

PROGRAMME

DAY 1 - FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2012

9:00 - 10.00 am	Registration
Inaugural Session	10:00 - 11:30 am - Setting the Context <i>(please be seated by 9:45 am)</i>
10:00 am	Introduction Mr. Rakesh Mathur, Honorary Vice President -ESOI
10:05 am	Welcome Address Mr. Mandip Singh Soin FRGS, Honorary President, ESOI
10:10 am	Importance of Eco practices in the North-East Mr. Anurag Singh, MD, Assam Tourism Devt. Corpn.
10:20 am	Special Address Mr. Himangshu Sekhar Das, Principal Secretary Tourism, Govt. of Assam
10:30 am	Inaugural Address Mr. Chandan Bhrama, Hon'ble Minister, Tourism, Govt. of Assam
10:40 am	International Best Practices & The Global Sustainable Tourism Criteria Movement & the Sustainable Tourism Criteria for India (STCI) for Tour Operator Sector Mr. Mandip Singh Soin FRGS, Honorary President, ESOI
10:55 am	Why Responsible Tourism in the Himalayas? Ms. Seema Bhatt, Consultant -Biodiversity, Ecotourism & Climate Change
11:05 am	Tourism Potential and Development in the North- East Prof. Sheila Bora, Dibrugarh University
11:15 am	Discussion

11:30 -11:45am | Tea and Coffee Break

Regulated entry to Technical Sessions for registered delegates

11:45- 12:00 noon | Distribution of delegates kit

Technical Session I - 12:00 - 1:15 pm - Sharing Best Practices	
12:00 pm	Role of Hotels in Ecotourism and STCI for Hotel Sector Mr. Rakesh Mathur, Honorary Vice President - ESOI; Director & Principal Advisor - Zinc Hospitality, Cross Roads Hotels and CIE Hospitality
12:25 pm	Sustainable Tourism Experiences from 'Our Native Village' - Practitioner's view point Mr. C.B. Ramkumar, Founder & Managing Director, Our Native Village
12:50 pm	Discussion

1:15 - 2:15pm | Lunch

Technical Session II - 2:15 - 3:45 pm - Conserving Cultural and Natural Heritage	
2:15 pm	Conserving nature through Adventure Tourism Mr. Anirudh Chaoji, Director, Eco Tours, Pune
2:30 pm	Conserving Cultural Heritage The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)
2:45 pm	Eco-sensitive Architecture for Tourism Destinations Ms. Mariyam Dakhya, Arch I, Delhi
3:00 pm	Ecotourism Architecture and Experience - Wakro Ecotourism Project Mr. Shivumso Chikro, Anu Shiksha Seva Trust (ASSET), Arunachal Pradesh
3:15 pm	Discussion

3:45 - 4:00 pm | Tea and Coffee Break

Technical Session III - 4:00 - 6:15 pm - Raising the Responsible Tourism Bar	
4:00 pm	Balancing Wildlife and Tourism Needs Dr. Bibhuti P. Lahkar, Programme Secretary, AARANYAK

4:15 pm	Ecotourism in the North East Mr. Rajendra P Gurung, CEO, Ecotourism & Conservation Society of Sikkim
4:30 pm	Community-based tourism in the North-East Mr. Pema Wange, Project Officer, WWF India
4:45 pm	Certification of Community-based Home-stays: Experiences from Ladakh Ms. Seema Bhatt, Consultant -Biodiversity, Ecotourism & Climate Change
5:00 pm	Tour Operators' Focus on Responsible Tourism in the North-East Tour Operators Association of Assam, Mr. Hemanta Das, Secretary TOA of Arunachal, TOA of Nagaland
5:15 pm	Energy Alternatives for Tourism in the North-East Mr. Mrinal Choudhary, Asst. Director, Assam Energy Development Agency
5:30 pm	Waste Management: Experiences from Sikkim Mr. Nima Tashi Bhutia, Khangchendzonga Conservation Committee (KCC)
5:45 pm	Discussion
6:15 pm	End of Day 1

DAY 2 - SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2012

Technical Session IV - 9:00 - 11:15 am - Environment & Wildlife Law in Tourism	
09:00 am	Screening of short film - "The Truth About Tigers" by Mr. Shekar Dattatri
09:45 am	Ecotourism Policy & Framework - Open Panel Discussion Panelists - Mr. Ajoy Bhattacharya, Mr. Mandip Singh Soin, Mr. Rakesh Mathur, Ms. Seema Bhatt, Dr. Venu V., Mr. Anirudh Chaoji
10:30 am	TRAFFIC India - Conserving Nature & Wildlife Mr. Samir Sinha, Head, Traffic India
10:50 am	Discussion

11:15-11:30am | Tea and Coffee Break

Technical Session V - Public Private Partnership in Ecotourism	
11:30 am	PPP in Ecotourism Initiatives Mr. Ajoy Bhattacharya IFS, CEO, Madhya Pradesh Ecotourism Board
11:45 am	PPP model in Kerala Tourism Dr. Venu V IAS, Jt. Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India
12:00 noon	Discussion
Technical Session VI - 12:15 - 1:00 pm	
12:15 pm	Panel Discussion on Tourism Issues in the North-East Tour operator representatives, Dr. Mrinmoy Sharma of Tezpur University and others

Closing Session - 1:00 - 2:30 pm	
Interactive Discussion : Chairperson: Mr. Mandip Singh Soin	
Panelists:	Mr. Rakesh Mathur, Ms. Seema Bhatt, Dr. Venu V., Mr. Anirudh Chaoji, Mr. Manoj Jalan, Mr. Ashish Phookan, Mr. Ranjeet Das
1:30 pm	Workshop Outcomes and Next Steps Mr. Mandip Singh Soin FRGS, Honorary President, ESOI
1:45 pm	Valedictory Address
2:00 pm	Vote of Thanks Mr. Rakesh Mathur, Honorary Vice President - ESOI
2:10 pm	Distribution of Certificates and Photo Session
2:30 pm	End of Workshop, followed by lunch