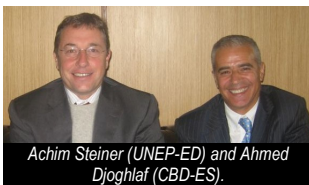


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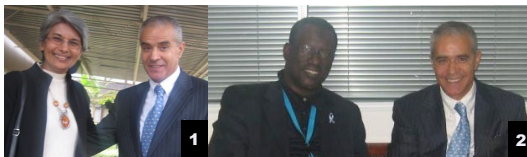
MEETING WITH THE UNEP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO DISCUSS IYB AND THE HLS OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY



Achim Steiner (UNEP-ED) and Ahmed Djoghlafl (CBD-ES).

In July, during his mission in Nairobi, the CBD Executive Secretary had an opportunity to meet with the **UNEP Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director** to discuss IYB in relation to next year's Global Ministerial Environmental Forum in Bali, recommendations for IYB ambassadors, and other relevant events in 2010. Meetings were also

held with **heads/representatives of the UNEP divisions**, and also with the **Director of UNON** on conference services with regard to support for CBD work plan for Nagoya and beyond. Mr. Djoghlafl also met with the **Director of Division of the Global Environment Facility Coordination (DGEF)** and staff to discuss the role of DGEF for the preparation of Nagoya and the implementation of the international regime on ABS. A meeting was also held with the **UNEP Director for Africa** to discuss IYB and ABS, and the support of South Africa for the celebration of IYB during the **2010 FIFA World Cup**.



(1) Meeting with Angela Cropper (UNEP-DED).
(2) Meeting with Bakary Kante (Director, UNEP-DELC).

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR LAND USE CHANGE AND ECOSYSTEMS



Participants at the International Commission on Land Use Change and Ecosystems.

The CBD Executive Secretary attended the meeting of the **International Commission on Land Use Change & Ecosystems**, established by the Global Legislators Organisation for a Balanced Environment (GLOBE) International. The meeting, hosted by UNEP, discussed policies to conserve two critical ecosystems, tropical forests and marine fisheries, and redressed GLOBE's position on biofuels. Mr. Djoghlafl delivered a presentation on the International Year of Biodiversity as well as on CBD work on tropical forests, including south-south cooperation, marine biodiversity, including fisheries and biofuels. The outcome of the meeting will be forwarded to the meeting on parliamentarians and biodiversity, scheduled to take place prior to the CBD COP-10 High Level Segment in Nagoya, and the GLOBE Forum to be held before the Copenhagen meeting. A meeting of the parliamentarians of the G20 on biodiversity at the occasion of the G8 meeting next year was discussed. Mr. Djoghlafl also met with **Thomas Lovejoy** (STAP President) and **Walter Reid** (former director of MEA).

STATE VISIT OF THEIR MAJESTIES THE EMPEROR AND THE EMPRESS OF JAPAN TO CANADA



The Emperor and Empress of Japan. (Photo: DFAIT-Canada).

On 7 July, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, CBD Executive Secretary, had the great honour and the unique privilege to be introduced to **Their Majesties the Emperor and the Empress**

of Japan, during a reception hosted by the Ambassador of Japan in Ottawa, on the occasion of the State visit of Their Majesties to Canada. Mr. Djoghlafl seized the opportunity to express his deep gratitude to the Government of Japan for the support to the work of the Convention, in particular to hosting the Biodiversity meetings in Nagoya and their commitment to ensuring successful outcomes, and for Japan's contribution to IYB including the high-level meeting at the UNGA in 2010. Mr. Djoghlafl also had an opportunity to meet: Mr. Fukuda, former Japanese Prime Minister, Mr. Jean Chretien, former Canadian Prime Minister, the Governor General of Canada, the Minister of Natural Resources of Canada, and a number of Ambassadors accredited to Ottawa.

VISIT OF MASAYOSHI MIZUNO, DIRECTOR IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, JAPAN



Masayoshi Mizuno, Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Ahmed Djoghlafl, CBD Executive Secretary.

