

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GNH
Paro Garden Palace Lawn, November 4-6, 2015

Day 1: Wednesday, November 4, 2015 (Plenary)

Duration (minute)	Time (start)	Time (end)	Name	Country	Title	Affiliation	
0:15	8:30	8:45	Participants/guests to be seated by 8:45 and performance				
0:10	8:45	8:55	Ritual of Zhing Zhig Pema by Paro Rabdey				Paro Rabdey
0:10	8:55	9:05	Dance of Black Hat by Paro Rabdey				Paro Rabdey
0:05	9:05	9:10	Arrival of Tsuglag Lopen Samten Dorji Rinpoche				
			MC: Kuenzang Lhadon				CBS & GNH Research
0:10	9:10	9:20	Venerable Samten Dorji Rinpoche	Bhutan		Tsuglag Lopen Rinpoche, Zhung Dratshang	
0:10	9:20	9:30	Most Venerable Professor Phra Brahmapandit	Thailand		Rector of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University (MCU) and Chief Abbot	
			MC: Chimi Dem				CBS & GNH Research
0:10	9:30	9:40	Venerable Lama Lobzang	India		Secretary General, International Buddhist Confederation	
0:10	9:40	9:50	Khenchen Namdrol	India		Chief Abbot, Ngagyur Nyingma University, Namdroling, Mysore	
			MC: Tshoki Zangmo				CBS & GNH Research
0:10	9:50	10:00	HE Gautam Bambawale	India		Ambassador of India to Bhutan	
0:10	10:00	10:10	HE Ambassador Javier Zarate Rivas	Bolivia	Bon Vivier	CEO, Ministry of Foreign Relations	
0:10	10:10	10:20	HE Naoko Ishii	Japan	Sustainable development and GNH	CEO, Global Environmental Facility (GEF)	
			MC: Tila Maya Sharma				CBS & GNH Research
0:10	10:20	10:30	Mme Eva Sas and Piere Beaumer	France	French legislation in favor of new indicators of wealth	Hon'ble Member of French Parliament (Green Party), Vice President of the Finance Committee	
0:10	10:30	10:40	Katsuo Matsumoto	Japan		Dy. Director General, South Asia Department, JICA	
0:15	10:40	10:55	TEA				
0:10	10:55	11:05	Performance				
0:05	11:05	11:10	Chair: Sabina Alkire	UK		Director, Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative	
0:10	11:10	11:20	Romolo Gandolfo	Greece	The concept of 'public happiness' during the enlightenment: An 18th century European manifestation of GNH?	Director for International Affairs, The Athens News	
0:10	11:20	11:30	Celina Whitaker		How alternative indicators of wealth and wellbeing link with good living through the concept of togetherness?	Leading member of FAIR network (national citizen network called "Forum for Other Indicators of "Wealth")	

