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SESSION DESCRIPTION

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Evidencing the nexus between values, peoples' well-being and ecosystem health

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Abstract:

The session will focus on presenting methodological procedures for conflict assessment, on presenting proposals for the effective use of ecosystem services (conflict resolution) as well as on presenting good practices. The health of an ecosystem conditions its capacity to provide beneficial services to global and local societies. Over the last decade, it has emerged an increasing interest from different stakeholders to incorporate pluralistic values in decision-making processes oriented to design interventions with potential to achieve win-win outcomes, this is on increasing peoples' well-being while maintaining ecosystems healthy in terms of its vigorosity, organization and resilience. However, the knowledge regarding how these pluralistic values are incorporated into the design of these policies and what are the outcomes of such interventions is quite limited in the literature. It is expected that this session might contribute to close such a gap by presenting empirical and prospective analyses shedding lights in relation to the following three themes: 1) the role of peoples' values on the vigorosity, organization and resilience of natural ecosystems, 2) innovative methods and practices to incorporate plural values in the design of public policies primarily oriented to maintain ecosystems healthy; and 3) the impacts of such policies on ecosystem health and peoples' well-being outcomes.

Goals and objectives of the session:

This session aims to collect and disseminate insights from relevant studies evidencing the nexus between values, people's well-being and ecosystems health by characterizing pathways that might follow ongoing or planned policy interventions oriented to influence such values for generating positive impacts on ecosystem health outcomes in both rural and urban contexts.

Planned output / Deliverables:

Two outputs are planned: 1 policy brief and 1 scientific article oriented to policymakers and academics, respectively. These both document aim to document main insights presented during the session.

Session format:

It is expected that between 5-6 contributions could be presented during the session considering 10-12 minutes for each one of them, followed by 15 minutes for Q&A and 15 minutes for wrapping up and final reflections. In total, 90 minutes will be required.

Voluntary contributions accepted:

Yes, I allow any abstract to be submitted to my session for review

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