

Organizers: Marianne Krasny and Keith Tidball

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Attendance: Keith Tidball, Marianne Krasny, Thomas Elmqvist, Lauren Chambliss, Frank DiSalvo, David Wolfe, Johannes Lehmann, Rich Stedman, David Kay, Rebecca Schneider, Brian Chabot, David Dieterich, Steven Wolf, Chuck Geisler

This ACSF Topical lunch, organized by the Cornell Civic Ecology Lab, was an opportunity to learn more about the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD), being organized in pursuance of UN General Assembly Resolution 64/236 and taking place in Brazil in June 2012 to mark the 20th anniversary of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), in Rio de Janeiro, and the 10th anniversary of the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg. We took advantage of an opportunity to share amongst colleagues other activities that are related to the 2012 UNCSD ("Rio +20") in order to foster new collaborations across disciplines and fields within Cornell. We reviewed and discussed implications for scholarship, visibility, and impact regarding how Rio +20 is envisaged as a Conference at the highest possible level, including Heads of State and Government or other representatives, and is expected to result in a focused political document. Participants in the topical lunch generally agreed that it is important for Cornell scholars to "be at the table" in meaningful ways at these important international science-policy interface meetings. Participants also expressed general agreement that we should move forward with conceptualizing and organizing a Cornell presence at Rio +20, specifically focused at a minimum on already-existing or scheduled possibilities at Rio +20 side events (including the ICLEI- CBD event), and possibly including additional presence at other side-events. We agreed to consider a "product" or "deliverable" for release in conjunction with participation at Rio +20, which will be further refined in coming weeks. Finally, we agreed to continue the discussion via a loosely-organized group consisting of attendees of the lunch and other interested persons. Keith Tidball agreed to assist with coordination and communication among this group.



**RIO+20**  
United Nations Conference  
on Sustainable Development

<http://www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>

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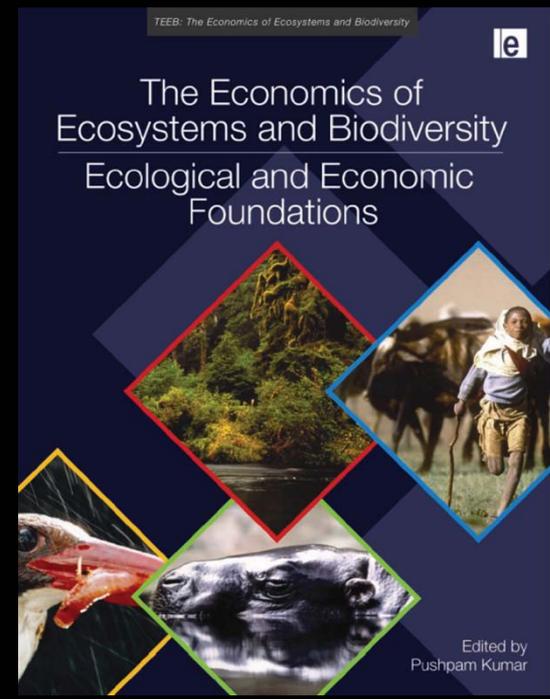
# Cornell and the Road to Rio plus 20

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# Theme I - Green Economy

## Natural Capital



# Theme II - New governance systems

## Local governments role in implementation

