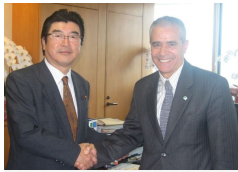


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OCTOBER 2009

CBD EXECUTIVE SECRETARY VISITS THE HOST OF THE NAGOYA BIODIVERSITY MEETINGS



Minister of the Environment-
Japan, Sakihito Ozawa, with
Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD ES.



Vice Minister of the Environment-
Japan, Issei Tajima, with Ahmed
Djoghlaif, CBD ES.

During the month of October, the CBD Executive Secretary travelled to Japan to take part in several CBD-related events as well as meet with officials from the Japanese government and relevant partners. On 10 October in Tokyo, the CBD Executive Secretary joined the Vice Minister of the Environment of Japan, Issei Tajima, for the opening of the International Symposium: One Year Before CBD COP10 - Post 2010 Biodiversity Target and the Asian Vision, organized by the Japan Committee for IUCN, in partnership with Nature Conservation Society of Japan, WWF-

Japan, Conservation International Japan, Bird life Asia, Wild Bird Society of Japan, Biodiversity Network Japan, Nippon Keidanren Committee for Nature Conservation (all member of IUCN), United Nation University. The event gathered more than 300 participants, including international and Japanese speakers and experts, to celebrate the one-year before COP10 and to discuss options for the post-2010 target and framework.



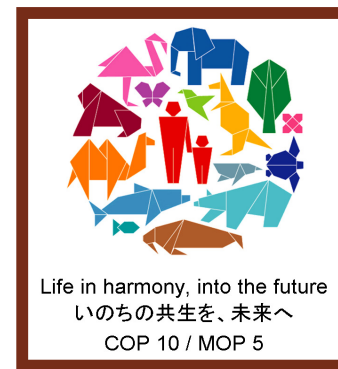
Logo launch of the Japan Civil Network for the
Convention on Biological Diversity.

The CBD Executive Secretary opened the Japan Civil Society Network for CBD symposium held at the Nagoya Congress Center, which gathered from than 200 participants. Meetings were held with the Aichi Nagoya COP10 Promotion

Committee, which was comprised of the Aichi Governor, the new Mayor of Nagoya, and representatives of the business community.

In Tokyo, the CBD Executive Secretary met the new Minister of Environment of Japan, and discussed preparations for COP10. A press conference was held for the unveiling

COP 10 and COP-MOP 5: Logo and Slogan



of the logo of the 2010 Nagoya Biodiversity meetings, as well as the logo for the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity. Meetings were held with senior officials from the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The CBD Executive Secretary also met with the Vice President and other senior staff of JICA on the convening of the First Forum on Biodiversity and Development Cooperation, support for the International Day for Biological Diversity and The Green Wave initiative.

In Kobe, the CBD Executive Secretary attended and delivered a keynote presentation at the Kobe Biodiversity Dialogue, convened as a follow up of the Kobe Call of Action on Biodiversity adopted by the G8 Ministers of the Environment in May 2008.

Follow up on the outcome of the meeting as well as preparations for the G8 Summit in 2010 was discussed. The CBD Executive Secretary took part in a number of interviews and media-related events while in Japan.



Tokyo: Unveiling of the logo and slogan of the COP10/
MOP5 meetings, and logo of 2010 IYB. In photo (L-R):
Issei Tajima, Vice-Minister of the Environment, Sakihito
Ozawa, Minister of Environment, and Ahmed Djoghlaif,
CBD-ES.

CSAB-3 / IPBES-2 - NAIROBI, KENYA



Spencer Thomas, SBSTTA Chair, and Jochen Flasbarth, on behalf of the COP 9 President at the CSAB-3 meeting.

The third meeting of the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of Biodiversity-related Convention (CSAB) was held on 4 October 2009 at the UNEP headquarters in Nairobi. The agenda of the meeting addressed the: development of post-2010 biodiversity

targets, options for improving collaboration and synergy on issues of common interest, preparations for the International Year of Biological Diversity, as well as options for strengthening science-policy interfaces on biodiversity and ecosystem services. The outcome of the meeting is accessible on the Secretariat website at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/csab/csab-03/official/csab-03-03-en.pdf>.

