in June 2011, the provisional agenda of CoP-11 was first sent to the concerned Ministries/organisations/experts. The annotated agenda of CoP-11 was circulated in January 2012. The first interministerial-cum-expert meeting to discuss of CoP-11 agenda was held 6th February, 2012,

followed by interministerial-cum-expert meetings held on 25th and 26th April 2012 in preparation for SBSTTA-16 and WGRI-4 meetings, on 26.6.2012 to discuss agenda of ICNP-2, and on 27.8.2012 to discuss agenda of CoP-11 for preparation of country position.

#### 4.15 Indian delegation

The official Indian delegation for CoP-11 was led by Secretary (E&F), comprised of about 45 members representing MoEF, concerned Ministries/Departments of the Central Government and their organisations, National Biodiversity Authority, autonomous/subordinate organisations of MoEF, Planning Commission, and Experts. Each of these members was assigned specific agenda items.

In addition, there were more than 200 Indian delegates from the Central Government and Government of Andhra Pradesh to deal with the logistic aspects of the conference.

#### CoP-11 Core Team in Moef

The entire preparatory work relating to hosting of CoP-11 was spearheaded by a small core team of officers in the MoEF led by the Minister for Environment & Forests. The team comprised of: Dr. T. Chatterjee, Mr. M.F. Farooqui, Mr. Hem Pande, Dr. J.R. Bhatt, Dr. Ranjini Warriar, Dr. Sujata Arora, Mr. Alok Agarwal and Mr. Sandeep Prasad



## Chapter **5**

# The Event

### 5.1 CoP/MoP-6

The sixth Meeting of the Parties serving as Conference of the Parties (CoP/MoP-6) to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety was held in Hyderabad, India on 1-5 October 2012. The meeting was presided over by Ms. Jayanthi Natarajan, Minister for Environment & Forests, India as the President of CoP/MoP-6. In the inaugural session, statements were made by Mr. Masamichi Saigo, Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries as President of CoP/MoP-5; CBD Executive Secretary



Dr. Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias; Dr. Bakary Kante, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); Ekkadu Srinivasan Lakshmi Narasimhan, Governor of Andhra Pradesh; and Dr. Tishyarakshit Chatterjee, Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests. Thereafter, the plenary of CoP/MoP-6 was chaired by Mr. M.F. Farooqui, Special Secretary, MoEF, representing CoP/MoP-6 President.



Approximately 1300 participants representing nearly 100 Parties to the Protocol and other governments, UN agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, academia and industry attended CoP-MoP 6.



The CoP/MoP-6 meeting adopted 16 decisions on: compliance; the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress (the Supplementary Protocol); subsidiary bodies; cooperation with other organizations, conventions and initiatives; the Biosafety Clearing-House; capacity building; the roster of experts; monitoring and reporting; assessment and review; notification requirements; handling, transport, packaging and identification of living modified organisms (LMOs) (Article 18); unintentional transboundary movements of LMOs (Article 17); financial mechanism and resources; socio-economic considerations; risk assessment and risk management; and the budget.

