

MONTHLY BULLETIN OF ACTIVITIES (MBA) OF THE CBD MAY 2008

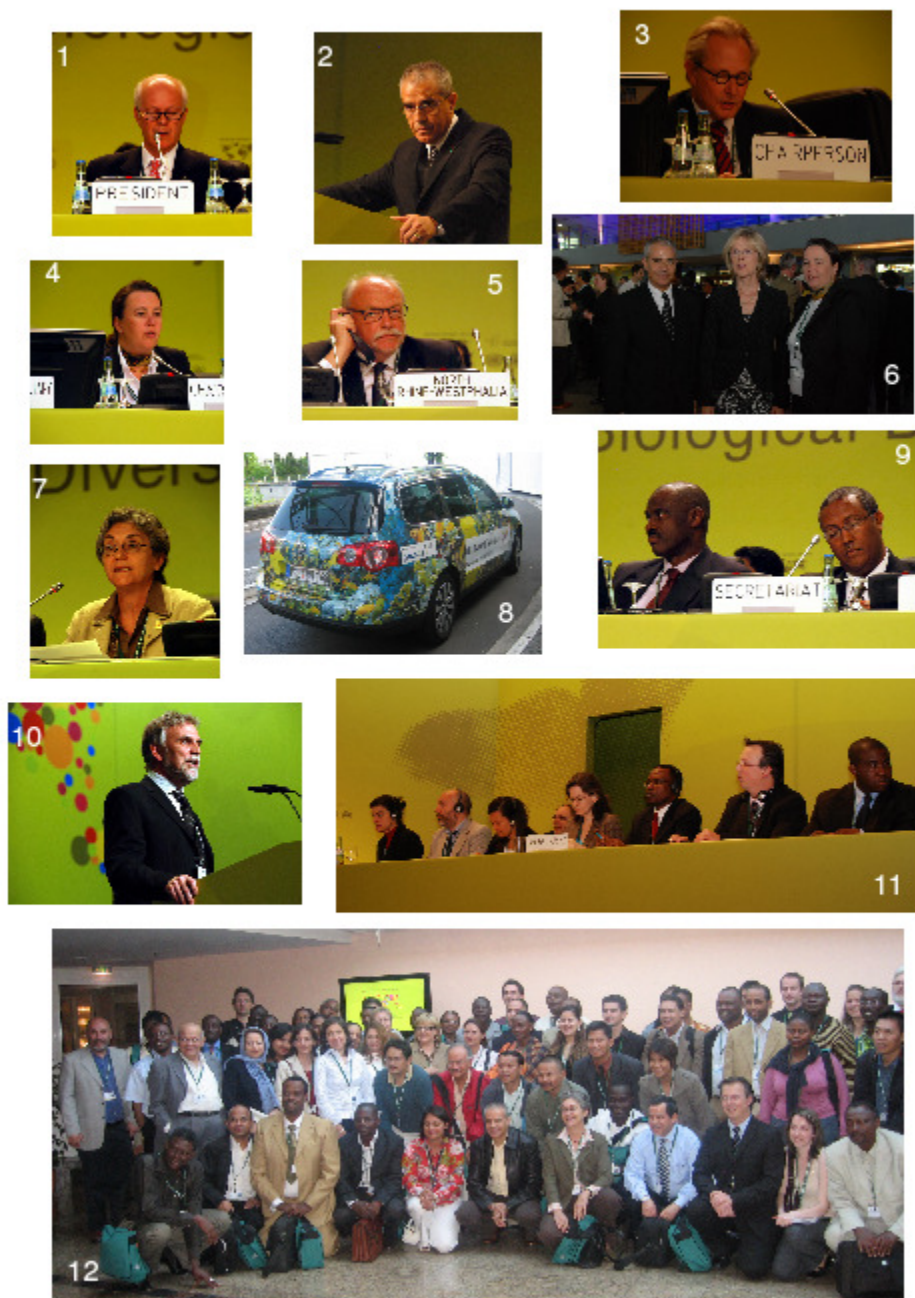
HIGHLIGHTS OF COP-MOP 4

- BCH Training Workshop, 9-10 May 2008, Bonn, Germany
- COP-MOP Bureau meeting, 11 May 2008, Bonn, Germany
- Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP MOP/4), 12 - 16 May 2008, Bonn, Germany
- COP-MOP Bureau meeting, 11 May 2008, as well as daily during the COP-MOP 4 meeting
- Took part in several press conferences: opening of COP-MOP4; briefing on Liability and Redress; briefing on Handling, Transport, Packaging and Identification; briefing CBD Secretariat: Risk Assessment; and closing of COP-MOP 4, 12-16 May 2008
- Interviews during COP-MOP 4 with a number of media organizations, including Deutschwelle Radio, Deutschlandradio, Reuters Berlin, and Deutschwelle French Programme, among others, 12-16 May 2008
- Bilateral meetings held with heads of delegation/senior representatives from Governments attending the COP-MOP 4 meeting, 12-16 May 2008
- Bilateral meetings held with heads and/or representatives of United Nations specialized agencies, international and non-governmental organizations attending the COP 9 meeting, 12-16 May 2008
- Meeting with the Minister Frau Ursula Heinen, Deputy Minister, German Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection, in her capacity as COP-MOP 4 President, 12 May 2008
- Took part in the Planet of Diversity Conference, 12 May 2008
- Side event: Training and the BCH Regional Advisors, 12 May 2008
- Side event "Biodiversity Research – Safeguarding the Future", 13 May 2008
- Participate in the Policy Dialogue "Climate Change, biodiversity and food security in marine environments", 13 May 2008
- Reception hosted by the Council of the European Union, 13 May 2008
- Participate in a public panel on Addressing Climate Change: A challenge for International Cooperation, 14 May 2008
