

UN Agenda to address Assam's problems inclusively



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The UN Post 2015 Agenda on Sustainable Development would include important points raised by civil societies of Asia and Pacific region, Chandan Kumar Duarah, a journalist and activist from Assam said on Tuesday. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) assured to include some important suggestions in the new agenda to address major issues of Assam as well as the north-east Indian region, he said. Duarah opined that the approach of to the Post-2015 Development Agenda and Sustainable Development Goal must create a constructive path to addressing environmental justice and civil societies emphasize it. The issues include climate change, industrial destruction, waste and health problem, land grabbing, human rights violation, militarization and violation of rights of indigenous people. Duarah was invited to this meeting and as a panelist and his topic was "Access to Information, Public Participation and Environmental Justice" in the session of Rio+20 Outcomes and Principle 10.

Representatives from 23 countries in Asia and the Pacific attended the the Asia Pacific Civil Society Regional Consultation Meeting 2013 endorsed some recommendation as necessary steps towards achieving environmental sustainability. They assembled in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on September 17-18, 2013. The officials from United Nations participated the UNEP's Consultation Meeting organised by Asian Development Bank, Satagoeri Project and Ecomom Korea and hosted by the Cooperation Committee for Cambodia (CCC). The meeting focused on environment sustainability in the post 2015 development agenda, regional priority and emerging issues in Asia- Pacific region, role of major groups and stakeholder's engagement and transparency.

Launched on May 31, 2013, the consultation gathered critical analysis from civil society on the UN post 2015 development agenda. This report, presenting recommendations from regional civil society networks will be delivered to the Head of the UNEP as well as UN.

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