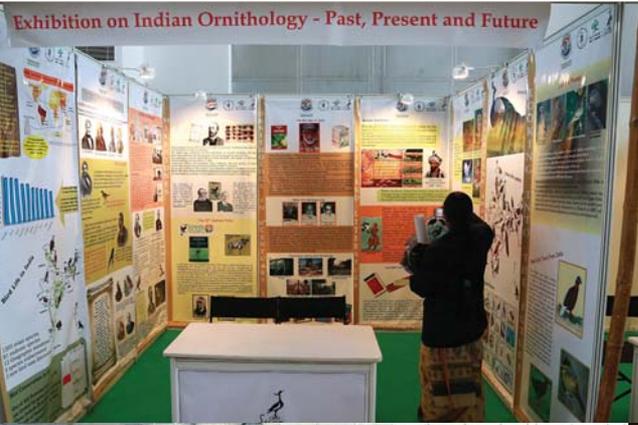


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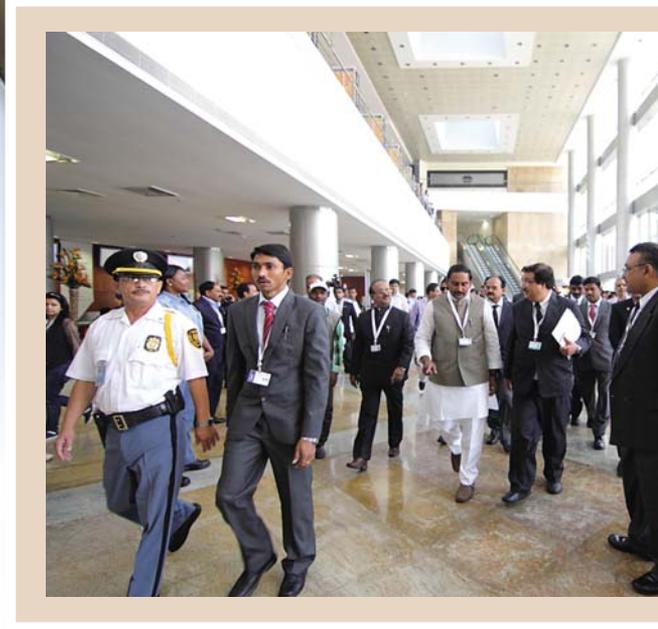
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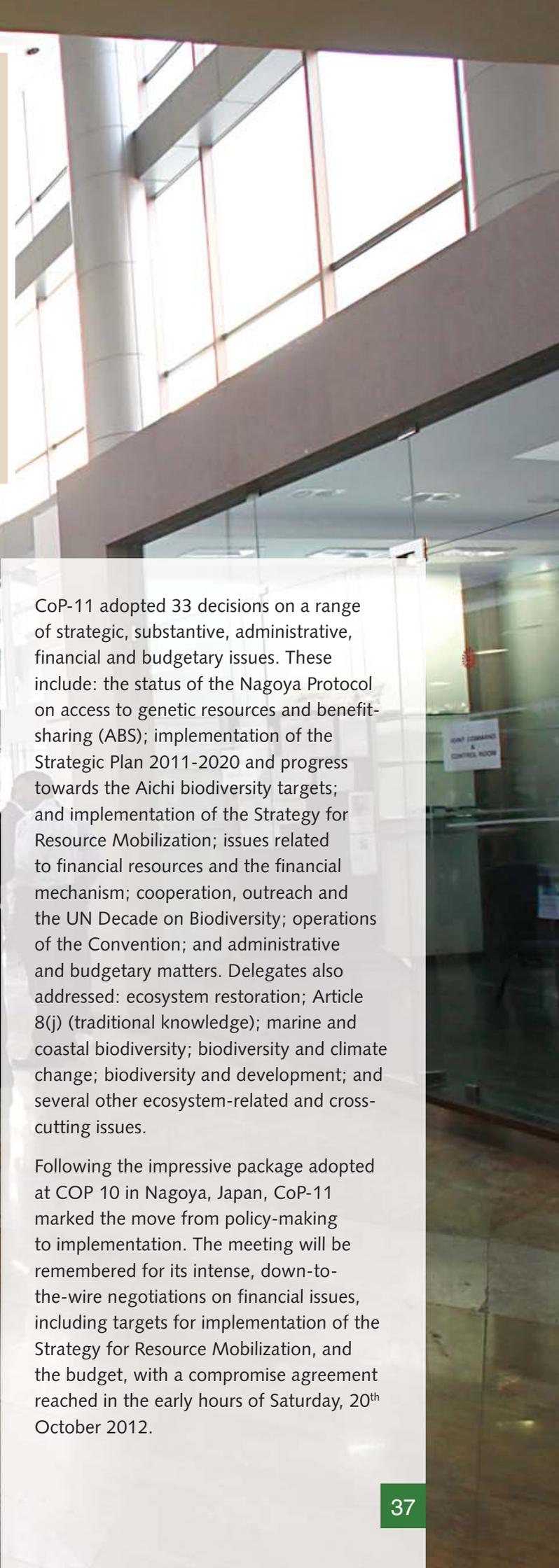
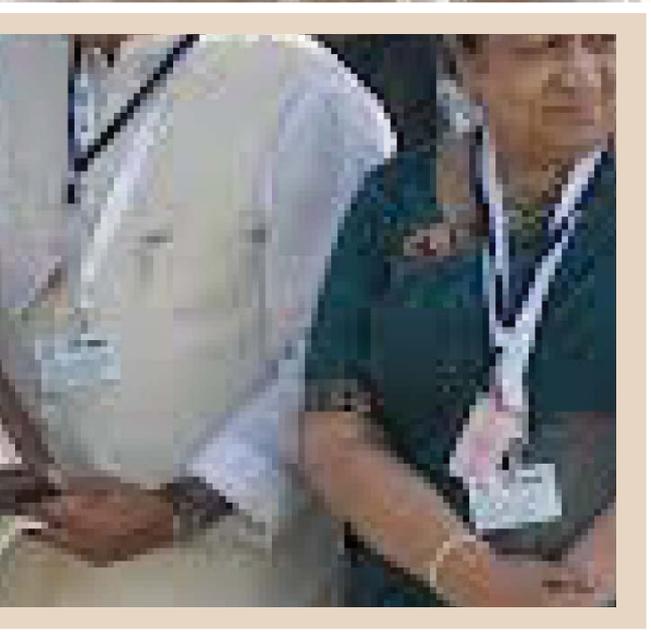