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0:10	11:30	11:40	Tony Salvador	USA	Thoughts on the “digital era”, what it mean to be “a part of the world” in the digital era and technology design	Member of Intel’s Central Corporate Strategy Office
0:10	11:40	11:50	Allgood Beth	USA	Beyond GDP: True wellbeing for animals and people	US Campaigns Director, International Fund for Animal Welfare
0:15	11:50	12:05	DISCUSSION			
0:10	12:05	12:15	Performance			
0:05	12:15	12:20	Chair: Prakash Sethi	USA		Professor, Baruch College, New York
0:10	12:20	12:30	Prida Tiasuwan	Thailand	Business: a pathway to co-creating happiness	Chairman, Pranda Jewellery Group
0:10	12:30	12:40	Fergus Lyon	UK	Alternative enterprise and the GNH: An agenda for sustainable prosperity	Professor, Middlesex University
0:10	12:40	12:50	Ruediger Fox	Germany	From GNH to GCH: Leadership for the 21st century	Gross Corporate Happiness-Institute
0:10	12:50	13:00	TBC			
0:15	13:00	13:15	DISCUSSION			
0:45	13:15	14:00	LUNCH			
0:05	14:00	14:05	Chair: Aum Siok Sian Pek Dorji	Bhutan		Executive Secretary, Bhutan Center for Media and Democracy
0:10	14:05	14:15	Jorge Lopez Doriga	Spain	GNH in AJE, a global multinational company	Director of Communication, AJE
0:10	14:15	14:25	Marcos Arruda	Brazil	GNH as adequate measure of human development	Director, Políticas Alternativas Para o Cone Sul (PACS)
0:10	14:25	14:35	James Chalmers	Australia	What would social goods provisioning look like under the GNH paradigm?	Lecturer, Flinders University
0:10	14:35	14:45	Friedhelm Goeltenboth	Germany	The myth of development: Between euphoria and depression in a changing world: Thoughts, considerations and challenges for sustainable livelihood sovereignty and village wellbeing	Nature Life International, Germany
0:15	14:45	15:00	DISCUSSION			
0:15	15:00	15:15	TEA			
0:10	15:15	15:25	Performance			
0:05	15:25	15:30	Chair: Ronald Colman	Canada		Founder and Executive Director of Genuine Progress Index Atlantic
0:10	15:30	15:40	John Elliot	UK	His Majesty’s 1987 vision for GNH, as reported in the Financial Times	Former journalist, The Financial Times of London
0:10	15:40	15:50	Dasho Neten Zangmo	Bhutan	GNH in action: The Samdrupjongkhar initiative	Executive Director, Samdrup Jongkhar Initiative
0:20	15:50	16:10	Dasho Karma Ura	Bhutan	GNH in perspective	President, CBS & GNHR
0:10	16:10	16:20	Sabina Alkire	USA	GNH measurement	Director, Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative
0:10	16:20	16:30	Tshoki Zangmo	Bhutan	GNH measurement	Research Officer, CBS & GNHR
0:10	16:30	16:40	Karma Wangdi	Bhutan	GNH measurement	Research Officer, CBS & GNHR

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0:10	16:40	16:50	Kent Schroeder	Canada	The politics of GNH: Image and implementation of multidimensional development strategy	Professor, International Development Studies, Humber College
0:10	16:50	17:00	Johannes Hirata	Germany	What exactly are the challenges to realizing GNH?	Professor of economics, Hochschule Osnabrück
0:15	17:00	17:15	DISCUSSION			
1:00	17:30	18:30	Film: Travellers and Magician by Khyentse Norbu			
1:00	18:30	19:30	Dinner with entertainment			

Day 2: Thursday, November 5, 2015 (Plenary)

0:05	9:00	9:05	Chair: Dr. Neyzang Wangmo	Bhutan		Dean, Research and External Linkages, Faculty of Nursing and Public Health
0:10	9:05	9:15	Susan Andrews	Brazil	Education for Happiness: Future vision institute	Founder, Future Vision Ecological Park, Brazil
0:10	9:15	9:25	Jean Timsit	France	An interactionist perspective on happiness: An iterative long term loop internal perceptions and external factors	Founder, Project+ Research Group
0:10	9:25	9:35	Bjorn Grinde	Norway	A biological model of the mind suggests the key to happiness	Chief scientist, Division of Mental Health, Norwegian Institute of Public Health in Oslo
0:10	9:35	9:45	Daniel Cordaro	United States	Realizing contentment – An emotion of completeness, wellness, and interconnection	Postdoctoral Research Associate, Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence
0:15	9:45	10:00	DISCUSSION			
0:05	10:00	10:05	Chair: Kesang Tshomo	Bhutan		Coordinator, National Organic Programme
0:10	10:05	10:15	Wallapa van Willenswaard	Netherlands	Mindful markets and “organic food for all” through social entrepreneurship	Managing Director, Suan Nguen Mee Ma
0:10	10:15	10:25	Knut Ims	Norway	Deep ecology and the relevance for GNH and Bhutan	Professor, Business Ethics, Norwegian School of Economics
0:10	10:25	10:35	John A. Quayle	Australia	An applied case study of organic farming rain-forestation best practices by sharing Indonesian rainforest foundation experiences	Founder and Chairman - Indonesian Rainforest Foundation, SPERI delegation
0:10	10:35	10:45	TBC			
0:15	10:45	11:00	DISCUSSION			
0:10	11:00	11:10	TEA			
0:05	11:10	11:15	Chair: Dorji Wangchuk	Bhutan		Dean, External Relations, Royal Thimphu College
0:10	11:15	11:25	Bobo Lwin	Myanmar	Youth leaders’ action-research empowering community Vitality	Founder, Kalayana Mitta Foundation, (TOA delegation)
0:10	11:25	11:35	Anesh Sukhai	South Africa	Developing a public safety measure for the city of Johannesburg, South Africa: Opportunities for integrating measures of happiness and well-being	Senior Scientist, Violence, Injury and Peace Research Unit, South African Medical Research Council
0:10	11:35	11:45	Noppawan Boontham	Thailand	SMART village	Maejo University
0:10	11:45	11:55	Tina Pujara	India	Happiness by neighbourhood design	Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture and Planning, IIT

