



German Commission
for UNESCO

Managing Challenges of Biosphere Reserves in Africa - International Expert Workshop -

27th June - 2nd July 2011, Dresden & Rhön, Germany

PROGRAMME

Sunday, 26 June 2011	
10:00	Meeting with Participants arriving on Sunday, June 26, at Meeting Point, Terminal 1, Frankfurt Airport
10:30	Pick up of Participants arriving on Saturday, June 25, at NH Frankfurt Moerfelden Hotel lounge
10:45	Transfer from Frankfurt to Radebeul by bus (470km) <i>Lunch in a motorway restaurant on the way</i>
17:00	Arrival in Radebeul, Check-In at the Hotel Alexander <i>Dinner (self-organised)</i>

Monday, 27 June 2011	
8:00	Transfer from the hotel to conference venue by bus
8:30	Registration to International Conference "For Life for the Future: Biosphere Reserves and Climate Change"
9:00	Workshop Session: Addresses of Welcome and Introduction <i>Beate Jessel, President, Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN), Bonn, Germany</i> <i>Roland Bernecker, Secretary-General, German Commission for UNESCO (DUK), Bonn, Germany</i> <i>Natarajan Ishwaran, Director of Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences and MAB Programme, UNESCO, Paris, France</i> <i>Paul M. Makenzi, Chair, AfriMAB, Nairobi, Kenya</i>
9:30	Introduction to the Workshop and Round of Introductions <i>Bettina Hedden-Dunkhorst, Head of Division International Nature Conservation, Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, Bonn, Germany</i>
10:45	<i>Break</i>

- 11:00 **International Conference, Session I-III: Introduction & Welcoming**
Natarajan Ishwaran, UNESCO, Paris, France
Ursula Heinen-Esser, German Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Bonn, Germany
Irina Georgieva Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO, Paris, France
- 11:45 **International Conference, Session IV: Keynote “40 years of MAB Programme: Achievements and challenges”**
Luis Fueyo Mac Donald, Director of the national reserves, Mexico
- 12:05 **International Conference, Session V: Biosphere Reserves and climate change in Small Island States**
Mohammed Aslam, Minister for Housing, Transport and Environment, Maldives
- 12:25 **International Conference, Session VI: Biosphere Reserves and climate change in Africa**
Dessie Dalkie Dukamo, Minister for Science and Technology, Ethiopia
- 12:45 **International Conference, Session VII: Wrap-up: Biosphere reserves as implementing instruments for climate change policy**
Moderated colloquy of Keynote-Speakers
- 13:15** *Lunch at the Conference Venue*
- 14:30 **International Conference, Session VIII: Message of Greeting**
Stanislaw Tillich, Minister President, Free state of Saxony, Dresden, Germany
- 15:00 **International Conference, Session IX: Presentation of the Draft Dresden Declaration: Objectives and process**
- 15:15 **International Conference, Session X: Panel Discussion on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation through Land Use**
Rattan Lal, Professor of Soil Science, Ohio State University, USA
Martin Price, UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Mountain Development, Perth College, UK
Jorge Jurado, Ecuador's ambassador in Germany
- 16:05** *Break*
- 16:30 **International Conference, Session XI: Panel Discussion on Renewable Energies, green economies and carbon offsets**
Luis Aragón, UNESCO Chair in South-South Cooperation, Belém, Brazil
Uwe R. Fritsche, Institute for Applied Ecology, Darmstadt, Germany
Ivo Mulder, UNEP Finance Initiative, Geneva, Switzerland
Phillia Restiani, REDD+Task Force of the President, Indonesia

- 19:30** **Dinner Reception of the Free State of Saxony in the royal castle
“Residenzschloss” in Dresden**
Frank Kupfer, State Minister of Saxony
Gertrud Sahler, Head of Directorate-General Nature Conservation and Sustainable Use of Natural Resources, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), Bonn, Germany
Beate Jessel, President, BfN
Roland Bernecker, Secretary General, DUK
- 22:30 Return to the hotel by bus & public transport

