

### **Programme**

#### **Welcoming Remarks**

Zafar Adeel, Director UNU-INWEH; Chair, UN-Water

# **Applying the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 to the Management of Forested Wetlands**

Jo Mulongoy, Principal Officer, Scientific, Technical and Technological Matters, CBD Secretariat

# Role of Plantation Forests to Sequester Atmospheric CO2 and Mitigate Climate Change

Altaf Arain, Director, McMaster Centre for Climate Change, McMaster University

## Forested Wetlands in a Changing Climate: Impacts, Mitigation and Restoration

Mike Waddington, Associate Director, McMaster Centre for Climate Change, McMaster University

# The Global Status of Mangroves (World Atlas of Mangroves) and Ecosystem Connectivity

Hanneke Van Lavieren, Programme Officer (Coastal ecosystems), UNU-INWEH

#### **Ecosystem Services and Mangroves**

Bhim Adhikari, Project Officer (Drylands), UNU-INWEH

#### Wetland Health and Human Well-Being: a Canadian Great Lakes Perspective

Pat Chow-Fraser, Professor and Chair, Biology Department, McMaster University

Chair: Lucilla Spini, GECHH Project Officer, UNU-INWEH

#### **Open Floor Q&A Discussion**

Moderated by Peter Sale, Assistant Director (Coastal ecosystems), UNU-INWEH

An event organized jointly by the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU-INWEH), the Global Environmental Change and Human Health (GECHH) Project and McMaster University Centre for Climate Change (MCC) to celebrate the 2011 World Wetlands Day and mark the 40th Anniversary of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971), with the theme "Wetlands and Forests", especially chosen because 2011 is the UN International Year of Forests.