- Opening remarks at the International Youth Conference "Biodiversity on the Edge", 14 May 2008
- Biodiversity on the Edge - International Youth Conference for the Protection of Biological Diversity, 14 May 2008



- Meeting with Mr. Abdul-Hakim Elwaer, Director, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission, 15 May 2008
- Meeting with Ms. Maryam Niamir-Fuller, Director, UNEP/DGEF, 15 May 2008
- Meeting with Mr. Jochen Flasbarth (BMU), the two ABS-Co-Chairs and Ms. Maria Mbengashe Chair of COP 9 Working Group I, 15 May 2008
- Meet with Mr. Luc Gnacadja, Executive Secretary, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, 15 May 2008
- Deliver opening remarks at the “CBD Alliance - CBD Capacity Building Day”, 16 May
- Side Event on Planet Diversity - Presentation of Results and the Bonn Manifesto, 16 May 2008
- Address at the COP 9 IIFB Preparatory Meeting, 16 May 2008

COP MOP 4 SNAPSHOTS



1. Ambassador Raymundo Santos Magno, on behalf of the outgoing President of COP-MOP 3 (Brazil). 2. Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD Executive Secretary. 3. Wolfgang Koehler, elected President of COP MOP 4 (Germany). 4. Ursula Heinen, Parliamentary State Secretary, German Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection. 5. Alexander Schink, State Secretary, Ministry of the Environment and Conservation, Agriculture and Consumer Protection of the German State of North Rhine-Westphalia. 6. From l-r: Ahmed Djoghlaif, Bärbel Dieckmann (Mayor of Bonn) and Ursula Heinen. 7. Maryam Niamir-Fuller, on behalf of the Executive Director of UNEP. 8. Car at the biodiversity conference. 9. CBD staff: Charles Gbedemah and Worku Yifru. 10. Jochen Flasbarth (BMU, Germany). 11. CBD staff: Manoela Pessoa de Miranda, Giovanni Ferraiolo, Ulrika Nilsson, Lyle Glowka, Kathryn Garforth, Erie Tamale, Philippe Leblond and Victor Ogbuneke. 12. Participants at the BCH Training Workshop held prior to COP-MOP 4 meeting.