The CSAB meeting was followed by the second ad hoc intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder meeting on an intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services (IPBES) on 5 October. The CBD Executive Secretary delivered a statement on IPBES and the role of CBD. The meeting provided an opportunity for the launching of the IYB

logo, with the participation of the Minister of Environment of Kenya. The IYB logo and slogan were also translated to Kishwahili. The CBD Executive Secretary also met with a number of senior government officials attending the meeting. While in Nairobi, a meeting was also held with UNON staff on support for CBD meetings in 2010.



Meeting with the COP 9 President and incoming COP 10 President to discuss the post-2010 preparation of the strategic plan.

VISIT TO THAILAND AND SINGAPORE



H.E. Suwit Khunkitti, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand with Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD-ES.

On 19 October, the CBD Executive Secretary was in Bangkok and met with the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment. Issues discussed included: WGABS-8 meeting, preparations for the IYB and The

Green Wave initiative.

A meeting was also held with the Executive Secretary of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) to discuss the COP 10, IYB and GBO-3. ESCAP agreed to launch the GBO-3 in May 2010 in Bangkok. The CBD Executive Secretary also had an opportunity to meet with the Director of the UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific to discuss support for COP10, IYB, *The Green Wave* initiative, and the Expo 2012 in South Korea.



Noeleen Heyzer, ESCAP-ES & Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD-ES.



Young Woo Park, UNEP-ROAP Director & Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD-ES.



ACCESSION OF SOMALIA TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity welcomed the accession of Somalia to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), to become the **193rd Party to the Convention on Biological Diversity on 10 December 2009**. With its numerous efforts to secure the accession to the Convention by the few countries that are not yet parties, the Secretariat hopes that by COP-10 in Nagoya, the Convention will become universal by welcoming the two remaining Governments that have yet to ratify the Convention. To view the **CBD Communiqué** issued on Somalia's accession, please go to: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2009/pr-2009-10-16-somalia-en.pdf>.



The CBD Executive Secretary was also in Singapore in October to attend and deliver a keynote presentation at the First ASEAN Conference on Biodiversity. The conference, with the theme "Biodiversity in Focus: 2010 and Beyond," was hosted by the ASEAN Centre for

Biodiversity (ACB) and the National Parks Board, Singapore (NParks). Prior to the conference, the CBD Executive Secretary paid a courtesy call to the H.E. George Yeo, Minister of Foreign Affairs, to discuss continued cooperation on biodiversity conservation.



H.E. George Yeo, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Singapore with Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD-ES.

FIRST MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION ON BIODIVERSITY

In preparation for COP 10, at which it is expected that decision IX/25 will be complemented by the adoption of the Multi-Year Plan of Action (MYPoA), the G-77 established a Steering Committee on SSC on biodiversity, with the presence of past and future G-77 chairs, key Parties in the CBD and the secretariats of both organizations. On 29 October, the Secretariat convened the first meeting of the Steering Committee for SSC, to further advance the multi-year plan of action and to prepare for the South-South Cooperation Forum on Biodiversity for Development, scheduled to be held on 18 October 2010, at the margins of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD. The committee defined a process for consultations and validation of the Plan, inter alia, through the organization of another expert meeting in Kampala, Uganda, 31 May to 2 June 2010, and through the SSC Forum in Nagoya, on 18 October 2010.



South-South cooperation meeting.

CANADIAN LAUNCH OF THE LOGO FOR THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY

To initiate preparations for the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB) in Canada as host country of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, a special ceremony was held on 2 October to launch the official IYB logo at the City Hall of Montreal. The event was opened by the Mayor of Montreal, and was followed by statements of: the Director of Biosphere, representatives of the Triple COP Presidency (Brazil, Germany and Japan), the Quebec Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks, the Secretary General of ICAO, and the CBD Executive Secretary. Also present in the launching were representatives of the Diplomatic Corps and relevant organizations in Montreal, as well as a number of senior officials from the City of Montreal.



L-R: Helen Fotopulos (member of the Executive Committee of the City of Montreal), Ambassador Magno (Permanent Representative of Brazil to ICAO), Klaus Geyer (German Consul General), Takanari Kakuda (Deputy Consul General of Japan), Ahmed Djoghlaif (CBD Executive Secretary), Gérard Tremblay (Mayor of Montreal), H.E. Line Beauchamp (Québec Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks), Jean Langlais (Director, Biosphère), Alan DeSousa (Mayor, St-Laurent borough), and Raymond Benjamin (ICAO Secretary General).

MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

Prior to the launch event, the members of the Canadian Universities Partnership on Biodiversity convened a meeting to discuss possible collaboration of the Partnership to the celebration of the IYB. Members of the Partnership present at the meeting included: McGill University, *Université de Montréal*, *Université du Québec à Montréal*, *Ministère du Développement Durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs* (MDDEP) du Québec, Montreal International, *Ville de Montréal* and the CBD Secretariat. The CBD Executive Secretary, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, opened the meeting by introducing participants to some of the activities being organized by the Secretariat in 2010, and by inviting Canadian universities and other partners to organize events and activities around the theme of biodiversity in order to raise awareness. Participants then shared information on activities to be organized by their institutions and with partners in 2010 in relation to biodiversity. It was agreed that the Partnership serve as a coordination mechanism for these activities.



From L-R: Andrew Gonzalez (McGill University), Anne Bruneau (Université de Montréal), Stéphanie Allard (Montreal International) and Stefano La Tella (CBD).



From L-R: Benoit Limoges (MDDEP, Québec), Robert Kasisi (Université de Montréal), Michèle Picard (Ville de Montreal), Claude Hamel (UQAM), and Annie Cung and David Ainsworth (CBD).



CAMBODIA DONATES TO THE CBD MUSEUM

The Secretariat is honoured to receive a beautiful wood-carved vase from H.E. Dr. Mok Mareth, Minister of Environment of Cambodia. The new addition to the biodiversity museum was presented to the Secretariat in the margins of the ASEAN ABS Capacity Building meeting.



Mr. Jürgen Nimptsch (Mayor of the City of Bonn) and Ms. Flavia Pansieri

GERMAN LAUNCH OF THE LOGO FOR THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY

On 24 October, on the occasion of the UN Day celebrations of the City of Bonn, Germany, the logo and slogan for the 2010 United Nations International Year of Biodiversity (IYB) were unveiled at the old town hall of Bonn. At the reception hosted by Mr. Jürgen Nimptsch (Mayor of the City of Bonn), Ms. Flavia Pansieri (UNV Executive Coordinator) presented the logo and its slogan standing for the crucial role that biodiversity plays in supporting all life on Earth, including our own. The reception was attended by representatives of the diplomatic corps accredited in Bonn, the German Federal Environment Ministry (BMU), the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), other UN agencies based in Bonn, as well as by representatives of the City of Bonn and relevant organizations.

EXPERT WORKSHOP ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL GUIDANCE ON THE USE OF BIOGEOGRAPHIC CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS AND IDENTIFICATION OF MARINE AREAS BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION IN NEED OF PROTECTION

Pursuant to decision IX/20, paragraph 19, the Executive Secretary organized, with financial support from the Governments of Canada and Germany, an Expert Workshop on Scientific and Technical Guidance on the Use of Biogeographic Classification Systems and Identification of Marine Areas beyond National Jurisdiction in Need of Protection, in Ottawa, Canada, from 29 September to 2 October 2009.

The Workshop was attended by experts from Argentina, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Comoros, Estonia, France, Germany, Guatemala, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Philippines, Portugal, Senegal, and Turkmenistan. The experts were selected among experts nominated by Governments in consultation with the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties. The Workshop was also attended by a member of the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) and by resource persons provided by Australia, Brazil and IUCN. Experts/observers from the following other Governments, United Nations bodies, specialized agencies, and other bodies attended: the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) of the United States of America, the United Nations Division of Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (UNDOALOS), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Seabed Authority (ISA), the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (IOC / UNESCO), United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP – WCMC), United Nations Environment Programme / Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP / MAP), United Nations University – Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU – IAS), IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (IUCN / WCPA), Census of Marine Life, Ocean Biogeographic Information System (OBIS), BirdLife International, Greenpeace International, and World Ocean Council.

