



National Ramsar Sites Stakeholders Meet and Wetland Conservation Seminar

Alappuzha, Kerala, March 3-5, 2013



INVITATION

Dear Madam/Sir,

Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) is organising a National Ramsar Sites Stakeholders Meet and Wetland Conservation Seminar at Alappuzha -the home to Vembanad Kol wetlands, the largest Ramsar site in India. The Ministry of Environment and Forests, (Government of India) is supporting this event. This conference is aimed at bringing stakeholders, civil society organisations, policy experts and scientific community of all Ramsar sites in India on a common platform, to share and discuss conservation experiences and governance of Ramsar sites and other wetlands in India. This is expected to network communities and organisations for the conservation of wetlands in India, to sustain its ecological and socio economic functions. The event is first of its kind and includes conservation seminar, interaction meet among stakeholders, exhibition of traditional gears and products, photo exhibition, etc.

Sri. K.C. Venugopal (Hon. Minister of State for Civil Aviation) will inaugurate the meet at 4.30pm on 3rd March (Sunday) at Town Square, Alappuzha. Smt. Mercy Diano Masido (Chairperson, Alappuzha Municipality) will preside the function. Sri. S.D. Shibulal (CEO, Infosys) will be the guest of honor on the occasion and Dr. Madhusoodana Kurup (Hon. Vice Chancellor, KUFOS) will deliver the Keynote address. On behalf of Ramsar India 2013 we cordially invite you to the inaugural function of this event.

Thank you

Priyadarsanan Dharma Rajan
Chairperson

Jojo T.D.
Convener

Alappuzha
1st March 2013

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Programme

Venue: Town Square, Boat Jetty Jn., Alappuzha

Date: 3rd March 2013

- 4.30 pm: Inauguration
- Chair **Smt. Mercy Diano Masido**
Chairperson, Alappuzha Municipality
- Welcome **Dr. Priyadarsanan Dharma Rajan**
Senior Fellow & Program Leader, ATREE
- Presidential Address Chair
- Inaugural Address **Shri. K.C. Venugopal**
Hon. Minister of State for Civil Aviation
- Guest of honour **Shri. S.D. Shibulal**
CEO, Infosys Ltd & Founder, Sarojini-Damodaran Foundation
- Keynote Address **Prof. (Dr.) B. Madhusoodana Kurup**
Vice-Chancellor, KUFOS, Kochi
- Felicitations **Dr. V.S. Vijayan**
Former Chairman, Kerala State Biodiversity Board
Dr. P. Harinarayanan
Co-ordinator, Wetland Technical Unit, KSCSTE
Shri. Renjan Mathew Varghese
State Director, WWF, Kerala
- Vote of Thanks **Shri. Jojo T.D.**
Convenor, Ramsar India 2013
- 6.30 pm: Cultural Evening
- 8.00 pm: Dinner