



Centre for Science and Environment
Conference on Food Safety and Environmental Toxins

February, 20–21, 2013

Silver Oak, India Habitat Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi

Day 1, February 20, Wednesday

Registration 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

SESSION 1: OVERVIEW AND AGENDA, 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

- Sunita Narain, Director General**, Centre for Science and Environment
Food Safety and Environmental Toxins – Status and Key Challenges 9:30 AM – 9:45 AM
- Chandra Bhushan, Deputy Director General**, Centre for Science and Environment
CSE's Pollution Monitoring Laboratory – Achievements and Challenges 9:45 AM – 10:00 AM
- Thirumalachari Ramasami, Secretary**, Department of Science and Technology
*Role of independent science for protecting public health** 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM
- Keshav Desiraju, Secretary**, Department of Health and Family Welfare
Importance of safe food and clean environment for public health 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Tea 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

SESSION 2A: REGULATION OF PESTICIDES, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Chair: S Dave, Chairperson, Codex Alimentarius Commission

- CSE Presentation**
Status of pesticide regulations in India 11:00 AM – 11:15 AM
- S Dave, Chairperson**, CODEX Alimentarius Commission
*Regulation of pesticides: CODEX perspective** 11:15 AM – 11:30 AM
- J Padmaja Rambabu, Scientist D**, National Institute of Nutrition
Pesticides in food commodities and health impact 11:30 AM – 11:45 AM
- Kavitha Kuruganti, Consultant**, Centre for Sustainable Agriculture
Civil Society experience on pesticide regulation and management 11:45 AM – 12:00 noon

Discussion 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

SESSION 2B: JUNK FOOD AND NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Chair: K Srinath Reddy, President, Public Health Foundation of India

- CSE presentation**
How junk is junk food 11:00 AM – 11:15 AM
- K Srinath Reddy, President**, Public Health Foundation of India
*Junk food and non-communicable diseases: Public health perspective** 11:15 AM – 11:30 AM
- Rekha Sharma, Director**, Clinical Nutrition & Dietetics, Diabetes Foundation India
Junk food for children: Nutritional deficiencies and future onset of non-communicable diseases 11:30 AM – 11:45 AM
- Sharad Vadehra, Senior Patent Attorney**, Delhi High Court
'Junk food' advertisement laws and children 11:45 AM – 12:00 noon
- Ramen Goel, Head of Bariatric Surgery**, Nova Surgical Center
Junk food and obesity in children: opting to go under knife 12:00 noon – 12:15 PM

Discussion 12:15 PM – 1:00 PM

Lunch: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

SESSION 3: COMMUNITY STRUGGLE AND ROLE OF INDEPENDENT LABS – I, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM**Chair: Sunita Narain, Director General,** Centre for Science and Environment

CSE Presentation <i>Community struggle supported by CSE's Pollution Monitoring Lab</i>	2:00 PM – 2:15 PM
Umendra Dutt, Executive Director, Kheti Virasat Mission <i>Community struggle due to pesticides in Punjab and role of labs</i>	2:15 PM – 2:30 PM
C Jayakumar, Director, Thanal Conservation Action and Information Network <i>How independent labs have helped community struggle on Endosulfan in Kerala</i>	2:30 PM – 2:45 PM
GV Ramanjaneyulu, Executive Director, Center for Sustainable Agriculture <i>Civil Society and non chemical alternatives to farming*</i>	2:45 PM – 3:00 PM

Discussion 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM**Tea: 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM****SESSION 4: COMMUNITY STRUGGLE AND ROLE OF INDEPENDENT LABS – II, 4:00 PM – 5: 30 PM****Chair: Sunita Narain, Director General,** Centre for Science and Environment

E A S Sarma, Coordinator, Forum for Better Visakha <i>Industrial pollutants: community struggle, better regulations, role of labs*</i>	4:00 PM – 4:20 PM
Satinath Sarangi, Managing Trustee, Sambhavna Trust Clinic <i>Role of independent labs in Bhopal struggle</i>	4:20 PM – 4:40 PM
S R Hiremath, Founder, Samaj Parivartana Samudaya** <i>Difficulties in establishing pollution in mining areas: experience from Bellary</i>	4:40 PM – 5:00 PM

Discussion 5:00 PM – 5:30 PM**Day 2, February 21, Thursday****SESSION 5A: PROMOTION AND CERTIFICATION OF ORGANIC FARMING, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM****Chair: William Bissel , Managing Director,** FabIndia Overseas Pvt Ltd