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0:15	11:55	12:10	DISCUSSION							
0:05	12:10	12:15	Chair: Friedhelm Goeltenboth	Germany		Nature Life International, Germany				
0:10	12:15	12:25	Lori Nathanson	United States	Emotional intelligence and wellbeing	Director of Research, Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence				
0:10	12:25	12:35	Dr. Gómez-Alvarez	Mexico	Subjective wellbeing at Jalisco state government in Mexico	Secretary of Planning and Evaluation at the Government of the State of Jalisco				
0:10	12:35	12:45	William Joseph Long	United States	A philosophical exploration of radical forgiveness	Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Georgia State University				
0:10	12:45	12:55	Robert C. Wolkott	USA	Innovating your life: Applying insights from the history of innovation to leading a more successful, fulfilling life	Co-Founder & Executive Director of the Kellogg Innovation Network				
0:15	12:55	13:10	DISCUSSION							
0:45	13:10	13:55	LUNCH							
					PARALLEL SESSION 1				PARALLEL SESSION 2	
0:05	13:55	14:00	Chair: Alejandro Adler			PhD candidate, University of Pennsylvania	Chair: Dr. Sonam Choki	Bhutan		Lecturer, Royal Institute of Management
0:10	14:00	14:10	Yoshiaki Takahashi	Japan	Happiness, ideal happiness, and reference point: Asian cases	Associate Professor, University of Tsukuba	Chetan Sharma	India	Can ICT impact sourcing contribute as well as grow within the context of GNH in Bhutan	Founder & CEO, Datamation Group of companies
0:10	14:10	14:20	Yohsuke Amano	Japan	To realize societies in harmony with nature: The approach of the Satoyama Initiative	Programme associate, United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability, (SPERI delegation)	Dasho Karma Tshiteem	Bhutan	GNH in Civil Service Reforms	Chairperson, Royal Civil Service Commission
0:10	14:20	14:30	Lilia Khoumoutdinova	Czech Republic	Benefits and challenges of applying Bhutanese GNH philosophy in a global context, and specifically in Europe	Happy Czech Republic	Dorji Wangchuk	Bhutan	Towards a GNH Model in Mass Media – An ethical framework to advance contentment, community and compassion	Dean, External Relations, Royal Thimphu College
0:10	14:30	14:40	Nicole Naurath	United States	A cross-cultural examination of wellbeing	Regional Director for Asia, Abu Dhabi Center, Gallup	Rakibul Hasan	Bangladesh	How SRHR challenges ‘development’ in Bangladesh: An advocacy of citizen’s journalism	University of Dhaka
0:10	14:40	14:50	Danica Hrovatič	Slovenia	Slovenian (un)happy people compared with Bhutanese	Director of Research and Social Institute in Ljubljana	Durga Prasad Chhetri	India	Shifting power to the periphery : The impact of decentralisation on the wellbeing of poor	Associate Professor, Department of Political Science
0:10	14:50	15:00	S. Fukushima, Y. Yuchida, K Takemura	Japan	Collective happiness in Japan		Matt Branch		Greening the GNH index: Re-emphasizing conservation and environment in GNH	School for Field Studies
0:15	15:00	15:15	DISCUSSION							
0:10	15:15	15:25	TEA							
0:05	15:25	15:30	Chair: Paola Ardiles	Canada		Founder & Strategic Social Enterprise Lead, Bridge for Health	Chair: Chokey Penjor	Bhutan		National Commission of Women and Children
0:10	15:30	15:40	Wolfgang Kessler	Germany	GNH: A development model for Germany?	Member of the German-Bhutan Himalaya Association	Khamphoui Saythalat	Laos	Role of Civil Society Organization	Executive Director of Participatory Development Training Centre (PADETC)

