

**Bhopal International Conference on Sustainable Tourism 2013**  
**“Tourism: Enabler for conservation, Livelihood and Sustainable Growth”**  
**18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> April 2013, Jeha Numa Palace Hotel, Bhopal**

**Conference Agenda (as on 07.03.13)**

**Day 1**

09.30-10.15 Hrs Registration

10.15-11.40 Hrs Inaugural Session:

Welcome : Mandip Singh Soin, FRGS  
Honorary President  
Ecotourism Society of India

Conference Overview : Krishna Kumar Singh  
Ex-MLA, MP & Environmentalist

Welcome : Chief Secretary  
Government of Madhya Pradesh

Inaugural Address : Chief Minister  
Madhya Pradesh

Vote of Thanks : Raghvendre Kumar Singh  
Managing Director  
MPSTC

**11:40 – 12:00 Hrs TEA**

12.00 - 01.00Hrs Plenary Session I: TBD

**01:00 – 02:00 Hrs LUNCH**

02:00 - 3:30 Hrs **Plenary Session I: Ecotourism Solutions and Strategies: Reflections on Global Experiences**

Chairman : MoT

Speakers  
GSTC : Guy Chester

Self Regulatory Regime, IAATO: Lynn Woodworth, Australia  
: TBD

Luxury Lodges: Sustainability: Enrico Ducor

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**03:30 - 03:45 Hrs TEA**

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03:45 – 5:15 **Plenary Session II: Subject Continuation**

Chairman : Jose Dominic  
MD & CEO  
CGH Earth

Speakers :  
Changing Tack: Farming : Richard Vigne,  
to Tourism & Communities N Keneya  
empowerment

Communities in Private : Les Carlisle  
Conservs, SA South Africa

: Dasho Benji  
Head Tourism Council Bhutan  
Bhutan

Community Involvement : Pramod Krishnan  
in Ecotourism

05:15 – 6:30 Hrs **Discussion:** What are our key learning from existing ecotourism practice? What are the factors that allow ecotourism to enable conservation? What are the possible pit-falls and how can they be avoided? What does the global experience tell us about fostering cooperation among divergent, competing and conflicting interests? Anything about the incentives for working together?

Moderator : Mandin Singh Soin, FRGS  
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**6:30 – 9:30 Hrs Conference conclude with Cocktails and Dinner**

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**DAY 2**

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09:30 – 11:00 Hrs Plenary Session III: Buddhist Tourism in Madhya Pradesh

Chairman : MD, Tourism Corporation

Speakers : MPSTC  
: Buddhist Tourism  
: Tourism Ministry  
: Tourism Industry

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**11.00 – 11.15 Hrs TEA**

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11.15 – 12.45 Hrs Plenary Session IV: Ecotourism Framework in India: Stakeholders and the Potential for Collaboration

Chairman : Ravi Singh

Speakers :  
The Federal Context for Policy Negotiation Rohini Chaturvedi

Conservation : Dr Erach Bharucha

Supreme Court & policy making for conservation Sanjay Upadhyay  
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Tourism-Industry as a player: Taj Safaries

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**12:45 – 1:30 Hrs LUNCH**

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01:30 – 03:00 Hrs Plenary Session V: Ecotourism Framework in India: Stakeholder experiences of Challenges and Opportunities. Short recorded presentation on Community Intervention.

Chairman : BMS Rathore

Speakers :  
Tourism : Hashim Tyabji

Govt. MOEF?NTCA : NTCA

Communities : Equationa, Swathi

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**03.00 – 03.10 Hrs Working Tea**

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03.10 – 04.15 Hrs Open discussion on the existing ecotourism framework: where do we go from here?

Moderator : Dr. Venu Vasudevan  
Jt. Secretary, Ministry of Culture,  
Government of India  
**or**  
Krishna Kumar Singh  
Ex-MLA, MP & Environmentalist

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**04.15-04.30 Hrs TEA**

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04.30-06.00 Hrs Plenary Session VI: Panel Discussion on Ecotourism in MP

Moderator : Parushuram CS, Chief Secretary, MP

Panelist : MOEF/NTCA  
Tourism Industry  
Eco Tourism Board  
MP Forest Dept.

06.15-07.00 Hrs Valedictory Session

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**07.00-10.00 Hrs Conference Ends with Dinner**

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