



# TAKING ACTION ON BIODIVERSITY FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Los Baños, Philippines  
27-29 February 2024

## AGENDA

<b>DAY 1</b> <b>27 February 2024</b>	
09:00 – 09:30	Registration
<b>OPENING</b>	
09:30 – 10:00	Jose V. Camacho, Jr., Chancellor, University of the Philippines Los Baños Lionel Dabbadie, FAO Representative in the Philippines Megan Denver, Scientific Commission Beekeeping for Rural Development, Apimondia
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>SESSION I</b>	<b>SETTING THE SCENE: BIODIVERSITY FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE - THE GLOBAL POLICY LANDSCAPE</b>
10:15 – 11:15	<i><b>The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework</b></i> Monica Kobayashi, Programme Officer, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity <i><b>The Framework for Action on Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture</b></i> Dan Leskien, Senior Liaison Officer, Secretariat of the FAO Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture <i><b>Linking agrobiodiversity and food security</b></i> Nur Azura Adam, Deputy Director, Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study in Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) <i><b>Pollinators – the case for an ecosystem approach to biodiversity for food and agriculture</b></i> Megan Denver, Scientific Commission Beekeeping for Rural Development, Apimondia
11:15 – 12:00	<i><b>Discussion</b></i>
12:00 – 13:30	<b>Lunch</b>

<b>SESSION II</b>	<b>THE STATUS OF BIODIVERSITY FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC</b>
13:30 – 14:00	<p><b><i>Status of biodiversity in the ASEAN region</i></b> Arvin C. Diesmos, Director of the Biodiversity Information Management Center, ASEAN Center for Biodiversity (ACB)</p> <p><b><i>Role of biodiversity in adapting to and sustaining life amidst climate change challenges</i></b> Rex Victor O. Cruz, Professor Emeritus, University of the Philippines Los Baños</p>
14:00 – 14:30	<b><i>Discussion</i></b>
14:30 – 15:30	<p><b><i>Reports by National Focal Points for Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture and designated ad hoc representatives</i></b></p> <p>SPA 1: Characterization, assessment, and monitoring of BFA</p> <p>SPA 2: Management of BFA</p> <p>SPA 3: Institutional frameworks for BFA</p>
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
16:00 – 18:00	<p><b><i>Reports by National Focal Points for Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture and designated ad hoc representatives (ctd.)</i></b></p> <p>SPA 1: Characterization, assessment and monitoring of BFA</p> <p>SPA 2: Management of BFA</p> <p>SPA 3: Institutional frameworks for BFA</p>
19:00 – 21:00	<b>Welcome Dinner (Meister’s Uncorked)</b>

<b>DAY 2 28 February 2023</b>	
<b>SESSION III</b>	<b>CHARACTERIZATION, ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING OF BIODIVERSITY FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE – GAPS &amp; NEEDS</b>
08:30 – 09:00	<p><b><i>Mangroves: opportunities, threats, management, and conservation</i></b> Jurgenne Primavera, Chief Mangrove Scientific Advisor, Zoological Society of London</p> <p><b><i>Status of coral reefs in the ASEAN Region</i></b> Wilfredo Y. Licuanan, Professor, De La Salle University, Philippines</p>
09:00 – 09:30	<b><i>Discussion</i></b>
09:30 – 11:00	<p><b>WORKING GROUPS – SESSION III: Characterization, assessment and monitoring of biodiversity for food and agriculture – gaps &amp; needs</b></p> <p><b>WG I South and Southwest Asia (SSWA)</b> <b>WG II South East Asia (SEA)</b> <b>WG III Oceania</b></p>

11:00 – 11:15	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:15 – 12:00	<b>Session III: Reports from Working Groups</b> <i>Discussion</i>
12:00 – 13:30	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>SESSION IV</b>	<b>MANAGEMENT OF BIODIVERSITY FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE</b>
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Conservation of coastal ecosystems and mitigation of global warming through blue carbon</i> Rene N. Rollon, Professor, Institute of Environmental Science and Meteorology, UP Diliman, Philippines  <i>Pollinator diversity in Asia and the Pacific and practices to protect pollinators in agroecosystems</i> Orawan Duangphakdee, President, Apimondia Regional Commission for Asia, and Director, Native Honeybee and Pollinator Research Center, KMUTT, Thailand & Cleofas Cervancia, Professor Emeritus, University of the Philippines Los Baños, Philippines  <i>Biodiversity-friendly practices</i> Julie Bélanger, Technical Officer, Office of Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environment, FAO
14:30 – 15:00	<i>Discussion</i>
15:00 – 15:30	<b>Coffee break</b>
15:30 – 17:00	<b>WORKING GROUPS – SESSION IV: Management of biodiversity for food and agriculture</b> <b>WG I -South and Southwest Asia (SSWA)</b> <b>WG II - South East Asia (SEA)</b> <b>WG III – Oceania</b>
17:00 – 18:00	<b>Session IV Reports from Working Groups</b> <i>Discussion</i>

**DAY 3**  
**29 February 2023**

<b>SESSION V</b>	<b>CREATING INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS AND ENABLING COOPERATION TO IMPLEMENT THE FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION ON BIODIVERSITY FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE</b>
08:00 – 08:30	<i>Mainstreaming biodiversity across agricultural sectors: the example of the FAO Strategy</i> Frederic Castell, Senior Natural Resources Officer, FAO

08:30 – 09:00	<i>Discussion</i>
09:00 – 10:30	<b>WORKING GROUPS – SESSION V: Management of biodiversity for food and agriculture</b> <b>WG I -South and Southwest Asia (SSWA)</b> <b>WG II - South East Asia (SEA)</b> <b>WG III – Oceania</b>
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Coffee break</b>
10:45 – 11:45	<b>Session V      Reports from Working Groups</b> <i>Discussion</i>
11:40 – 12:00	<b>Closing</b>
12:00 – 13:30	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>Field trips</b>	
13:30 – 17:00	<b>Farm tour</b> <b>Stingless bee-keeping</b> <b>Bee pasture development</b>