



CBD CoP10 Side Event - UNEP Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)



STEPPES AND DESERTS OF EURASIA: A REFUGE FOR MIGRATORY SPECIES

**Wednesday, 27 October 2010, Lunch-Time (13:15 - 14:45)
Room 236 - Bldg 2 - 3rd Floor**

Steppes and deserts have been neglected by conservation efforts, compared to other ecosystems. Remaining largely unfragmented and providing a refuge for many migratory species, aridlands warrant closer attention despite their low species density. UNEP/CMS and a panel of experts will highlight the threats faced by Saiga antelope and other mammals, Siberian Cranes, waterbirds and raptors, as well as outline current activities and avenues for future conservation.

- Elizabeth Mrema (Executive Secretary, CMS): Introductory remarks
- Melanie Virtue (CMS): CMS activities in Eurasian arid zones
- Crawford Prentice (Internat. Crane Foundation): GEF-sponsored Siberian Crane Wetland Project
- Anada Tiega (Secretary General, Ramsar): The variety of wetland habitats in arid regions
- Simba Chan (BirdLife International, Asia): Saving Asia's Threatened Birds
- Thomas Tennhardt (NABU, Germany): NABU's Saiga conservation activities and CMS
- Marceil Yeater (CITES): Sustainable use and trade; CMS-CITES cooperation

Food and drinks provided. Come and join us!