Key outcomes of the workshop include: (i) review and synthesis of progress on the identification of areas beyond national jurisdiction, which meet the scientific criteria in annex I to decision IX/20; (ii) scientific guidance on the use and further development of biogeographic classification systems; (iii) scientific guidance on the identification of marine areas beyond national jurisdiction, which meet the scientific criteria in annex I to decision IX/20; (iv) recommendations on capacity building for identifying ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSAs) and biogeographic classification system; and (v) recommendations on data and analysis for identifying EBSAs and biogeographic classification systems.

COOPERATION WITH WAZA



World Association of Zoos and Aquariums | WAZA
United for Conservation

An agreement was signed between the Secretariat and the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) on 5 October. The objective of the agreement is to provide a framework for cooperation between the two organizations. Potential areas of collaboration, but are not limited to, include: raising public awareness about the importance of biodiversity; coordinated efforts to mark and celebrate the IYB; promoting the role of WAZA members in *ex situ* and *in situ* conservation. The agreement was signed in the margins of the WAZA Congress and 64th Annual WAZA Meeting in Saint Louis, Missouri. A keynote address on the “Conservation and Sustainable use of Biodiversity from Z to A: Zoos & Aquariums & the Convention on Biological Diversity for 2010 & Beyond” was presented at the plenary.



From L-R: David Ainsworth, on behalf of the CBD Executive Secretary, and Gerard Dick, WAZA Executive Director.

FIFTH MEETING OF THE INFORMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE BIOSAFETY CLEARING-HOUSE

The fifth meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee of the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH-IAC) was held in Montreal on 19-21 October 2009. In accordance with decisions made by the Parties, the BCH-IAC meets annually to provide guidance to the Secretariat with respect to the resolution of technical issues associated with the ongoing development of the BCH. This meeting was attended by experts selected from Belize, China, the European Community, Liberia, Madagascar, Peru, Serbia, Slovenia, Tajikistan and Uruguay and representatives from the U.S. Department of State, CBD Alliance, Global Industry Coalition (GIC) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) also participated. The agenda of the meeting addressed the following issues: (i) Recent changes in the BCH; (ii) BCH forum, activities and tools; (iii) Online Tools for Statistical Analysis and Graphic Representations of Data; (iv) Study of users and potential users of the BCH; (v) Draft Strategic Plan of the Cartagena Protocol focusing on the BCH component; (vi) Future developments and challenges; and (vii) Status of the UNEP-GEF BCH project extension. The participants congratulated the Secretariat for the progress achieved and the quality of the improvements made and provided very helpful recommendations on all of the issues that were discussed.

THE AFRICA AND ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL WORKSHOPS ON THE REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON PROTECTED AREAS UNDER THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

In pursuance of the request from the Conference of the Parties, contained in paragraph 25 of decision IX/18, the Executive Secretary, with the generous financial assistance of the European Commission, the Governments of Belgium, Canada, the Czech Republic, the Netherlands and in collaboration with the Governments of Côte d'Ivoire, India and the PoWPA Friends Consortium, organized Africa and Asia Pacific regional workshops on the review of progress and capacity-building for the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas, held from 6 to 9 October 2009 in Grand Bassam, Côte d'Ivoire and from 12 to 15 October 2009 in Dehradun, India, respectively.

The objectives of the workshops were: (i) to strengthen the skills and knowledge of protected area functionaries and others who implement the programme of work through an exchange of experiences, sharing of tools, available resources and capacity-building in two aspects of the programme of work on protected areas: (a) integration of protected areas into wider land and seascapes; and (b) governance; (ii) to review progress made in implementation of the programme of work on protected areas at subregional and regional levels, including identification of constraints and opportunities to promote implementation; and (iii) inputs to the fourteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, to be held in May 2010 on the in-depth review of the programme of work on protected areas, including proposing ways and means for strengthening the implementation and the programme of work on protected areas post-2010.

The African regional workshop was attended by 38 government-nominated experts from Angola, Algeria, Botswana, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia. It was also attended by two representatives of indigenous and local communities and a representative of International Collective in Support of Fish Workers and Simba Maasai Outreach Organisation. The World Conservation Monitoring Centre of UNEP, the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas, IUCN Regional Office for West and Central Africa, Birdlife International, WWF, The Nature Conservancy, UNDP-GEF provided resource persons.