On 9-10 July, the CBD Executive Secretary welcomed the visit of Mr. Masayoshi Mizuno, the Director of Global Environment Division, International Cooperation Bureau at the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to the Secretariat. Mr. Mizuno held discussions with the CBD Executive Secretary, as well as with heads of the divisions and relevant staff on a number of issues, including: **major issues on the COP-MOP 5 and COP 10 agenda, IBD and IYB 2010 preparations, and briefing on ABS and Article 8(j), among other issues.**

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TOURISME MONTRÉAL AND CBD PARTNERSHIP

On 9 July, a **Memorandum of Understanding** was signed between *Tourisme Montréal* and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, to establish and maintain a sound and lasting collaboration through information exchange concerning the planning and organization of meetings and conferences held in Montreal, with the view to achieving their mutual goals. The partnership is expected to enhance Montreal support to the Secretariat in convening meetings at its headquarters. For the remainder of 2009, the partnership will contribute to enabling two major intergovernmental meetings organized by the Secretariat, i.e. the sixth meeting of the *Ad hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions and the eighth meeting of the *Ad hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing, to take place in Montreal on 2-6 November and 9-15 November, respectively. To view the **Press Release** issued on the agreement, please go to: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2009/pr-2009-07-13-tourisme-en.pdf>.



Hon. Charles Lapointe, CEO-Tourisme Montréal, and Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD Executive Secretary.

SOUTH-SOUTH EXCHANGE MEETING ON THE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF FOREST BIODIVERSITY

An **information south-south exchange meeting on the conservation and sustainable use of forest biodiversity** was held on 8-10 July 2009 at the CBD Secretariat offices, to address



Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD Executive Secretary, and Tim Christophersen, CBD Forest Programme Officer.

a demand generated at a meeting between the Central Africa Forests Commission (COMIFAC), the Permanent Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO Permanent Secretariat), and the Secretariat of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN Secretariat). In collaboration with the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ), the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity provided technical and logistical support to further discussions of the regional intergovernmental organizations, and to support the development of follow-up documentation. The meeting was attended by 25,

experts from the regional organizations international partners of the Convention on Biological Diversity, such as the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests, representatives of Parties to the Convention, and resource persons. **The objective of the meeting was to enhance capacity within and foster exchange between regional organizations for a more effective and efficient implementation of tools and approaches linked to instruments of international forest-related agreements, this supporting sustainable forest management and poverty alleviation efforts at national and local levels.** The results and findings of the meeting will be presented and further discussed between Regional organizations during the World Forestry Congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina on 18-23 October 2009. To view the **final report of the meeting**, please go to: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/ssc/bmssc-02/official/bmssc-02-02-en.doc>.



Participants in the informal South-South Exchange meeting.

SECOND INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SYMPOSIUM FOR BIODIVERSITY



At the invitation from the Executive Director of the Second International Youth Symposium, the **CBD Executive Secretary and staff took part in the Second International Youth Symposium for Biodiversity** in Ottawa. The CBD Executive Secretary delivered remarks at the opening dinner event held on 4 July. The symposium provided the participants, comprised of children (Grade 6 to 12) to share their experiences in putting forward the biodiversity message, to learn and take part in a BioBlitz and to develop ways and means to implement the Youth Accord on Biodiversity. Staff from the CBD Secretariat also delivered presentations on the **Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and on drafting and delivering an effective youth message**. The Board members of the Second International Youth Symposium will take part and present the outcome of the youth event, including the revised **Youth Accord on Biodiversity**, at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 10) to take place in October 2010.



1-Michael Leveille. 2-Dr. Javier Gracia-Garza. 3- Ahmed Djoghlaif.