For more pictures on COP-MOP 4 meeting, please visit: www.cbd.int/photos/

HIGHLIGHTS OF COP 9

- Capacity-building Workshop for Women on CBD processes in preparations for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, 17 May 2008, Bonn, Germany
- Asia and the Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity
- Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity
- African Regional Preparatory Meeting for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity
- Naturathlon – The Course of the World, 18 May 2008
- Business and Biodiversity Forum Inaugural session 18 May 2008
- Consultations with the ABS Working Group Chairs, 18 May 2008
- COP Bureau meeting, 18 May 2008, as well as daily during the COP 9 meeting
- CHM-IAC Meeting, 18 May 2008
- Greenpeace 'Kids for Earth Event, 19 May 2008
- Concert on the occasion of the 9th COP - LIVE NATURE, 19 May 2008
- Celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity and reception, 22 May 2008
- Breakfast Meeting with Minister Gabriel, ABS Co-Chairs, Working Group Chairs and Jochen Flasbarth, 22 May 2008
- Meeting with representatives of the Business Community attending COP-9, 22 May 2008
- LifeWeb Initiative Side Event, 20 May 2008
- Side Event: Progress in implementing the global strategy for plant conservation and launch of the plant conservation report, 20 May 2008
- International Year of the Planet Earth and the CBD Side Event, 21 May 2008
- International Polar Year Side Event, 21 May 2008
- Meeting of the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions, 21 May 2008
- Reception - Integrating biodiversity Conservation into Agricultural production, 21 May 2008
- Launch of 'Sustaining Life' publication, 21 May 2008
- Opening the Countdown 2010 Assembly, 22 May 2008
- Launch of the Green Wave initiative, 22 May 2008
- International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Celebrating the International Day for Biological Diversity, 22 May 2008
- International Day for Biological Diversity: A business perspective, 22 May 2008
- Side Event on Best Practices for Development, Implementation and Evaluation of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and Mainstreaming Biodiversity- Findings from Regional Workshops on NBSAPs, 22 May 2008
- Signature of Memorandum of Understanding with the Bern Convention, 23 May 2008
- Side Event on the Programme of Work of Protected Areas, 23 May 2008
- Second Linnaeus Lecture, 23 May 2008
- CEPA-IAC Meeting, 24 May 2008
- Conference Training and Orientation Workshop for Journalists, 25 - 26 May 2008
- Second meeting of the Chairs of Scientific Advisory Bodies of Biodiversity-related Conventions, 25 May 2008
- High Level Dialogue with Parliamentarians
- Took part in several press conferences: opening and closing of COP 9, greening of COP 9, International Day for Biological Diversity, launching of CBD publication on ABS, among others.
- Took part in several press briefings: on reducing the loss of biodiversity by 2010, on agricultural biodiversity, and the signature of agreement with the State of Parana, among others.

- Interviews during COP 9 with a number of media organizations, including, Radio France, Channel Africa, local German newspapers, Tokyo Shimbun Newspaper, Channel 3 Algerian National Radio in Arabic and French, State of Parana TV Network, Nikkei Ecology, among others, 19-30 May 2008
- Bilateral meetings held with heads of delegations/senior representatives from Governments attending the COP 9 meeting, 19-30 May 2008
- Bilateral meetings held with heads and/or representatives of United Nations specialized agencies, international and non-governmental organizations attending the COP 9 meeting, 19-30 May 2008
- Opening remarks at the Biodiversity for Poverty Reduction Day, 24 May 2008
- GBO-3 Advisory Group meeting, 24 May 2008
- UNEP Biodiversity Forum meeting, 24 May 2008
- Quick Time Film Festival Aware Ceremony, 24 May 2008
- Cities and Biodiversity - media event
- Cities and Biodiversity side event
- International Year of the Reef side event
- Launch of Nature Inc, a new series putting an economic value on biodiversity
- Mayors Conference: Local Action for Biodiversity
- High Level Policy Dialogue on theme "Coping with Today's Global Challenges in the Context of the Strategy of the UNCCD"
- International Youth Summit - Go4 BioDiv
- Heart of Borneo : Bridging Conservation and Sustainable Development in Three Countries, Side Event
- Two Practical Tools to Help In The National Implementation of ABS: A Folder and an Electronic Presentation Templates (Quebec)
- High level panel discussion on Biodiversity for Development and Poverty Alleviation
- Global Island Partnership Event: A celebration of island leadership: Voluntary Commitments to Conservation and Sustainable Livelihoods on Islands
- Opening of High Level Segment of COP-9
- Official Luncheon with Chancellor Angela Merkel
- Signature of WWF Commitments on Forests
- Side Event: High Level Window on COP10: Biodiversity in Japan's Satoyama and Satoumi (Traditional Rural Landscapes)
- Signature of COMIFAC Memorandum of Understanding
- Meeting of a Network of Women Ministers and Leaders for Environment
- Side event: Indigenous Entrepreneurship and Biological Diversity, organized by AVEDA
- Big Win for Dinaric Arc high-level event
- Side event: The Alpine Ecological Network – A Contribution to the Global Network of Protected Areas
- Signature of Memorandum of Cooperation with Alpine Convention and the Carpathian Convention
- Side event: Natura 2000 – Europe's practical commitment to the 2010
- Heads of Agency Task Force Breakfast meeting
- Biodiversity-related Conventions Liaison Group meeting
- Meeting of the Global Taxonomy Initiative Coordination Mechanism