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0:10	15:40	15:50	Emily Jane O'Dell	Oman	Advancing disability rights and awareness in Bhutan and Oman	Assistant Professor, Sultan Qaboos University	Robert Rudolf	Germany	Gender and happiness in South Korea	Assistant Professor, Division of International Studies at Korea University
0:10	15:50	16:00	Sanjoy Mukherjee	India	In quest of happiness: Glimpses from Indian wisdom	Director of Research Center, Rajiv Gandhi Indian Institute of Management	Nawal K. Paswan	India	Dynamics of gender based violence in the paradigm of GNH in Bhutan	Dean, School of Social Sciences and Associate Professor, Sikkim University
0:10	16:00	16:10	Faisal Hassan and Katherine Dunn	USA/India	Spirituality, psychological wellbeing and GNH: Bhutan and India	Research Scholar, Aligar Muslim University	Ritu Verma & Karma Ura	Canada	Gender difference in GNH: Analysis of GNH survey	Associate Professor, Royal Thimphu College, Bhutan
0:10	16:10	16:20	Irfan Ali Abbas	India	The need of legal aid for wellbeing and happiness – A study of India and Bhutan	Research Scholar in Law and Project Fellow, Osmania University, Telangana	Angel Gamboa	Colombia	Economy for life from a gender perspective	Head, Colombian grassroots movement partner with CCFD
0:10	16:20	16:30	Vibbudi Venkateswarlu	India	Social diversity and judiciary in India: A comparative study with Bhutan	Osmania University, Hyderabad	Polly Vauquiline	India	Happiness and wellbeing: Probing thorough gender lens	HoD, Associate Professor, Gauhati University
0:15	16:30	16:45	DISCUSSION				DISCUSSION			
					PARALLEL SESSION 3				PARALLEL SESSION 4	
0:05	16:45	16:50	Chair: TBC	Bhutan			Chair: Hans van Willenswaard	Thailand		School of Wellbeing and Research
0:10	16:50	17:00	Peter Daniels	Australia	Climate change and Buddhist economic system-an ethical and scientific response	Senior Lecturer, Griffith University	Lanh Thi Tran	Vietnam	Subsistence and livelihood security versus mainstream agro-business	Honorary Research Associate in Anthropology at Waikato University, New Zealand
0:10	17:00	17:10	Sauwalak Kittiprapas	Thailand	Buddhist sustainable happiness for sustainable development	Director of Research Center in the Faculty of Economics of Rangsit University	A Chon	Vietnam	Livelihood sovereignty and village wellbeing	Key Farmer of the SPERI Key Farmer Network
0:10	17:10	17:20	Hendrik Opdebeeck	Belgium	Buddhism as a source of revitalization of sustainability management in the west: The case-study of E.F.Schumacher	Chairman of the Flemish cross-cultural SPES-Forum, University of Antwerp	Loc Van Vin	Vietnam	Ecological farming and inter-generational wellbeing	Member, Secretariat of the Mekong region Young Farmers Network
0:10	17:20	17:30	Andras Ocsai	Hungary	Buddhist social entrepreneurship	PhD candidate, Business Ethics Center, Corvinus University of Budapest	Kezang	Bhutan	Major findings: Green Public Procurement Bhutan	Project Director, Europe Aid SWITCH-Asia Green Public Procurement, Bhutan Project
0:10	17:30	17:40	Paola Di Maio	India	Open technologies for happiness	Multilingual Socio Technical System Engineering	Kezang Tshomo	Bhutan	Towards full organic agriculture in Bhutan by 2020: Constraints and opportunities	Coordinator, National Organic Programme
0:10	17:40	17:50	Zoltan Valcsicsak	Hungary	What makes you (not) a Buddhist entrepreneur in Bhutan and elsewhere?	President, Hungarian Bhutan Friendship Society	Chindanai Jovalu	Thailand	Fighting for livelihood sovereignty and identity	SPERI
0:10	17:50	18:00	Michael Givel	USA	Mahayana Buddhism and GNH	Professor, Oklahoma University	M. A. Salas & H. J. Tillmann	Peru & Germany	Happiness in Latin America	SPERI
0:15	18:00	18:15	DISCUSSION				DISCUSSION			
0:45	18:15	19:00	Film: TBC							
1:00	19:00	20:00	Dinner with entertainment							

