



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR  
THE STUDY OF THE COMMONS  
[iasc@iasc-commons.org](mailto:iasc@iasc-commons.org)



FOUNDATION FOR ECOLOGICAL SECURITY  
[www.fes.org.in](http://www.fes.org.in)

# Sustaining Commons: Sustaining Our Future

13th Biennial Conference of the  
**International Association for the Study of the Commons**  
Hyderabad, 10 - 14 January 2011  
Hosted by FOUNDATION FOR ECOLOGICAL SECURITY  
Chaired by: Mr. Nitin Desai | Co-Chair: Jagdeesh Rao Puppala

Held in South Asia for the first time and hosted by Foundation For Ecological Security, the 13th Biennial Conference of the International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC2011) is not only a platform for furthering scholarship and debates centered on Commons, but also a space where practitioners, policy makers and researchers from across the world enrich the collective understanding on common property resources and identify areas and measures to inform policy and programmatic action as well as guide future research. IASC 2011 will explore ways to sustain common property resources and Commons for the coming generations in the wake of ever increasing threats of privatization of collective assets and an increasing trend of atomization of rural and urban societies. The Conference will take a critical look at the interface between human and natural resources in general and Commons in particular, to build the understanding on the elements and interconnectedness that sustain life, collective action and our future. It will contribute rich lessons and principles for managing local, complex, as well as global Commons such as international arrangements to respond to climate change.

The Conference will deal with physical common resources such as Forests, Grazing Resources, Protected Areas, Water Resources, Fisheries, Coastal Commons, Lagoon Commons, Irrigation Systems, Livestock and Commons and New Commons such as Information Commons, Cultural Commons, Patents, Climate, etc.

The above subjects will be captured under the following sub-themes:

- The Commons, Poverty and Social Exclusion
- Governance of the Commons: Decentralization, Property Rights, Legal Framework, Structure and Organization
- The Commons: Theory, Analytics and Data
- Globalisation, Commercialisation and the Commons
- Managing the Global Commons: Climate Change and other Challenges
- Managing Complex Commons (Lagoons, Protected Areas, Wetlands, Mountain Areas, Rangelands, Coastal Commons)
- New Commons (the New Global Commons – Digital Commons, Genetic Commons, Patents, Music, Literature etc)

## Call For Abstracts

papers | panels | posters | videos

The Conference will provide opportunities for academics, researchers and practitioners to exchange ideas, knowledge and experience. We invite people interested in or working on the issues relating to Commons to participate in the Conference. We encourage scholars and practitioners to submit abstracts for panels, individual papers, posters, videos. The panels, papers, poster and video abstracts should be submitted to the Conference Committee through the online submission process. Multiple forms of participation are envisaged at this global meeting. These include:

### Paper presentations:

Author(s) of a single paper should submit an abstract for their single paper to a specific Conference sub-theme. The Program Committee will group each single paper submission with 2 to 3 other single paper submissions on a similar sub-theme/topic to schedule concurrent panel sessions of 3 to 4 paper presentations total. (Note: Single papers authored by one or more persons are suitable for submission.)

### Thematic panels:

Sponsoring organisations and other academic/research bodies are encouraged to organise and deliver focused policy/practitioner workshops. Thematic panels may also be established by a group of authors to examine a particular issue within a sector, such as forestry or fishing.

### Poster presentations:

Poster sessions will be organised and slotted specific times in order to make the sessions more interactive and attractive both to those presenting and their potential audience. Other than presenting papers, practitioners would be encouraged to highlight their work through poster presentations.

### Video presentations:

Special sessions will be organized for screening video, film, and other forms of presentation. Sharing the status of Commons, the issues faced, attempts at governing such resources, etc. could be shared through this new format of presentation.

Website: <http://iasc2011.fes.org.in/>

Contact:

Jagdeesh Rao Puppala (Conference Co-chair)

Foundation for Ecological Security

PB No. 29, Anand - 388001, India

Tel: 02692-261402/261238/261239

Email: [iasc2011@fes.org.in](mailto:iasc2011@fes.org.in)

