

# Future Earth/S-CBD/QCBS Expert workshop on research for policy

**31<sup>st</sup> October 2015**  
**Montreal, Canada**

This expert workshop is organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (S-CBD), Future Earth, and the Quebec Centre for Biodiversity Science (QCBS).

It will focus on the nexus between human well-being and biodiversity, and aim at developing collaborations between the CBD, Future Earth and the QCBS. The goal of such collaboration is to foster research that responds to the needs of practitioners and policy makers from around the world.

In particular, the workshop will introduce Future Earth to CBD SBSTTA delegates, bureau and the broader scientific community. It will provide a platform for two-way interaction between SBSTTA delegates and the scientific community to understand current and future research efforts of relevance, and the issues of interest for SBSTTA and CBD, in particular in terms of mainstreaming biodiversity, and how needs can be responded to.

0900 – 0930 Participants arrive and register, coffee

## 0930 **Welcome**

- CBD Secretariat: Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias
- QCBS & Future Earth: Andrew Gonzalez
- CBD-SBSTTA Chair: Andrew Bignell

0945 Overview of the participants (Natasha Walker)

0950 **Setting the Scene** – Quick moderated panel introducing the organizations (Natasha Walker)

- Future Earth, Paul Leadley
  - GEO BON, Mike Gill
  - S-CBD, Robert Hoft
- Q&A

1015 – 1200 **Biodiversity and human well-being** - *Key messages from the QCBS Symposium, held on 29-30<sup>th</sup> October*; Andrew Gonzalez

- Theme 1 Biodiversity & cities
- Theme 2 Biodiversity & health
- Theme 3 Biodiversity & agro-sylvo pastoral

Further discussion in roundtables/world café

(6 per group, each group has the opportunity to work on all themes)

With facilitators/rapporteurs: Identification of key messages and questions to be addressed by the research or policy communities

1200 – 1315 Lunch

1315-1325: Wrap up and synthesis (Natasha Walker)

## 1325-1430 **Introducing Future Earth**

Speed talks (teaser) from different Future Earth Core Projects and activities:

- bioDISCOVERY (modelling & scenarios; Paul Leadley/Cornelia Krug)
- ecoSERVICES (Brightspot; Ciara Raudsepp-Hearne)
- bioGENESIS (building capacity: translating GBO-4 outcomes for the young generation, Melina Sakiyama)

1340-1405 first round of further discussions in speakers' corners with each of the speakers: opportunities for extended presentation, followed by discussion and **identification of opportunities of cooperation between Future Earth and CBD**

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1430-1445: Wrap up (all Future Earth speakers in discussion with Natasha Walker and the audience)

1445-1500 Coffee break

1500-1600 **CBD and the research agenda**

1500.1515 Introduction, Robert Hoft with Mike Gill, GEO BON, Andrew Gonzalez, QCBS and Paul Leadley, Future Earth

1515.1600 Discussion in roundtables/world café: Connecting CBD to Future Earth, GEO BON, IPBES assessments - **identifying topics/activities/approaches of interest of CBD delegates to achieve the 2025 strategic plan** (e.g. tools, engagement platform at different scales, co-design approach, etc., To be defined)

1600-1615: Wrap up speakers in discussion with Natasha and audience (also on their experience of the **exposure**)

1615 **Closing remarks on where they see collaboration going in the future**

- Future Earth, Paul Leadley and Andrew Gonzalez, QCBS
- Incoming presidency of CBD Hesiquio Benitez, Mexican representative

1630 End