



**SAVE THE WESTERN GHATS  
CONCLAVE 2012  
'PRACTITIONERS'  
CONCLAVE'**

**LEARNING FROM THE MOVEMENTS**

**(A SESSION FOCUSED ON THE VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENTS OF  
INDIA)**

**SLOT: 2:30 PM TO 4PM DAY 1**

**FORMAT: PANEL DISCUSSION**

This session will focus on some of the most influential environmental movements of India. Environmental movements in India have gone a long way in influencing people and in bringing about issues concerning the ecosystem and local communities both into the public and political glare. It is very important for us to gauge the significance of such environmental movements in both the past and the present so that a concerted effort can be made in the future to bring about such change in the future through various concerted environmental movements. This session will also see a discussion on the Ecology of Action, which aims at the modus operandi of staging a concerted struggle against the system that perpetuates environmental injustice and oppression of indigenous people. Ecology of Action suggests that isolated struggles do not have the vigor to overturn an unjust system and hence movements and mass struggles need to be directed towards upturning the order that fosters the need to exploit and control nature.