The Asia Pacific workshop was attended by 25 government-nominated experts from Cambodia, China, Fiji, India, Iraq, Japan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nepal, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Solomon Islands, Syria, Thailand, Timor Leste, Tonga, and Viet Nam. Three representatives from indigenous and local communities, one each from: the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact Foundation, the Partners of Community Organizations (PACOS) and from the Mountain Institute also attended the workshop. A representative from IUCN - The World Conservation Union (Lao PDR) and World Commission on Protected Areas-IUCN CSO Nepal (Forest Action), and a representative from the International Collective in Support of Fish Workers also attended the workshop. Birdlife International, Wildlife Conservation Society, The Nature Conservancy, UNDP-GEF, the Wildlife Institute of India and Kalpavriksh, India provided resource persons.

Both the workshops reviewed progress made in the implementation of the PoWPA at sub-regional and regional levels and provided in puts on the in depth review of PoWPA.



Participants at the Grand Bassam meeting.



Participants at the Dehradun meeting.

REGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN ON WAYS AND MEANS TO PROMOTE THE SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION AND USE OF BIOFUELS, 28-30 SEPTEMBER 2009, LOUVEIRA, SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL

Hosted by the Government of the Federated Republic of Brazil, this first of a series of regional workshops on ways and means to promote the sustainable production and use of biofuels, held in response to decision IX/2, was attended by 24 participants from 14 countries. Delegates heard presentations on country experiences from Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico and Saint Lucia, which focused on the experiences with different crops for the production of bioethanol and biodiesel, approaches to zoning agricultural land to minimize land use conflicts, and strategic environmental assessments of the sector. Participants also benefited from the invitation by UNICA - the Brazilian Sugarcane Industry Association – to visit the São João Sugar Mill in Araras and see large-scale mechanized sugarcane production which demonstrated the progressive elimination of the burning in sugarcane fields; the preservation of riparian forests; the protection of water springs located in areas where crops are cultivated and the recovery of vegetation around them; combating erosion; reutilization of water from the industrial phase of biofuel production; optimizing recycling and promoting the reuse of residues. The meeting emphasized the importance of framing the discussion on biofuels within the context of sustainable development and its three pillars and,



Participants at the meeting.

based on national experiences, listed available approaches and tools to minimize negative effects on biodiversity. Noting the different stages of biofuel development within the region there was also recognition of the potential for regional cooperation among Latin American and Caribbean countries towards the sustainable production and use of biofuels. The workshop report will serve as a point of reference for forthcoming regional meetings for Asia and the Pacific and for Africa.

EXPERT WORKSHOP ON THE REMOVAL AND MITIGATION OF PERVERSE, AND THE PROMOTION OF POSITIVE, INCENTIVE MEASURES, 6-8 OCTOBER 2009, PARIS, FRANCE

The Executive Secretary convened an international expert workshop on the removal or mitigation of perverse, and the promotion of positive, incentive measures. Hosted by the United Nations Environment Programme at its premises in Paris, France, and financially supported by the government of Spain, the meeting took place from 6-8 October 2009. As requested by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting, the 28 government-nominated national experts and representatives from international and non-governmental organizations and initiatives exchanged and analysed information, including case-studies on, good practices for, and lessons learned from, concrete and practical experiences in removing or mitigating perverse incentives and in promoting positive incentive measures, and identified a limited number of good-practice cases from different regions of the world. The report of the group will be considered by the next meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and reviewed by the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting.

SUB-WORKING GROUP ON THE ROADMAP FOR RISK ASSESSMENT, 12-14 OCTOBER 2009, THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS

The meeting of the Sub-Working Group on the Roadmap for Risk Assessment of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment took place from 12 to 14 October 2009 in The Hague, The Netherlands. The meeting, attended by thirteen participants from Parties and six observers, was aimed at the further development of the draft Roadmap and establishing a process to test its usefulness and completeness as a tool for facilitating risk assessment of living modified organisms (LMOs). Substantial progress was made in the drafting of the Roadmap and a process was established to test the usefulness and completeness of the Roadmap.

CBD-ECOLEX PARTNERSHIP



Effective international and domestic laws and policies are a cornerstone to biodiversity conservation, the sustainable use of its components, and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the use of genetic resources. In this regard, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) is very pleased to announce that it has partnered with ECOLEX to provide readily accessible information on biodiversity-related laws and policies. ECOLEX, the Gateway to Environmental Law, is a web-based information service operated jointly by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP). ECOLEX is the most comprehensive global source of national and international environmental and natural resources law and policy.

