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### **Valuing ecosystem services applying local perspectives**

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#### ***Abstract***

Ecosystem services (ES) represent the goods and services that humans receive from their natural systems. Understanding and embedding the value of nature's services in policy decision making and development-related projects is rather vital in countries like India where a majority of the population is connected to their natural resources directly or indirectly. Linking people's well-being and nature, applying the ES approach, can add substantial value for the policy decision-makers to comprehend the holistic picture. Particularly, this is rather critical when dealing with Adivasi communities whose living depends on nature, and they often experience immense pressure to mainstream their ways of living. In this talk, I will discuss non-conventional and innovative techniques that can be applied to appropriately evaluate the role of Adivasi peoples (or IPLC—Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities) in managing their tribal areas and maintaining the flow of ES not just for themselves, but also for the wider global public.