## 5.2 CoP-11

The eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 11) to the CBD was held from 8-19 October 2012, in Hyderabad, India, following CoP/MoP-6. The meeting was presided over by Ms. Jayanthi Natarajan, Minister for Environment and Forests, India as the President of CoP-11. In the opening session, statements were made by Mr. Hoshino Kazuaki, on behalf of the Minister of Environment of Japan; Mr. Ryu Matsumoto, former Minister of Environment of Japan and CoP-10 President; Ms. Amina Mohamed, UNEP Deputy Executive Director; CBD Executive Secretary Dr. Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias; Mr. Nallari Kiran Kumar Reddy, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh; and Dr. T. Chatterjee, Secretary (Environment & Forests). Thereafter, Mr. M.F. Farooqui, Special Secretary, MoEF, presided over the plenary sessions as representative of CoP-11 President.

Thousands of delegates representing 175 Parties, other governments, UN agencies, intergovernmental, non-governmental, indigenous and local community organizations, academia and the private sector participated in CoP-11.





CoP-11 adopted 33 decisions on a range of strategic, substantive, administrative, financial and budgetary issues. These include: the status of the Nagoya Protocol on access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing (ABS); implementation of the Strategic Plan 2011-2020 and progress towards the Aichi biodiversity targets; and implementation of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization; issues related to financial resources and the financial mechanism; cooperation, outreach and the UN Decade on Biodiversity; operations of the Convention; and administrative and budgetary matters. Delegates also addressed: ecosystem restoration; Article 8(j) (traditional knowledge); marine and coastal biodiversity; biodiversity and climate change; biodiversity and development; and several other ecosystem-related and cross-cutting issues.

Following the impressive package adopted at COP 10 in Nagoya, Japan, CoP-11 marked the move from policy-making to implementation. The meeting will be remembered for its intense, down-to-the-wire negotiations on financial issues, including targets for implementation of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization, and the budget, with a compromise agreement reached in the early hours of Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2012.



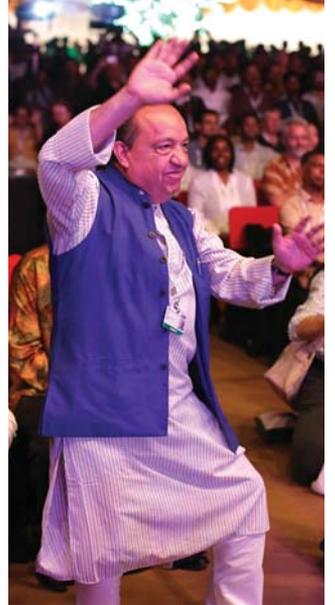
One of the most important outcomes of CoP-11 is the commitment made by the Parties of doubling biodiversity-related international financial resource flows to developing countries by 2015, and at least maintaining this level until 2020.