Day 3: Friday, November 6, 2015

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0:05	9:00	9:05	Chair: Tshering Tashi	Bhutan			Chair: Somboon Chungprampree	Thailand		INEB
0:10	9:05	9:15	Johanna Vandeweerd	Belgium	Buddhist values behind the care for handicapped and elderly people	Familiezorg West-Vlaanderen	Julie Chabaud	France	The first-class challenge of “food capacity”	Departmental Council Gironde
0:10	9:15	9:25	Anjana Bhattacharjee	India	Spirituality: The gateway of happiness and wellbeing	Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Tripura	Yang Saing KOMA	Cambodia	Upscaling of the small holder farming economy in the context of globalization: A Cambodian perspective	Founder, Center for Study and Development in Agriculture, CEDAC, Cambodia
0:10	9:25	9:35	Priscila Camargo Ramalho	USA	The “Bhutanese Dream”? – Exploring the Buddhist roots and the actual challenges of GNH	Columbia University	Sonam Tashi	Bhutan	How to make farming interesting to young people?	Senior Lecturer, College of Natural Resources
0:10	9:35	9:45	Seiji Kumagai	Japan	Buddhist psychology for happiness and wellbeing	Associate Professor, Kokoro Research Center, Kyoto University	M. G. Jurezak	Poland	Are the nature and human satisfaction inseparable?	Institutue of Environmental Science
0:10	9:45	9:55	Yukiko Uchida	Japan	Interdependent happiness and wellbeing	Associate Professor, Kokoro Research Center, Kyoto University	Frances Harris	UK	Gross National Happiness for Children: Embedding GNH values in education	Lecturer, University of Hertfordshire
0:10	9:55	10:05	Lungtaen Gyatsho	Bhutan	Buddhism: A key to the fulfillment of basic human aspirations	Director, Institute for Language and Cultural Studies	TBC			
0:15	10:05	10:20	DISCUSSION				DISCUSSION			
0:05	10:20	10:25	Chair: Kinley Pelden Dorji	Bhutan		Assistant Program Officer, Cabinet Secretariat	Chair: Yoshiaki Takahashi	Japan		Associate Professor, University of Tsukuba
0:10	10:25	10:35	Manas Chatterji	United States	Culture, ethics and CSR	Professor of Management, Binghamton University, State University of New York at Binghamton	Liza Ireland	Canada	Redesigning education for GNH	Executive Director of Changing Climates Consulting
0:10	10:35	10:45	Luk Bouckaert	Belgium	Public happiness and cultural values	Emeritus professor of ethics at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium	Alejandro Adler and Martin E.P. Seligman	United States	Wellbeing and academic achievement: A call for research action	PhD candidate in Positive Psychology, University of Pennsylvania
0:10	10:45	10:55	Rita Guesquiere	Belgium	Resilience and cultural literacy	Emeritus professor of comparative literature at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium	Wayne Nelles	Canada	Nurturing wellbeing through agro-ecological education? Reflections on tertiary reform challenges amidst new sustainable development goals	Visiting Scholar, Chulalongkorn University School of Agricultural Resources
0:10	10:55	11:05	Fan Ma	China	Happiness through cultural integration	Board Management, NGO	Sonam Jamtsho	Bhutan	Spatial Accessibility Indicators for GNH Measurement System	PhD candidate, Spatial Sciences, Curtin University in Perth
0:10	11:05	11:15	Sangye Wangdi & Tshering Wangchen	Bhutan	A living GNH expressed through Bhutanese traditional boot-tshog lham	Proprietor, Bhutan Professional Translation Service	Mukund M. Moharir	United States	GNH philosophy as subset of “happism” theory	Retired Rocket Scientist
0:15	11:15	11:30	DISCUSSION				DISCUSSION			
0:15	11:30	11:45	TEA				TEA			
0:05	11:45	11:50	Chair: Peter Daniels	Bhutan		Senior Lecturer, Griffith University	Chair: Dr. Dechen Dorji	Bhutan		Country Representative, World Wildlife Fund Bhutan
0:10	11:50	12:00	Martin Lohmann	Germany	Tourists’ happiness	Leuphana University, Germany	Szymon Zylinski	Poland	Socialist and capitalist in Poland - which structure is closer to GNH?	University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn
0:10	12:00	12:10	Gyambo Sithey	Bhutan	Bhutanese sleeping pattern and its association with self-reported health and subjective wellbeing	PhD Candidate, University of Sydney	Keith Barber	New Zealand	SPERI in the world of alternative development	Senior Lecture, Waikato University
0:10	12:10	12:20	Debasis Bhattacharya	India	Estimation of average time spent in different disjoint categories of daily activities in a time-use survey	Professor of Statistics at Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan	Danny Teal	USA	The dawn of new economy	Developer crypto-currencies in Zurich, Switzerland

