



Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity



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NOTIFICATION 2008 International Day for Biological Diversity: “Biodiversity and Agriculture”

Dear Madam/Sir,

As the world prepares to celebrate the International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD), I have the pleasure to inform you that all documentation related to this year's celebrations of IBD, under the theme *Biodiversity and Agriculture*, is now available on the Secretariat's website at: <http://www.cbd.int/ibd/2008/>.

I invite you to consult the website to view the materials for IBD 2008. The information kit includes the booklet on the theme available in English, French and Spanish; a poster and logos available in the six official languages of the United Nations; as well as messages from the Secretary-General and myself both reflecting the theme of this year's celebration. The Secretariat is pleased to announce that the kit includes, for the first time, an online educational web portal for primary school students and five accompanying lesson plans for educators.

Thanks to the financial support of France and Spain, the IBD brochure is available in French and Spanish, and thanks to the contribution of Russia and Algeria the brochure will be soon available in Russian and Arabic. I strongly encourage Parties to translate IBD materials into their respective native language to ensure a truly universal celebration.

In closing, I invite Parties that have already initiated national plans for activities to celebrate the International Day for Biological Diversity to keep the Secretariat informed of such plans and other noteworthy activities organized by NGOs or other organizations so that they may be included in the special pages of the CBD website devoted to the celebrations world wide. The Secretariat will compile in a booklet the dynamic IBD celebrations held in 2008. This booklet will also be posted on the website and copies will be distributed.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Executive Secretary

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