COP 9 SNAPSHOTS



1. Ambassador Raymundo Santos Magno, on behalf of outgoing COP President (Brazil). 2. Performance of COP 9 theme song during the opening plenary. 3. Bärbel Dieckmann (Mayor of Bonn). 4. H.E. Sigmar Gabriel, German Federal Minister of Environment, elected COP 9 President. 5. Eckhard Uhlenberg, Minister for the Environment and Conservation, Agriculture and Consumer Protection of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia. 6. Opening of Naturathlon 2008 – The Course of Life. 7. The Executive Secretaries of the Rio Conventions. 8. Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD Executive Secretary. 9. Monique Barbut (GEF CEO), Tommy Esang Remengesau Jr., President of Palau, and Ahmed Djoghlaif. 10. Kids for Earth-Greenpeace International event. 11. The first GreenWave tree planted in Bonn. 12. GreenWave ceremony, during the International Day for Biological Diversity in Bonn. 13. Business and Biodiversity Forum inaugural session. 14. ABS Consultations with the Co-Chairs, prior to COP 9 meeting. 15. Little boy standing on one of the artwork, as part of the outdoor art painting exhibition during COP 9.

For more pictures on the COP 9 meeting, please visit: www.cbd.int/photos

Other Activities:

- Visit of Ms. Nandhini Iyer Krishna, UNCCD-CBD Liaison Officer in New York, 1-2 May 2008, Montreal, Canada
- Take part in the ASEAN Pre-CBD COP-9 Workshop, 1-2 May 2008, Manila, Philippines
- Participate and deliver an opening statement at the sixteenth session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development, 5 May 2008, New York, U.S.A.
- Visit of Consul General of Algeria in Montreal, 5 May 2008, Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
- Meet via teleconference with the ABS Co-Chairs, COP-9 Chairs of the Working Groups and representatives from the German Federal Ministry of Environment, 6 May 2008
- Take part in the Meeting of the Friends of the Co-Chairs of the fifth meeting of the Open-Ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, 7-9 May 2008, Bonn, Germany
- Visit and meeting with the two ABS Co-Chairs, 7 May 2008, Montreal, Canada
- Take part in the panel on “Confronting Environmental Intolerance – Art, Action and Human Security” in the margins of the “Art Changing Attitudes toward the Environment” seminar series, 8 May 2008, New York, U.S.A.
- Meeting via teleconference with the Chair of Working Group II for COP-9, 8 May 2008
- Biodiversity panelist at Environment Canada-AIRD scenarios workshop, 8 May 2008, McGill University, Montreal, Canada
- Take part in the Africa Union Preparatory Meeting of African Delegates to the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, COP-MOP 4, 10-11 May 2008, Bonn, Germany
- Attend the European Parliament hearing, as well as participate in an interview, on biodiversity and climate change, 14 May 2008

PUBLICATIONS



- ❖ *Pachamama* – Volume 2 Issue 2 (May 2008)
- ❖ *Biodiversity for Development* – brochure and pamphlet
- ❖ IBD publications – poster, booklet, CD-Rom, etc...
- ❖ *Gincana-5* – From COP 9 to 2010
- ❖ *Business.2010* – issue for COP-9
- ❖ *CBD Technical Series 38: Access and Benefit-Sharing in practice: Trends in Partnerships Across Sectors*
- ❖ Guide to business related events at COP-9
- ❖ *CBD Technical Series 39: Cross-Sectoral Toolkit for the Conservation and Sustainable Management of Forest Biodiversity*

🇨🇦 CBD VISITORS IN MAY 🇨🇦



Briefing of Montreal diplomatic corps on COP-MOP 4 and COP 9 meetings, which took place on 5 May 2008 at the CBD Secretariat.

🌿 CBD MUSEUM OF NATURE AND CULTURE 🌿

Presentation of the gifts below took place during the COP 9 meeting in Bonn



Saint Lucia



China



Peru



Yemen



New Zealand

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