



CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STUDIES (CESS), HYDERABAD-16

Call for Papers

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND ONE DAY METHODOLOGY WORKSHOP ON
SCENARIOS AND MODELS IN BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES.**

The **Division for Sustainable Development Studies (DSDS)** at the Centre for Economic and Social Studies is organizing an international conference on **Scenarios and Models in Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services** jointly with the Centre for Economics, Environment, and Society (CEES) Bangalore, as part of the project on “**Biodiversity and Ecosystem Scenarios Network (ScenNet)**” supported by the **Belmont Forum** through the **Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India** during **15th to 16th February 2017**. The conference shall address scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services with special reference to drivers of change. The plenary speakers of the conference include renowned scientists and co-chairs of the methodological assessment of scenarios and models of the **Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), Bonn, Germany**. Sub themes of the conference are related to scenarios and models pertaining to marine and terrestrial ecosystems with a focus on (a) direct and indirect drivers including climate change, invasive species, institutional and demographic issues etc.; (b) values covering economic and non-economic benefits of ecosystems and biodiversity; (c) impact of ecosystem services on good quality of human life and (d) national policies and sustainable development goals. Abstracts of papers (250 words) have to be submitted before **30th November 2016** and full paper (maximum 8000 words) before **30th December 2016** to the conference committee convenor, **Dr Jeena T Srinivasan** (jeena@cess.ac.in). Approximately 35 papers will be selected for oral presentation in the conference after peer review. A maximum of 100 participants are expected to participate in the conference. Registration form for the conference can be downloaded from CESS website www.cess.ac.in.

A pre-conference Methodology Workshop on the same topic will be organized in collaboration with **the Indian Society for Ecological Economics (INSEE)** for building capacity of early career researchers/teachers/ M.Phil/Ph.D students on **14th February 2017**. The workshop aims to carry out a systematic review methodological tools used in Indian and international contexts to quantify or qualify scenarios of biodiversity and ecosystem services according to different environmental and societal driving forces. The workshop is co-ordinated by **Dr Jyothis Sathyapalan and Prof M Gopinath Reddy**. A maximum of 25 conference participants whose papers are accepted for oral presentation will be selected for the workshop. All participants who are interested to join the workshop must mention it separately in the conference registration form. In addition, limited seats will be available for MPhil/Ph.D. scholars working on both natural and social sciences who are in early stages of their work. Such students are encouraged to apply with a concept note and curriculum vitae on or before **30th December 2016**. Academic competence and potential of the concept note will form the basis of selection in this case. All selected outstation candidates will be provided with travel support and local hospitality during the event. Researches are also encouraged to contact the Principal Investigator of the ScenNet project **Dr Jyothis Sathyapalan** (sjyothis@cess.ac.in) and contribute to the database on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Service Scenarios in India.

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