



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

**THE E (NVIRONMENT) - DIALOGUES**

The beautiful and diverse Western Ghats cut across so many states and home to millions of people. Everyone is living there the way they understand best. Some are mindlessly exploiting the resources like in any part of the world, some others are living passively and still some other striving hard to replenish, conserve and save these limited resources, beautiful landscapes and rich biodiversity. Western Ghats is a place thriving with biodiversity. Losing this would impact on life itself in ways known to most of us and often ignored.

Through Practitioner's Conclave in Mahabaleshwar, from 30<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> Decemeber 2012, a conscious effort will be made to make the participants, supporters and enthusiasts commit for responsible action to save the one and only Western Ghats<sup>1</sup>. The Conclave is an attempt to bring together various stakeholders in order to discuss pressing ecological, economic and social issues leading to sustainable solutions and strategies for the region. The meeting will carve new partnerships, strengthen the existing ones & develop concrete long term action plans for sustainable development in the Western Ghats<sup>2</sup>.

While we do this serious work, we are also coming together to celebrate all the relentless efforts that have been made (ongoing) over the past so many years. It's time to come together and recognize, pat our backs and showoff this hard work. We will be getting together to highlight these efforts and spread the awareness of a nearly parallel system that attempts to keep things in check. We would be

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<sup>1</sup> Website: <http://www.savethewesternghats.org/index.php>

<sup>2</sup> Flyer : [https://mail-attachment.googleusercontent.com/attachment/?ui=2&ik=a079f11242&view=att&th=1381d9f7a9b023e7&attid=0.1&disp=inline&realattid=f\\_h3tuuc1h0&safe=1&zw&saduie=AG9B\\_P\\_tvloZD8PEWai1hGZwXHyo&sadet=1342502492615&sads=tWSHbfIA7pt5ohEZh\\_CUh6tPARO](https://mail-attachment.googleusercontent.com/attachment/?ui=2&ik=a079f11242&view=att&th=1381d9f7a9b023e7&attid=0.1&disp=inline&realattid=f_h3tuuc1h0&safe=1&zw&saduie=AG9B_P_tvloZD8PEWai1hGZwXHyo&sadet=1342502492615&sads=tWSHbfIA7pt5ohEZh_CUh6tPARO)



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revisiting the past, questioning the present and contemplating hard on how we could take things further.

Youth have been playing an interesting role in the course of this work. There are youth spread out across the WG taking up more challenges, watching and observing, learning by doing and making their own imprints. A lot of youth today have also begun questioning the system; whether they are sitting behind the computers in corporate set up offices or whether they have left it all and begun their own small / big endeavors, they are questioning. Whether they are using technology to seek their answers or are seeking their roots to resolve their unrest, the youth IS perplexed.

*This session would focus on celebrating and questioning simultaneously. The presentations would be organized in a way to link with the theme of the day at the conclave.*

*And our attempt would be to bring together 3 concrete solutions at the end of 3 days.*

Moderator & Session Organisers: Bhakti, Nishita & Tarsh

**FORMAT AND DURATION**

This session is spread out over the three days of the Conclave for different durations. Please follow the session format for the same.

Day 1 – Introduction	2pm – 2.10pm	10 mins
Day 1 - Expressions	2pm – 2.20pm	20 mins
Day 2 – Expressions cont.	12.30 – 1pm	30 mins



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Day 2 – Discussion on Expressions	1.00pm – 1.30pm	30 mins
Day 3 – Solutions & Decisions	11.30pm – 1pm	1.30 mins
Day 3 – Wind up presentations	1 pm – 1.30pm	30 mins

\*Internal use only

The sessions would start with a brief introduction. All the presentations would follow suit. The second would focus on discussions around the presentations. And a concentrated 1 ½ hour session would be spent over churning out solutions and making decisions.

### **MODE OF PRESENTATION**

Pecha Kucha format (tailored) would be used. \*please refer to note

The PK's could be a Short film, or a display of photographs narrating a story, or Small regional presentations (musicals, dance, posters) that would display the work that has been going on in the Western Ghat regions.

Each participant would be given 6 minutes to speak, display their work. This would be followed by a discussion.

### **Eligible Participants:**

All who would like to celebrate & showcase their efforts so far and interested in discussing the way ahead.

Youth who have been working all across the Western Ghats are welcome to this session. However anyone else interested is also free to participate.

The registration form for this session will be released shortly.



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**\*Pecha Kucha**

PechaKucha (PK) 20x20 is a simple presentation format where you show 20 images, each for 20 seconds. The images forward automatically and you talk along to the images. PK as devised by Astrid Klein and Mark Dytham of Klein Dytham uses only slides to present their thoughts.

However here we are modifying the format and open the stage to any tool that suits the participant(s) to convey their story.

You could choose to make presentations using music, plays, photo exhibits, paintings, sketches, poetry, mimicry, documentary ...anything you like as long as they convey the message.

*The idea we maintain is that their story should be crisp, concise and comprehensive and they have only 6 minutes to do so.*

Please remember to specify your tool in the registration form.