Tuesday, 28 June 2011	Biosphere Reserve Governance
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- 8:00** Public transport from the hotel to conference venue
- 8:30 **Workshop Session:** Facing Climate and Land Use Change in African Biosphere Reserves
Beate Jessel, President, BfN
- 9:45** *Break*
- 10:00 **International Conference, Session XII:** Panel Discussion on “Governance, Research and Education in Times of Climate Change”
Susanne Stoll-Kleemann, Chair of Sustainability Science and Applied Geography, University of Greifswald, Germany
Sheila Ashong, Environmental Protection Agency, Accra, Ghana
June Marie Mow, Former Director of the Biosphere Reserve Seaflower, Colombia
- 11:00 **International Conference, Session XIII:** Plenary Discussion on “Climate Change and Biodiversity – Conflicts and Synergies”
Beate Jessel, President, BfN
Gretchen Kalonji, Assistant Director-General for the Natural Sciences, UNESCO, Paris, France
- 11:50** *Break*
- 12:15 **International Conference, Session XIV:** Adoption of the Dresden Declaration
- 12:30 International Conference, Session XV: Closing session “Lessons learnt & Lessons to learn”
- 13:00** *Lunch at the Conference Venue*
- 15:00 Side Events

- 15:00 **International Coordination Council (ICC), Sessions, 1-3:** ICC opening
 1. Opening of the 23rd session of the MAB-ICC by its Chairperson
 2. Opening remarks of the Representative of the Director-General of UNESCO
 3. Report by the Chair of the ICC
- 16:15** *Break*
- 16:30 **Workshop Session:** International Financial Support for Biosphere Reserves
- Challenges and Opportunities of Conservation Trust Funds in Africa: The Perspective of KfW Development Bank
Uwe Klug, KfW Development Bank, Frankfurt, Germany
- Towards a REDD+ Project: Experiences from Ethiopia
Tadesse W. Gole, Director of the Environmental and Coffee Forest Forum, Addis Abeba, Ethiopia
- 18:30** *End of the Day*
 Return to the hotel by public transport, *Dinner (self-organised)*

Wednesday, 29 June 2011

Economic Aspects of Biosphere Reserves

- 8:30** Public transport from the hotel to conference venue
- 9:00 **Workshop Session:** Private Sector Involvement
- Cooperating with the Private Sector Locally, Nationally and Internationally: Opportunities and Limitations
Lutz Möller, Head for Division of Science, DUK, Bonn, Germany
- 9:30 **Workshop Session:** Networking, Communication and Cooperation between Biosphere Reserves
- The Role of AfriMAB in Fostering Cooperation and Communication among African Biosphere Reserves
Paul M. Makenzi, Chair AfriMAB, Nairobi, Kenya
- Networking Biosphere Reserves through Issues of Common Interest: Experiences from Wadi Allaqi, Egypt
Ekramy El Abassery, Director Wadi Allaqi Biosphere Reserve, Egypt
- 10:30** *Break*
- 10:45 **Workshop Session:** Education and Research
- The Role of Biosphere Reserves in Research and Education: Experiences from Lake Chilwa Wetlands

Chimwemwe Mawaya, Head of Biology Department, University of Malawi, Malawi

Monitoring and Evaluation as a Basis for Education and Research in Luki Biosphere Reserve, DR Congo

Laurent Nsenga, Director Luki Biosphere Reserve, DR Congo

12:00 **Workshop Session:** Participation, Coordination and Cooperation within a Biosphere Reserve

Working Together in Pendjari Biosphere Reserve, Benin

Ali Djafarou Tiomoko, Pendjari BR, Benin

Challenges of Participatory Management in Biosphere Reserves with Special Reference to Cameroon

Thomas Tata, Programme Manager Bioresources Development and Conservation Programme

13:00 *Lunch at the Conference Venue*

14:00 **Workshop Session:** Biosphere Reserve Management: Getting Started and Moving Forward

Management Issues to be considered when starting a Biosphere Reserve: Experiences from Middle Zambezi Valley Biosphere Reserve, Zimbabwe
Willie Nduku, Coordinator Middle Zambezi Biosphere Reserve, Zimbabwe

Developing a Management Plan for Waterberg Biosphere Reserve in South Africa: Challenges and Opportunities
Rupert Baber, Coordinator Waterberg Biosphere Reserve, South Africa

15:00 **ICC Session 8:** Proposals for new biosphere reserves and extensions/modifications to designated biosphere reserves that are part of the WNBR

16:15 *Break*

16:30 **Workshop Session:** Biosphere Reserve Management: Getting Started and Moving Forward - continued

Challenges and Lessons Learned from Establishing and Managing a Trans-boundary Biosphere Reserve: The Case of Mount Elgon (Uganda, Kenya)
Anastasia Mwaura, Mount Elgon BR, Kenya
Martin Nsubuga, Mount Elgon BR, Uganda

