

Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Vinod B. Mathur, D.Phil. (Oxon.)

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Summary

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 was appointed as the 11th Chairperson of the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) on 1st September, 2019. The NBA is a statutory body of the Government of India for providing advisory and regulatory services on all matters relating to biodiversity conservation and management.

Dr. Mathur joined the Indian Forest Service (IFS) and topped the 1983 – 85 IFS Professional Course at the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA), Dehradun and also the XLV Foundational Course at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) in 1985. He obtained his doctorate degree from the University of Oxford, United Kingdom 1991. He is the Regional Vice-Chair of the IUCN-World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA-South Asia) and Member of the International Association of Impact Assessment (IAIA).

He has now spent over three decades in actively contributing to a wide range of training, research and academic programmes in the field of biodiversity conservation. He has extensive experience as an international trainer and his special interest include natural resource conservation, heritage conservation, environmental and strategic impact assessment and biodiversity informatics.

He has been actively contributing on 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 (2019-2022) and also the UN – CBD Bureau Member (2019 – 2021). He is Co-chair of the IPBES Task Force on Policy Support Tools and Methodologies and Member of the IPBES Task Force on Capacity Building. He has also been the Chair of the UN-CBD Informal Advisory Group for developing synergies between seven biodiversity-related conventions. He has been part of the official Indian delegation for CBD and UNESCO World Heritage Committee Meetings since 2006 and has in-depth knowledge about the working of these conventions.

He possesses an outstanding scholastic record coupled with strong leadership skills and networking capabilities. He has made significant contribution as a 'Scientific Administrator' and in promoting 'Scientific Research' *inter-alia* through both publications and outreach programmes in the field of biodiversity conservation.