BITS Pilani to organise workshop on 'role of forest ecosystems'

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Vasco: BITS Pilani, Goa (K K Birla Campus) in collaboration with Commission on Ecosystem Management under the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) will organise an international consultation workshop on the 'Role of forest ecosystems in meeting Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) in South Asia' on May 9 at its campus.

According to press release by BITS Pilani, the workshop is being organized with the funding support from the 'Commission on Ecosystem Management', IUCN; Goa regional office of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD); and Government of Goa.

The workshop will be inaugurated by the top officials from Govt. of Goa, Goa regional office NABARD and Director of K K Birla Goa Campus, BITS Pilani. The meeting will witness participation from other prominent scientists from south Asia, and prominent agencies from Goa including Mrs. Kamakshi Pai, General Manager Goa regional office NABARD, Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, Member Secretary, Goa State Biodiversity Board and various other officials.

This workshop aims to understand the linkages between forest ecosystems and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and other environmental goals such as Paris Agreement goals on Climate Change, and Bonn Challenge on recovery of degraded land via afforestation/ reforestation, in South Asia.

Dr. Madhav Karki, Deputy Global Chair of the IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management will be delivering the inaugural lecture.

Specifically, the workshop aims to comprehend as to how forest resources through forest resource management can ensure sustained production and supply of Forest Ecosystem goods and services.

The workshop will be an opportunity for participants to discuss the strategies for preparation of Goa's State Action Plan on Climate Change. One of the key outputs will be finalisation of a Technical Report on 'Role of forest ecosystems in meeting SDGs and Climate Goals in South Asia'.

Participation in this consultation workshop is by prior registration only. For registrations, contact: iucn.goa2019@gmail.com. Details about the workshop could be found here: https://www.bits-goa.ac.in/ IUCN/index.html.