For more information, please visit the Secretariat website at:

<http://www.cbd.int/ecolex/>

PREPARATORY MEETING ON THE G8 SUMMIT IN 2010

On 28 October, the CBD Executive Secretary attended a preparatory meeting for the 2010 G8 Summit, organized by the CORIM and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Canada. The meeting was convened to define Canada's position for the next G8 Summit. The CBD Executive Secretary made two interventions on the need to address and prepare the UNGA special session on biodiversity through the G20.

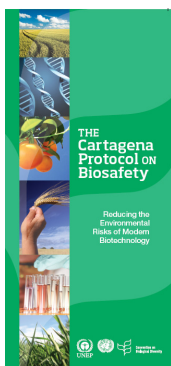
CITIES AND BIODIVERSITY



The Secretariat participated in the *CitiesAlive! International Green Roof Infrastructure Congress*,

which took place in Toronto, Canada, from 19 to 21 October 2009. The Congress, organized by the City of Toronto, Green Roofs for Healthy Cities (GRHC) and World Green Infrastructure Network (WGIN) brought together business representatives, urban planners and developers, architects, landscapers, cities' representatives, NGOs and international infrastructure networks and organizations. A statement by the Executive Secretary, entitled 'Promoting Biodiversity in Cities of Today and Tomorrow' was released on 20 October (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/speech/2009/sp-2009-10-20-toronto-en.pdf>) and the Secretariat made a presentation (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/groups/cities/citeis-alive-2009-10-20-scbd-en.pdf>). The Secretariat introduced the work of the CBD on Cities and Biodiversity as well as IYB, and demonstrated the strategic importance of integrating biodiversity in infrastructure development projects, as stressed by paragraph 4 of Decision IX/28 on Cities and Local Authorities, which invites Parties, other Governments (...) engaged in projects that include infrastructure development for cities and local authorities, to integrate biodiversity considerations into those projects. Infrastructure (water, waste, energy, transportation) is the largest financial pipeline linking national and local authorities, with key implications for biodiversity and environment. The congress created an opportunity for the Secretariat, participants and organizers to explore ways to collaborate for the Curitiba meeting on Cities and Biodiversity in January 2010 and in preparation for the City Biodiversity Summit (tentative name) to take place at the margins of COP 10, on 24-26 October 2010.

NEW PUBLICATIONS



The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: Reducing the environmental risks of modern biotechnology
<http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/bs-brochure-en.pdf>
Note: brochure is available in all UN languages



REDD & Biodiversity newsletter—October 2009 issue
<http://www.cbd.int/forest/newsletters/redd-2009-10.htm>

VISITORS THIS MONTH



2 October
Fatima Dia Touré, Director, Institut de l'énergie et de l'environnement de la Francophonie (IEPF)



12-23 October
United Nations Board of Auditors



26 October
Student's from Concordia University's Masters in Environmental Impact Assessment course



29 October
Senior officials from the G-77 Secretariat in New York, Prof. Seyani (COP Bureau member) and Dr. Spencer Thomas (SBSTTA Chair), in the margins of the South-South Cooperation Steering Committee meeting



