

SATOYAMA INITIATIVE REGIONAL WORKSHOP IN AFRICA 2015 AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN AFRICA

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Ghana and the Satoyama Initiative

- Founding member of the International Partnership for the Satoyama Initiative (IPSI)
- Chair of the IPSI Steering Committee
- Satoyama Initiative concepts included in national biodiversity policy

Ghana and the Satoyama Initiative

- National biodiversity strategy – Fifth National Report:

“...disruptions in the functions of *socio-ecological productive landscapes*, with noticeable changes in the balance between beneficial and non-beneficial organisms, resulting in hardships to farmers”

Satoyama Initiative Regional Workshop in Africa 2015



10-12 August 2015, Accra, Ghana

Satoyama Initiative Regional Workshop in Africa 2015

- Outline:
 - ▣ 10 August: Opening ceremony and plenary session
 - ▣ 11 August: Working groups and closing plenary
 - ▣ 12 August: Excursion to Atewa Range

Satoyama Initiative Regional Workshop in Africa 2015

- 13 African countries represented:
 - Uganda
 - Ghana
 - Benin
 - Senegal
 - Cameroon
 - Chad
 - Togo
 - Niger
 - Kenya
 - Malawi
 - Nigeria
 - Cote d'Ivoire
 - Ethiopia

Presentations (selected)

- Hon. Dr. Bernice Heloo, Deputy Minister of Environment, Ghana
- Prof. Kazuhiko Takeuchi, Senior Vice-Rector, UNU “The Satoyama Initiative and societies in harmony with nature: resilient socio-ecological production landscapes for Africa”
- Dr. Tanya Abrahamse, CEO, South African National Biodiversity Institute “Introduction of Activities of South African Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)”



Working Groups

- Grouped by primary ecosystem of participants' projects:
 - Forest
 - Drylands
 - Aquatic
 - Agricultural

Main conclusions

- There are many projects on-the-ground in Africa, but a need for more coordination and involvement in policy processes
- Policy should be streamlined among different governing bodies
- There is also need for effective resource mobilization at the regional level

Excursion to Atewa Range



Cocoa-producing landscape



Landscape affected by mining

Other developments in Ghana and Africa

- Capacity development initiatives
- Small scale farmers engagement in countering climate change effects
- African regional assessment of biodiversity in the IPBES
- Programmes to effectively mainstream biodiversity