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SESSION 1:

A Decade of Partnerships in Sustainable Development of the Seas of East Asia: Synergies and Achievements

WORKSHOP 1.3:

Coastal and Ocean Governance in the Seas of East Asia: from Nation to Region

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Ending extreme poverty and hunger and reversing the trend in biodiversity loss remain as major challenges in the ASEAN Region. Common to both the new SDGs and the Aichi Targets are the iterative emphasis on sustainable production and consumption without sacrificing air and water quality and building resilience to climate change. Being aware of and internalizing the messages of both sets of goals and targets, active participation of national governments, technical support from the academe, implementation support from the private sector and aggressive national to local actions are, from the ASEAN experience, important to achieving these goals. Specific to the ACB experience, informed planning design and policy development achieve higher resolution outcomes.

Serving as the secretariat of the ASEAN Heritage Parks (AHPs), ACB presents this conservation approach as a win-win arrangement towards achieving both the SDGs and Aichi Targets. To expand its portfolio towards the marine environment, ACB partners with PEMSEA in the preparation of the proposal entitled “Achieving the Aichi Targets through Integrated Coastal Management” with the aim of mobilizing large scale coastal and marine conservation action in the Southeast and East Asian region. In parallel to this initiative and approaching ICM through the need to conserve intertidal habitats, ACB has partnered with the East Asian Australasian Flyway Partnership to focus on migratory species that are nearing extinction. A sub-regional strategy will be developed to contribute to the conservation of this most threatened skyway in the world. In the context of the upcoming ASEAN integration, ACB presents the ASEAN Working Group on Coastal and Marine Environment as a regional forum that enables discussions among ASEAN Member States (AMS) on common issues in the region and the means to address them.



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About Atty. Roberto V. Oliva:

ATTY. ROBERTO V. OLIVA is a Forester-Lawyer from the Philippines. He completed his forestry degree in 1978 and his law degree in 1984. From 1985 to 1987, he has a stint as a local government official of his town – Los Baños, Laguna, serving as Vice-Mayor of said municipality.

In 1988, he was a Senior Fellow at the ASEAN Institute of Forest Management in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia where he worked on the Harmonization of Forest Policies in the ASEAN Region.

Thereafter, and in the next 30 years from 1990-2010, he had been involved in natural resources projects teaching biodiversity and natural resources laws and policies at the University and later working in such organizations as the World Bank, UN FAO, USAID, JBIC, and many other international organizations mostly as a Legal and Policy Specialist. In 2007-2008, he helped the government of Kenya come up with its subsidiary legislation in forestry under the auspices of FAO. In 2010, he assisted the City of Sta. Rosa come up with its Environmental Code.

For all his advocacies, he has received numerous awards among them are Most Outstanding Citizen of Los Baños, Laguna in 2004, the Outstanding Alumnus Award from UP College of Forestry in 2004, and UP Los Baños also in 2004, the UPLB Nelia Teodoro Gonzales Award for Community Service in 2011 among others. In 2014, he also received a Special Congressional Recognition from First Congressional District of Hawaii for his invaluable service in protecting natural resources and preserve environmental diversity in South East Asia.

From 2011 until 2013, he worked as Assistant Secretary for Lands of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

In April 2013 he was fortunate to have been chosen by the Governing Board of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) to become the Executive Director.