CSE Presentation <i>Key issues and challenges in organic farming in India</i>	9:00 AM – 9:15 AM
William Bissel, Managing Director, FabIndia Overseas Pvt Ltd <i>Experience of Fabindia in marketing organic products*</i>	9:15 AM – 9:30 AM
Krishan Chandra, Addl. Commissioner (INM), Dept. of Agriculture and Cooperation <i>Promotion and certification of organic farming in India</i>	9:30 AM – 9:45 AM
Miguel Braganza, Vice President (Asia), Intercontinental Network of Organic Farmers' Organizations, IFOAM <i>Participatory guarantee system and its mainstreaming</i>	9:45 AM – 10:00 AM
P V S M Gouri, Advisor (Organic Products), APEDA <i>Exports of organic products from India: Status and challenges</i>	10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Discussion 10:15 AM – 11:00 AM**SESSION 5B: ANTIBIOTICS AND GROWTH PROMOTERS, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM****Chair: R K Srivastava, Former Director General Health Services**

CSE Presentation <i>Regulations of antibiotics</i>	9:00 AM – 9:15 AM
Ramanan Laxminarayan, Vice President, Research and Policy, PHFI <i>Epidemiology of antibiotic resistance and economic burden on Indian public health</i>	9:15 AM – 9:30 AM
Chand Ram Grover, Sr. Scientist, Microbiology, NDRI <i>Antibiotic residues in milk: A public health concern</i>	9:30 AM – 9:45 AM
Randeep Guleria, Head, Department of Pulmonary Medicine and Sleep Disorders, AIIMS** <i>Challenges in treating antibiotic resistance</i>	9:45 AM – 10:00 AM
Mira Shiva, Coordinator, Indian Initiative for Management of Antibiotic Resistance <i>Antibiotic resistance and public health</i>	10:00 AM – 10:15 AM
Senior management representative, Skylark Hatcheries** <i>Industry experience and expectations: use of antibiotics and growth promoters in poultry</i>	10:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Discussion 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Tea: 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

SESSION 6: BODY BURDEN, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Chair: K C Gupta, Director, Indian Institute of Toxicology Research

CSE Presentation <i>Body burden as a marker to regulate chemicals and pollution</i>	11:30 AM – 11:45 AM
D D Basu, Advisor, Centre for Science and Environment <i>National chemical profiling</i>	11:45 AM – 12:00 noon
K C Gupta, Director, Indian Institute of Toxicology Research <i>Research on body burden at Indian Institute of Toxicology Research*</i>	12:00 noon – 12:15 PM
Tapan Chakrabarti, Emeritus Scientist, CSIR and Former Director, NEERI <i>Biomarkers and body burden</i>	12:15 PM – 12:30 PM
S G Kabra, Advisor, Santokba Durlabhji Memorial Hospital <i>Heavy metals and pesticides in the body: Punjab community</i>	12:30 PM – 12:45 PM

Discussion 12:45 PM – 1:30 PM

Lunch: 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

SESSION 7: FOOD SAFETY REGULATIONS, 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Chair: K Chandramouli, Chairman, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India

K Chandramouli, Chairman, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India <i>Introductory remarks</i>	2:30 PM – 2:45 PM
Mahesh Zagade, Food Safety Commissioner, Maharashtra <i>Food safety regulations and its implementation in Maharashtra</i>	2:45 PM – 3:00 PM
Sri Ram Khanna, Managing Trustee - Board, Voluntary Organisation in Interest of Consumer Education <i>Consumer issues and food safety regulations</i>	3:00 PM – 3:15 PM
Subodh Jindal, Managing Director, Excelsior Food & Chemical Industries <i>Food safety regulations: Industry perspective</i>	3:15 PM – 3:30 PM
Arbind Singh, National Coordinator, National Association of Street Vendors of India <i>Food regulations challenges for small vendors</i>	3:30 PM – 3:45 PM

Discussion 3:45 PM – 4:00 PM

Tea: 4:00 PM – 4:30 PM

SESSION 8: THE WAY AHEAD, 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

CSE Presentation <i>Key takeaways of the conference</i>	4:30 PM – 4:45 PM
Rakesh Kacker, Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries	4:45 PM – 5:00 PM
K Chandramouli, Chairman, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India	5:00 PM – 5:15 PM
Sunita Narain, Director General, Centre for Science and Environment	5:15 PM – 5:30 PM

High Tea, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

*Topic to be confirmed

**Speaker to be confirmed