29 October
Representatives of The Canadian Environmental Network (RCEN)

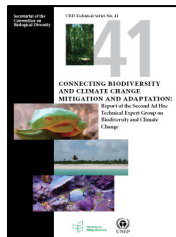


30 October
Jon Hutchison and Patty Buehler Business Events Sydney

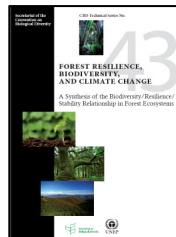
OTHER MEETINGS

- Meeting via teleconference call with Margaret Walsh Best, Newfoundland to discuss IYB, 1 October
- Meeting via teleconference with the Minister of Environment of Somalia, 1 October
- Meeting with Tim Hodges, ABS Co-Chair
- Participate in the Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on the International Satoyama Initiative Concept – Ecosystem Services in Asian Region, 1-3 October 2009, Penang, Malaysia
- Deliver keynote presentation at the International Conference on Institutional Catering, with Brazil's Food and Nutrition Initiative officers, 1-3 October 2009, Porto Alegre, Brazil
- Act as facilitator of the technical workshop on the Indicators on Indigenous Peoples' Well-being and sustainable development on traditional knowledge, 1-3 October 2009, Nairobi, Kenya
- Meeting with the COP 9 President, 4 October 2009, Nairobi, Kenya
- Brainstorming meeting on the post 2010 targets with COP 9, COP 10 presidents and UNEP, 4 October 2009, Nairobi, Kenya
- Pre-meeting for the Informal Consultative Group for the second ad hoc intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder meeting on an intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services, 4 October 2009, Nairobi, Kenya
- Retreat with the Executive Director of UNEP and the COP President, 4 October 2009, Nairobi, Kenya
- Bilateral meeting with COP 9 President, UNEP, Indonesia, Argentina and Cote d'Ivoire on the International Year of Biodiversity, 5 October 2009, Nairobi, Kenya
- Bilateral meetings on 5 October 2009, Nairobi, Kenya with: Australia to discuss COP 11, Yemen as incoming 2010 chair to discuss G77, French and Japanese delegations on the role of SCBD in the future of intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services, Canadian delegation and Montreal international on G8 summit, and with CBD Focal Point for Norway
- Attend the 11th Global Meeting of Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans, 5-8 October 2009, Bangkok, Thailand
- Participate in the GBIF 16th Governing Board meeting, 6-8 October 2009, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Meeting with the Head of Unit, International Agreements and Trade, Directorate-General Environment, European Commission, to discuss 2011 – 2012 programme, 7 October 2009, Nairobi, Kenya
- Participate in DIVERSITAS Open Science Conference on Biodiversity, 11-18 October 2009, Cape Town, South Africa
- Meeting with the Goodwill Ambassador of UNHABITAT habitat located in Japan to discuss the CBD initiative on Cities and biodiversity, 13 October 2009, Tokyo, Japan
- Meet with representatives of Airbus, 14-15 October 2009, Toulouse, France
- Attend the GEF-5 Third Replenishment meeting, 14-15 October 2009, Paris, France
- Participate in the International Congress on Raw Material in Cosmetics, 14-15 October 2009, Grasse, France
- Attend the 13th World Forestry Congress, 18-23 October 2009, Buenos Aires, Argentina (and CBD launch of the "Biodiversity and Resilience" Technical Series and CBD side event)
- Attend the expert meeting on post 2010 targets at indicators for inland waters/wetlands, 19-22 October 2009, UNEP-WCMC office, Cambridge, U.K.
- Take part in UNEP Ask today's Expert on developing the national Clearing-House Mechanism websites of the Convention on Biological Diversity, 20 October 2009
- Information seminar on "Healthy Parks, Healthy People" by Stuart Ord of Parks Victoria (Australia), 20 October 2009, Montreal
- Exit conference with the UN Board of Auditors, 23 October 2009, Montreal
- Meet with staff from the Japan Wildlife Research Center, 25 October 2009, Tokyo, Japan
- Meeting via teleconference with Wild Wonders of Europe, 26 October 2009, Montreal
- Meeting with Consultant working on GBO-3, 26 October 2009, Montreal
- Attend the Consultative Meeting of Contracting Parties to the London Convention and the fourth meeting of Contracting Parties to the London Protocol, 26-30 October 2009, IMO headquarters, London, U.K.
- Take part in the Administrative Management meeting organized by UNON/UNEP, 26-30 October 2009, Nairobi, Kenya
- Meeting via teleconference with Europarc Federation, 27 October 2009, Montreal
- Meeting with the President of the Quebec Business Council on the Environment, 30 October 2009, Montreal
- Attend the Japanese Forestry Research Institute symposium of scientific support to forest related post-2010 target, 30 October -2 November 2009, Tokyo, Japan
- Meeting via teleconference with ABS Co-chairs, 30 October 2009
- Meeting with Manager of Business Development of the International Congress Market at the Palais des Congrès, 30 October 2009
- Meeting with the SBSTTA Chairman, 30 October 2009
- Meeting with Montreal International and Monsieur Claude Vézina, consultant en affaires internationales, 30 October 2009
- Meeting with Jean Lemire, 30 October 2009

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