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0:10	12:20	12:30	Wenceslao Unanue	Chile	Revisiting the link between happiness and work outcomes: A flourishing perspective	Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez	
0:10	12:30	12:40	Hyunsoo Kang	South Korea	Creating a happy environment through citizen participation and good governance	President, Chung-Nam Institute	
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					PLENARY		
0:10	13:50	14:00	Performance				
0:05	14:00	14:05	Chair: Johannes Hirata	Germany		Professor of economics, Hochschule Osnabrück	
0:20	14:05	14:25	Statement by Professor Seiji Kumagai and other board members on launching of International Society of Bhutan Studies (ISBS)				
1:05	14:25	15:30	3 minutes report by 21 session chairs				
0:10	15:30	15:40	John Nirenberg	United States	Aspects of wellbeing at work	Walden University	
0:10	15:40	15:50	Felix de Rosen	United Kingdom	The impact of sound on individual and social wellbeing	Blessed Journey	
0:10	15:50	16:00	Tashi Zangmo	Bhutan	The Buddhist nuns of Bhutan	Bhutan Nuns Foundation	
0:10	16:00	16:10	Marilyn Mehlmann	UK	Conscious lifestyle and the UN SGDS in relation to the concept of GNH	Vice-President of the Union of International Associations	
0:10	16:10	16:20	Yamouna David	France	Law for social happiness	Avocat Honoraire, Development manager, Observatoire International du Bonheur (OIB)	
0:10	16:20	16:30	Robert F Kennedy Jr	USA	A contract with our future	President, Water Keeper Alliance	
0:10	16:30	16:40	TBC				
0:20	16:40	17:00	CLOSING				
1:00	17:00	18:00	Film: TBC				
1:00	18:00	19:00	Dinner with entertainment				

Shiv Prasad & Shiv Dayal Singh	India	An empirical study on positive and negative effect of measuring the happiness of an individual	Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati University
TBC			
TBC			
DISCUSSION			
LUNCH			