India played an active role in content development and outcome of the conference, especially in the context of the most important agenda of CoP-11, namely, resource mobilisation, on which the decision adopted was doubling of total biodiversity-related international financial resource flows to developing countries. This is being considered a major achievement especially in the context of the global economic downturn, and also considering the absence of any such target in the intersessional work, as well as developed countries insistence on developing robust baseline and reporting mechanisms as precondition for any target. The strategic thinking, and painstaking efforts by Indian negotiators in the last over a year towards building a compromise helped a great deal. At CoP-11, there was a complete breakdown in discussions in the Contact Group on the draft Cochairs text on resource mobilisation. India as CoP President played a key role in ending the logjam over resource mobilisation. A proposal by the Presidency was introduced following several bilateral meetings with developed and developing country Parties, as well as Ministerial level consultations chaired by the CoP President with a small group of countries. Following intense down-to-the-wire negotiations in the last two days, and several diplomatic parleys spearheaded by India, the text was finally agreed around midnight of 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2012. This testifies to India's ingenuity and capacity to build bridges and for farsighted strategic planning.



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## 5.3 High Level Segment



The CoP-11 High Level Segment was held from 16-19 October 2012. The High Level Segment was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh in the afternoon of 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012. The Prime Minister in his speech announced, inter alia, India's ratification of the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing. The Prime Minister also launched the 'Hyderabad Pledge', wherein he announced that the Government of India has decided to earmark a sum of US \$ 50 million during India's Presidency of CoP to strengthen institutional mechanism, enhance the technical and human capabilities for biodiversity conservation in India, and to promote similar capacity building in other developing countries. With this pledge, India thus became the first Champion under the Hyderabad Call for Biodiversity Champions launched on CBD's website.

The Prime Minister unveiled a commemorative Pylon in Hyderabad to mark CoP-11. It has been decided to establish a Biodiversity Museum and a Garden on this site. The Prime Minister planted the first tree on behalf of India. Representatives of the participating countries at CoP-11 also planted trees. Hyderabad is the first host city of CBD CoP to establish commemorative Pylon, garden and museum.

The High Level Segment heard statements from around 80 Ministers and high-level representatives in the plenary session on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October 2012. Parallely, four panel discussions were held on: implementation of the Strategic Plan; biodiversity for livelihoods and poverty reduction; marine and coastal biodiversity; and implementation of the Nagoya Protocol on ABS. The outcome of the plenary statements and four panel discussions was brought out in the form of Chairs summary by the President of CoP-11 on the closing day on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

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### 5.3.1 Bilaterals and other meetings during HLS

Making use of the presence of a large number of Ministerial level delegates, several bilateral meetings at the official and Ministerial levels, especially in the context of resource mobilisation; trilateral meetings (India Brazil South Africa forum); and meetings with some UN and international bodies were held during the HLS.

## 5.4 Parallel events

With a view to engage with all stakeholders, a number of parallel events were organized on the sidelines of CoP-11 in Hyderabad. Some of these are briefly described below.

### 5.4.1 Cities and Biodiversity

The City Biodiversity Summit 2012, titled, 'Cities for Life: City and Subnational Biodiversity Summit' was held in parallel with CoP-11 at the same venue. The event was organised by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability and the CBD Secretariat in partnership with the Government of India, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation and the Network of Regional Governments for Sustainability (nrg4SD). The aim of the Cities for Life Summit was to outline the latest relevant tools and initiatives; to reiterate the importance of ecosystem services and understanding their value; and to present a response by local governments, subnational governments, academia and international organizations to the Plan of Action. The event was attended by Mayors, Governors, high ranking officials, national governments, international organizations, UN agencies, and specialists from across the world.





#### 5.4.2 International Youth forum

The International Youth Forum Go4BioDiv was organized in parallel to CoP-11 in Sundarbans/Hyderabad in October, 2012, with the aim of providing a platform to the youth to voice their opinion on the issues related to biodiversity. The Go4BioDiv event was coordinated by Wildlife Institute of India on behalf of Ministry of Environment & Forests, with active support from a number of organisations such as GIZ, GMU, BFN, UNESCO, IUCN, ACB, UNDP, World Bank, and DEFRA. The theme of Go4BioDiv 2012 was 'Conserving coastal and marine biodiversity for sustaining life and livelihoods'.

Thirty-four young people called 'Messengers' were selected to represent their communities, environmental groups and research institutes from the Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia and the Pacific region including Australia. The Messengers were between 18 to 29 years of age from over 20 different marine World Heritage Sites around the world including nine coastal States of India. The participants, resource persons and the organizing team first met in a Nature Camp, at the Sundarbans Marine World Heritage Site, West Bengal, where a 'Youth Declaration' was jointly prepared. The Messengers then came to Hyderabad for the High-Level Segment from 16-19 October, 2012 to present their messages to decision-makers and the wider public through the 'Youth Declaration', by participating in several side-events and sessions, and by organizing creative performances involving street theatre and a colourful exhibition.