4-Participants at the symposium. (Photo: www.biodiversitymatters.org)



CBD Executive Secretary supports the UN-led Seal the Deal campaign
18 July 2009
Nairobi, Kenya

DIVERSITY FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN: PLANNING WORKSHOP

On 15-17 July, the CBD Executive Secretary, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, participated in a **planning workshop on the Diversity for Life Campaign**, held at the Rockefeller Foundation's Bellagio Center. The meeting provided an opportunity for participants comprised of relevant partners and organizations to plan for collective action, ensuring the achievement of the objectives of the campaign. Launched by Bioversity International on the occasion of the International Day for Biological Diversity 2008, the Diversity for Life Campaign is a global awareness campaign on agricultural biodiversity that will gather momentum during the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity. During the meeting at the Bellagio Center, Mr. Djoghlaif delivered a presentation on **"The International Year of Biodiversity: Opportunities and plans"**, informing the participants about the Secretariat's plans for International Year of Biodiversity. Mr. Djoghlaif also had an opportunity to meet with **Mr. Emile Frison, Director General of Bioversity International**, to discuss ways and means to ensure complementarity between the Diversity for Life Campaign and the IYB 2010.



Participants at the workshop.

DRAFTING COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE REPORT OF THE SECOND AD HOC TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP ON BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

The Conference of the Parties, in its decision IX/16, recognized the need for biodiversity input in the processes under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and decided to establish an *ad hoc* technical expert group (AHTEG) on biodiversity and climate change, with a mandate *"to develop scientific and technical advice on biodiversity, in so far as it relates to climate change and decision 1/CP.13 of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the Bali Action Plan as well as its Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change so as to support the enhanced implementation of synergies"*. Pursuant to this decision, two meetings were held by the AHTEG: 17-21 November 2008 (London) and 18-22 April 2009 (Helsinki), and the results were compiled and made available for peer-review. A **drafting committee meeting was held in Cape Town, South Africa on 20-24 July 2009 which integrated the comments submitted during the peer review process into the report.**

VISITORS THIS MONTH

During the first week of July, the Secretariat welcomed the visit of **Jean Lemire**, who met with the CBD Executive Secretary and to relevant staff to discuss preparations for the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity. A follow-up meeting was held during the last week of July. **Representatives of the Canadian Environmental network (RCEN)** paid a visit to the Secretariat on 3 July. A presentation was made to Secretariat staff on their work and its relevance to the CBD, including the outcome of the RCEN 2009 Annual Conference on Environment held in Edmonton, Alberta. Meetings were held with the CBD Executive Secretary, as well as with relevant staff. Items discussed include: International Year of Biodiversity, *The Green Wave* initiative, among other issues.



RCEN representatives with Ahmed Djoghlaif and David Ainsworth.

The CBD Executive Secretary met with **Professor James Seyani** on 10 July, together with CBD staff Oliver Hillel and Chantal Robichaud, to discuss preparations for the upcoming **Steering Committee meeting on the South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity**. Professor Seyani also took part in the informal South-South exchange meeting held in Montreal on 8-10 July and delivered the closing remarks. **Senior staff from the Tourisme Montréal and Montreal International** were at the Secretariat on 9 July on the occasion of the signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation between Tourisme Montréal and the CBD Secretariat.



From L-R: Louise Vachon (Montreal International), Lynda Cadieux (Tourisme Montréal), John Dunn (Executive Vice-President, Tourisme Montréal), Hon. Charles Lapointe (CEO, Tourisme Montréal), Ahmed Djoghlaif (CBD Executive Secretary) and Dave Murphy (Vice-President, International Organizations, Montreal International).