17:00 Working Groups on Biosphere Reserve Management

18:00 *Break*

19:30 *Dinner on a cruiser on the river Elbe*

22:30 Return to the hotel by bus & public transport

Thursday, 30 June 2011	Best Practise in the Rhön Biosphere Reserve
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- 8:00** Transfer to the Rhön Biosphere Reserve by bus (330km)
Check-In at Stadthotel Geis before lunch or after dinner
- 12:30** *Lunch at the Rhöner Trachtenstuben Restaurant in Oberelsbach*
- 14:00** **Welcome & Introduction to the Rhön Biosphere Reserve**
Michael Geier & Doris Pokorny, Head & Deputy Head of the Bavarian Administrative Unit of the Rhön Biosphere Reserve, Oberelsbach
- 15:00** **Education for sustainable development in the visitor centre**
Klaus Spitzl, Director of Association of Nature Park and Biosphere Reserve Bavarian Rhön, Oberelsbach
- 16:15** **Rother Bräu Brewery** (Regional brand for organic beer)
Georg Weydringer, Senior Director and former production manager of Rother Bräu, Hausen
- 18:30** **Organic Farm Gensler** (Diversification of farm activities)
Christof Gensler, Farmer, Poppenhausen
- 19:30** *Dinner and Campfire at the Organic Farm Gensler*
- 22:15** Return to the hotel by bus

Friday, 1 July 2011	Best Practise in the Rhön Biosphere Reserve
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- 8:00** Departure from the hotel
- 9:00** **Conservation and sustainable use of agro-biodiversity: the Rhön Apple**
(Generating Value from Local Resources and Apple Nature Trail)
Adam Zentgraf, Vice Chair of the Rhön Apple Initiative, Hausen
- 12:00** *Lunch at Sennhütte Restaurant in Fladungen*
- 14:00** **BIONADE** (Sustainable Business, Organic Soft Drink Production)
Cornelia Obitz & Rüdiger Omert, Public Relations Officers, Ostheim
- 16:00** **Organic Farm Ritter** (Diversification in Elder marketing, Turkey Breeding, Horse Tourism)
Martin Ritter, Farmer, Ostheim

- 17:30 **Citizens' Solar Energy Plant** (Principle of a cooperative for the local use of renewable energy sources)
Andreas Bauer, Assistant to Director of Agrokraft Company, Ostheim
- 19:00** *Dinner at the Farm Ritter*
- 21:30 Return to the hotel

Saturday, 2 July 2011	Promoting Sustainability through Biosphere Reserves
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- 9:00 **Workshop Session:** Promoting Sustainable Development
- Delta du Saloum Biosphere Reserve: Major Factors for Sustainable Development of Local Communities
Moustapha Mbaye, Delta du Saloum Biosphere Reserve, Senegal
- Promoting sustainable Income Generating Activities in Wetlands: The Example of Songor Biosphere Reserve, Ghana
Dickson Agyeman, Songor Biosphere Reserve, Ghana
- Towards Togo's first Biosphere Reserve: Oti-Kéran/Oti-Mandouri
Amah Atutonu, Oti-Kéran/Oti-Mandouri Biosphere Reserve, Togo
- 10:00 Discussion on Sustainable Development and Income Generating Opportunities in Low Lands / Wetlands
- 10:30** *Break*
- 11:00 Conservation and Sustainable Development of Local Communities: The case of Mananara Nord Biosphere Reserve
Willy Mora, Mananara Nord Biosphere Reserve, Madagascar
- Improving Peoples Lives in East Usambara Biosphere Reserve, Tanzania
Stephan Edward Mmasi, East Usambara Biosphere Reserve, Tanzania
- Making Mount Nimba Biosphere Reserve Work through Fostering Sustainable Development and Income Generating
Abou Cissé, Mont Nimba Biosphere, Guinea
- 12:00 Discussion on Sustainable Development and Income Generating Opportunities in Forest and Mountain Areas
- 12:30** *Lunch at the hotel*
- 14:00 Working Groups on Sustainable Development
- 15:30** *Break*

- 15:45 **Workshop Session:** Recommendations from the Workshop and Way Forward
- 17:00 **Closure of the Workshop**
Bettina Hedden-Dunkhorst, BfN, Bonn, Germany
- 19:30** *Dinner at the Rathschenke in Bad Neustadt (table reserved)*

Sunday, 3 July 2011

Day of Departure

- 9:00** Transfer from the hotel to Frankfurt Airport by bus
- 11:30 Arrival at Frankfurt Airport
Lunch at the airport (self-organised)
- Individual departure