Ms. Jayanthi Natarajan, Hon'ble Minister of Environment & Forests, Government of India released the special Go4BioDiv brochure during the UNDP Award Ceremony at CoP-11.



### 5.4.3 Commemorative stamp

On the occasion of the CoP-11, the MoEF in coordination with the Department of Posts decided to release commemorative stamps. For this purpose, a theme 'Endemic Species of Indian Biodiversity Hotspots' was chosen. A set of four commemorative stamps on this theme, alongwith its 'First Day Cover' was released in the presence of Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India during the inaugural session of the CoP-11 High Level Segment in Hyderabad on 16 October, 2012.



प्रथम दिवस आवरण First Day Cover





#### 5.4.4 Science Express Biodiversity Special (SEBS) Train

One of the most important initiatives taken by India in the run-up to and during CoP-11 was the Science Express Biodiversity Special (SEBS) train, which was positioned as the brand Ambassador of CoP-11. SEBS was an innovative mobile exhibition mounted on a specially designed 16 coach AC train, which travelled across India from 5<sup>th</sup> June to 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2012, received over 2.3 million visitors on its journey and played a key role in creating awareness about biodiversity in the country. After the resounding success of SEBS, efforts are now being made to increase the reach of this train to even more remote corners of the country in the next phase to increase awareness on biodiversity. Many visiting CoP-11 delegates who visited SEBS in Hyderabad during CoP-11 also expressed desire for something similar in their countries.





## Photographs of SEBS



#### 5.4.5 Gol-UNDP Biodiversity awards

In preparation for CoP-11, the UNDP in partnership with the MoEF decided to present awards at CoP-11 for honouring inspiring examples in four categories: Community stewardship; Decentralised Governance; Co-management; and Protected areas. A call for good examples of biodiversity governance was widely publicized in newspapers and among networks working on this theme, in response to which 150 nominations were received. The awardees were selected through an extremely open and rigorous process by a six-member jury.

The CoP President Ms. Jayanthi Natarajan and the UN Under-Secretary General and UNDP Associate Administrator, Ms. Rebeca Grynspan, presented the India Biodiversity Awards on 17 October 2012 at the Ministerial Reception before a global audience. The UNDP publication on biodiversity governance 'Conservation across Landscapes' based on the experiences generated through the Award process was also released at this event.

#### 5.4.6 Business event

A high level Business-Ministerial Breakfast Meeting on "Current Status of Business and Biodiversity: Way Forward" was organized on October 18, 2012 from 8-10 a.m on the margins of CoP-11. This session was moderated by Mr Pavan Sukhdev and was attended by two Ministers (Ms Jayanthi Natarajan, Minister of Environment and Forests, India and CoP-11 President; and Ms Bomo Edith Edna Molewa, Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, South Africa). The Business sector was represented by FICCI, CII, Rio Tinto India, Sampo Japan Insurance Inc, Brazilian Business Council for Sustainable Development and World Business Council for Sustainable Development. The aim of this session was to discuss main elements of the CoP-11 draft business decision with focus on standards and procurement.

#### 5.4.7 Biodiversity Haat

A Biodiversity Haat was set up as an open booth area in the midst of HITEX, with a view to replicate the open air craft market called Haat typical to Indian villages. The design of the Biodiversity Haat, which sold Indian handicrafts and products made from natural sources, was drawn from typical Haat in an Indian village. Featuring cultural programmes from across India, the Haat presented an opportunity for the foreign delegates to experience a taste of India's diversity and cultural vibrancy at the conference venue itself.

## 5.5 Side events and Exhibition

During CoP-11, nearly 300 side events were held, with a view to sharing experiences and increasing opportunities for informal dialogue among the meetings' participants. Several UN bodies, international organizations, Indian organizations, Universities, academia, civil society organizations and others participated enthusiastically in these side events.

An Interactive Fair on Biodiversity in the form of an exhibition was organized on the margin of CoP-11 at HITEX exhibition centre at Hyderabad. Nearly 145 exhibition booths representing a diverse array of organizations including UN bodies, international organizations, research and academic institutions, national and international business enterprises, and NGOs were set up in an area of 3500 sq.m, to present and showcase their biodiversity related activities, initiatives and projects. A dedicated networking lounge was also set up in the exhibition hall to promote interactions and exchange of ideas among exhibitors and visitors.