Lucien Chabason

On 13 July, the Secretariat welcomed the visit of **Mr. Lucien Chabason** of IDDRI. After meeting with the CBD Executive Secretary, Mr. Chabason had an opportunity to meet the Secretariat staff and briefed them on the work of the **intergovernmental platform on biodiversity and ecosystem**. Senior staff from the **Federation of International Civil Association, Mr. Edmond Mobio, President, and Ms. Valerie de Kermel, General Secretary**, visited the Secretariat on 6 July and met with a number of staff during a brown-bag lunch time meeting. They briefed the staff on their attendance at the 69th session of the International Civil Service Commission as well as on other relevant activities.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERT WORKSHOP ON THE 2010 BIODIVERSITY INDICATORS & POST-2010 INDICATOR DEVELOPMENT

On 6-8 July, an **international expert workshop on the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators and Post-2010 Indicator Development** was convened by the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre, in cooperation with the CBD, to **review the use and effectiveness of the 2010 biodiversity indicators with a view to providing guidance for the development of a robust post-2010 indicators framework.** The workshop produced an output document, containing a critical evaluation of the 2010 biodiversity indicators framework and recommendations for the development of indicators for the post-2010 regime. The output document will be an important contribution to the **third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook**, in particular the chapter on status and trends of biodiversity. The result of the workshop will be made available to the **SBSTTA 14 and WGRI 3 meetings**, as well as the **tenth meeting of the CBD COP in October 2010.**

CITIES AND BIODIVERSITY TELECONFERENCE

On 14 July 2009, the Secretariat organized a teleconference of the **Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity**, in which 20 participants took part. The meeting discussed on the testing of the Singapore Index on Cities' Biodiversity (CBI) and its User's Manual, and the development of the Global Partnership. It also provided an opportunity for the participants to share important updates on ICLEI's initiative on Local Action for Biodiversity (ICLEI/LAB), Curitiba meeting of the Global Partnership, City Biodiversity Summit (tentative name), URBIO2010, the Urban Biosphere Network (URBIS) initiative, and so on. In the discussion on the development of the Global Partnership, the idea of creating **"Friends of the Global Partnership"** consisting of Parties to the CBD was proposed.

OTHER MEETINGS

- Attend and take part as a resource person in the Regional Technical Workshop on the Clearing House Mechanism, organized by the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, 30 June-3 July 2009, Bogor, Indonesia
- Participate in the OECD workshop on innovative international financing for biodiversity conservation and sustainable use and the meeting of the OECD Working Group on Economic Aspects of Biodiversity, 2 & 3 July 2009 (respectively), Paris, France
- Attend CPF strategic brainstorming meeting, 2-3 July 2009, Tuscany, Italy
- Meeting via teleconference with Director General, Bioersivity, 3 July 2009
- Meeting via teleconference with the UNEP Directors of DEPI and DELC on IYB, 6 July 2009
- Participate in the International Vilm Workshop on Matters related to Traditional Knowledge associated with Genetic resources and the ABS Regime, 6-10 July 2009, Isle of Vilm, Germany
- Attend the meeting on Bioenergy, biodiversity mapping, degraded land, 7-8 July 2009, Paris, France
- Meet via teleconference with staff from UNIDO on IYB, 8 July 2009
- Meeting with Representative of GEO Media and GTZ Biodiversity team, 10 July 2009
- Meet via teleconference with the ABS Co-Chairs, 21 July 2009
- Attend the International Workshop on Networking Biodiversity Observation Activities in Asia Pacific Region, 21-23 July 2009, Nagoya, Japan
- Meeting with Algeria, as a member of the Bureau of the UNEP Governing Council, 23 July 2009
- Attend the third GISIN Data Providers workshop, 26-29 July 2009, Elmira, New York, U.S.A.
- Take part in the Expert meeting on the International Satoyama Initiative Concept, 25-26 July 2009, Tokyo, Japan
- Meeting with Jean Lemire, 29 July 2009, Montreal, Canada
- Presentation on Environment and Security with the participation of 200 participants, Algiers, Algeria, July 2009

NEW PUBLICATIONS



Biosafety Protocol News Issue 6: Public Awareness and Participation: Experiences and Lessons Learned from Recent Initiatives
<http://www.cbd.int/doc/newsletters/bpn/bpn-06.pdf>



July 2009 edition
<http://www.cbd.int/forest/newsletters/redd-2009-07.htm>



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