

hosts for the Community Kampung

The core constituency of the Community Kampung will consist of community representatives from all over the developing world, including representatives of the 26 finalists for the Equator Prize 2004. This core community will act as the overall “host/organising” body for activities at the Kampung. They will be supported in this work by a small group of facilitators.

what will be talked about?

Communities will be voicing and addressing the key issues of sustainable community livelihoods, biodiversity and poverty eradication.

Community representatives will engage among themselves and with government delegates, as well as representatives from NGOs and international organisations, on specific issues of relevance to biodiversity, poverty reduction and the CBD.



why have a Community Kampung?

Communities are the vital driving force of sustainable development. Over the past decade, an integral understanding of how local communities manage change, combined with innovative approaches to capacity development at all levels and among a broad spectrum of grantees and partner organisations, has proven critical to achieve environment and sustainability goals. Lessons and experience demonstrate the need to work with communities to help shape and realise national and local policies that can inform global decision-making from the bottom up.

The Community Kampung will be dedicated to highlighting stories of grassroots sustainable development victories as well as challenges faced by community-led action around the world. The Kampung will focus on encouraging community participation in biodiversity conservation.

At the centre of the Kampung, a dialogue space will exist to facilitate group discussions, presentations, press conferences and media interaction. Targeted discussions will focus on key biodiversity themes of direct relevance to the COP 7 among community representatives from different parts of the world, as well as dialogues between community and international leaders.

Objectives

The Community Kampung will allow for a “home space” to be created and hosted by community representatives at COP7 that will provide opportunities to:

- ? share information, priorities, and concerns, organise and coordinate their participation in the official discussions of the COP;
- ? present local initiatives and explore how other communities might learn from and apply the lessons learned;
- ? assess how peer learning exchanges and other training processes can increase the effectiveness of community conservation and sustainable use;
- ? coordinate locally-based development networks that share a common perspective and set of priorities;
- ? gain access to, and enter into dialogue with, development professionals and government officials on how to partner and support locally-driven community development efforts that protect and conserve biological diversity;
- ? own and occupy a comfortable space that will complement and support COP discussions. It will include appropriate infrastructure such as an IT centre, interpretation resources, opportunities for artistic expression and communication.

what is happening at the Kampung?

The daily schedule for the Community Kampung will allow for discussions and presentations led and facilitated by grassroots NGOs and CBOs as well as informal, ad-hoc discussions and events.

For information on the daily schedule, visit the Kampung in Kuala Lumpur or the Equator Initiative web site:

www.EquatorInitiative.org

who should visit the Kampung?

As a space dedicated to changing the world through local partnerships, everyone involved in COP 7 should visit the Community Kampung.

The lessons offered are remarkable and insightful.

Community practitioners, government leaders, development partners, NGOs, CBOs, media, private sector firms and anyone interested in promoting sustainable development are encouraged to visit and become involved

**Visit, engage,
participate, learn, share.**

Partners

The primary partners of the Community Kampung are the participating community groups and local partner NGOs. It is their space.

The Equator Initiative is a partnership of UNDP with BrasilConnects, the government of Canada, Conservation International, the German Federal Ministry of Economic Development and Cooperation (BMZ), the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), IUCN – The World Conservation Union, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), the Television Trust for the Environment (TVE) and the United Nations Foundation. The Equator Initiative is a global partnership that works to reduce poverty in the Equatorial belt through the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.

The Community Kampung is a partnership of the Equator Initiative partners, joined by the UNDP/GEF Small Grants Programme, CBD Secretariat, the Barcelona Forum 2004, Ford Foundation, IIED, Rare, Smithsonian Institution, SwedBio, TILCEPA (IUCN Theme on Indigenous and Local Communities Equity) and the UNESCO World Heritage Centre.

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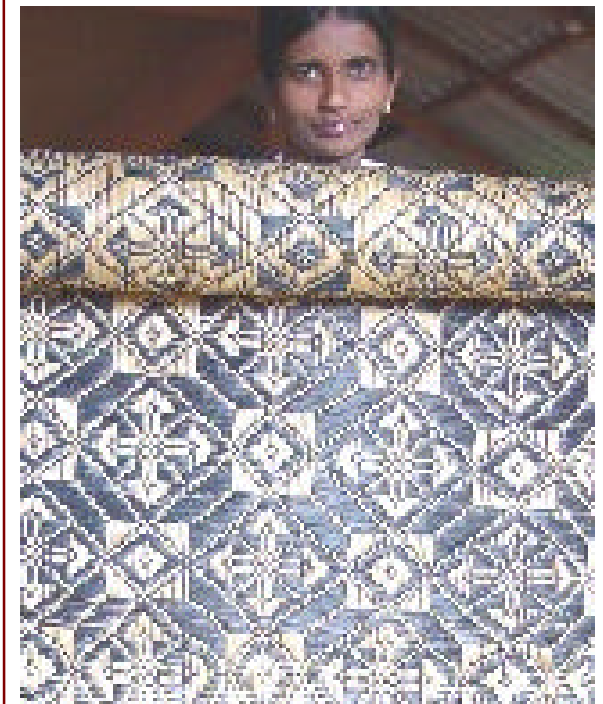
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