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*You are cordially invited to a Side Event at the 11<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties to  
the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, Hyderabad*

## Panel Discussion

### IMPLICATIONS OF BIOPIRACY FOR CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY AND PROTECTION OF LOCAL COMMUNITY

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Wednesday , 17<sup>th</sup> October 2012, 18:15 – 19:45 hrs  
at Side Event Room 4 - HITEX 1 - Ground Level

### Panelists

**Dr. Pushpa M. Bhargava**, Former Vice Chairman, National Knowledge Commission and  
Founder Director (Retired), Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, will speak on  
**Biopiracy and its implications to Biotechnology and Biodiversity Conservation**

**Mr. Ananth Hegde Ashishara**, Chairman, Western Ghats Task Force, Government of  
Karnataka, will speak on **Biopiracy and its implications for Livelihoods and Ecological  
security**

**Mr. K. S. Sugara**, IFS, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member-Secretary,  
Karnataka Biodiversity Board, will speak on **Challenges for Regulatory agencies to tackle  
Biopiracy**

**Mr. Yeshwant Shenoy**, legal advisor to National Biodiversity Authority during 2005-2012  
and author of "Biodiversity Law and Practice" will speak on **Legal and Policy Challenges in  
tackling biopiracy in India**

**Ms. Bhargavi S. Rao**, Coordinator (Education) and Trustee of ESG will present the **Case of  
Biopiracy against Institutions involved in promoting B.t. Brinjal in India**

**Mr. Leo F. Saldanha**, Coordinator and Trustee of ESG will moderate the Panel discussion

Panel presentations will be followed by a discussion.

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