In addition, an Indian Pavilion, which included a joint exhibition of MoEF, National Biodiversity Authority, and State Biodiversity Boards, was also organized in the exhibition hall. This provided an opportunity to a number of interested organizations to present their work including through knowledge product.







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## Chapter 6

# CoP Presidency: Looking Ahead

Hosting of CoP/MoP-6 and CoP-11 by India is an important milestone. Hailed as one of the biggest politico-scientific events in the world that brought together thousands of delegates from 175 countries, managing the logistics of this mega-event was not a mean task. The logistics for the event were absolutely flawless, including for the VIPs. During the nearly two years of preparation of the conference, the Government provided an enabling environment that encouraged involvement of all stakeholders, including relevant Central sectoral Ministries/Departments, State Governments, academia, specialised organisations, non-governmental organisations, media, business, youth, civil society, policy makers, Parliamentarians, etc. Special efforts were made to create awareness and local capacity building on biodiversity related issues.

India is quite satisfied with the outcomes of CoP/MoP-6 and CoP-11, in particular with the meaningful decision on resource mobilization of doubling the total biodiversity-related international financial resource flows to developing countries by 2015 and at least maintaining this level until 2020. This is a significant achievement that would add confidence to the CBD process and hopefully assist developing countries in their efforts to protect biodiversity. The UN General Assembly has since also adopted a resolution on 'Implementation of Convention on Biological Diversity and its contribution to sustainable development' highlighting the achievements of CoP-11.

India will be the President of CoP-11 for a two year term till the election of a successor at CoP-12 to be held in Pyeongchang Republic of Korea from 29 September to 17 October 2014.

With the successful hosting of CoP-11, the task for India is not over. In fact, it has only begun. In its two-year term as the CoP Presidency, India would like to see progress on the delivery of decisions adopted at CoP-11 and CoP/MoP-6. After the important set of decisions taken in CoP-10 and CoP-11, the priority for the international community now has to be on implementation. India looks forward to the continued support of all the Parties in this regard.

India would also like to work towards encouraging Parties to expedite ratification of the Nagoya Protocol, so that the requisite number of ratifications are received in time for the first CoP/MoP of the Protocol to be held concurrently with CoP-12. Expeditious ratification and entry into force of the Protocol and implementation of its provisions related to Access and Benefit Sharing are important key deliverables.

At CoP-11, a call was made to Parties and other stakeholders by the Executive Secretary, CBD to pledge urgent action towards achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets and become one of several Biodiversity Champions. While inaugurating the High Level Segment, the Prime Minister of India has announced the earmarking of a sum of US\$ 50 million during India's Presidency of CoP to strengthen institutional mechanisms, enhance technical and human capabilities for biodiversity conservation in India, and to promote similar capacity building in other developing countries. India would like to see other governments join the Hyderabad Call for Action on Biodiversity, by pledging support for biodiversity at domestic, regional or global levels. Towards this, a joint letter from Ms. Jayanthi Natarajan, Minister for Environment & Forests, and CoP-11 President, and the Executive Secretary, CBD Secretariat has been sent to all Parties.

India has also decided to establish a Biodiversity Museum and a Garden in Hyderabad at the site where our Prime Minister unveiled a commemorative Pylon during CoP-11. The Prime Minister planted the first tree on behalf of India. Representatives of the participating countries at CoP-11 also planted trees. Hyderabad is the first host city of CBD CoP to establish commemorative Pylon, garden and museum.

India would play a leadership role during her Presidency by supporting and hosting capacity building in the developing countries. India has also offered to meet part of the cost of the meeting of the Working Group on Art. 8j on Traditional Knowledge.

India would continue to work proactively at the national level for conservation of biodiversity as well as for mainstreaming biodiversity conservation in development sectors.

Some of the initiatives taken by India in the run-up to and during CoP-11 are worthy of emulation and follow-up. The brand Ambassador of CoP-11, namely the SEBS train, played a key role in creating awareness about biodiversity in the country. After the resounding success of SEBS, the second phase of SEBS has been flagged off by MEF on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013.



To pledge support for **Hyderabad Call for Action on Biodiversity**,  
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