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HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCE ON BIODIVERSITY /  
COP BUREAU MEETING

At the kind invitation of the Minister of the Environment of Sweden, Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD Executive Secretary, attended and delivered a statement at the opening of the High level Conference on the theme: *Visions for biodiversity beyond 2010 – People, Ecosystem Services and the Climate Crisis*, on 7-9 September, convened by Sweden, in its capacity as EU President. With more than 10 European ministers attending, it was the first time that an EU President has convened a meeting on biodiversity. The meeting discussed the economic valuation of biological diversity and ecosystem services, as well as future visions and goals for the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). The high level event provided an



Swedish Minister of Environment, Andreas Calgren, with Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD Executive Secretary.

**To view the Chair's conclusion, please go to:**  
[http://www.se2009.eu/polopoly\\_fs/1.14381!menu/standard/file/Chairs%20conclusion%20Str%C3%B6mstad.pdf](http://www.se2009.eu/polopoly_fs/1.14381!menu/standard/file/Chairs%20conclusion%20Str%C3%B6mstad.pdf)

opportunity for the unveiling of the IYB logo.

While in Sweden, Executive Secretary met with the Ministers of Environment of Spain and Italy, senior officials from the Governments of Belgium, Norway and United Kingdom, and with SIDA staff. Mr. Djoghlaif also attended the inauguration of the first transboundary marine protected areas, *Kosterhavet* (Sweden) and *Ytre Hvaler* (Norway), by His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Haakon on 9 September. Mr. Djoghlaif also delivered an opening statement at Europarc Federation General Assembly with the participation of more than



Europarc's Carol Ritchie (Director) and Erika Stanciu (President) with Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD Executive Secretary.

200 participants at the occasion of the 100 anniversary of the establishment of the first protected area in Europe.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY:  
LOGO & IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY



The electronic version of the **logo for the International Year of Biodiversity** is now available in the six official languages of the United Nations:

- Arabic** <http://www.cbd.int/iyb/images/2010-iyb-logos-ar.zip>
- Chinese** <http://www.cbd.int/iyb/images/2010-iyb-logos-zh.zip>
- English** <http://www.cbd.int/iyb/images/2010-iyb-logos-en.zip>
- French** <http://www.cbd.int/iyb/images/2010-iyb-logos-fr.zip>
- Russian** <http://www.cbd.int/iyb/images/2010-iyb-logos-ru.zip>
- Spanish** <http://www.cbd.int/iyb/images/2010-iyb-logos-es.zip>

The **Implementation Strategy for the International Year of Biodiversity** is now available in English at: <http://www.cbd.int/iyb/iyb-2010-strategy-final-en.pdf>. The remaining versions in the five official languages of the United Nations will be made available shortly.

Immediately after the high level conference, the COP 9 Bureau held its fifth meeting on 9-10 September. The Bureau members discussed: availability of financial resources for the implementation of COP-9 decisions, revision of the CBD Strategic Plan, update on TEEB study, preparations for the GBO-3, IYB and UNGA high level session, the Nagoya biodiversity meetings, and contribution to the UNFCCC



COP 9 Bureau members with the IYB logo.

COP 15 meeting in Copenhagen, among other issues. The minutes of the meeting will be posted on the CBD website once finalized.

## UNCCD COP 9

On 28 September, the CBD Executive Secretary attended and delivered a statement at the ministerial segment of the UNCCD COP 9, highlighting the joint CBD-CCD work programme, as well as the need to further enhance collaboration among the three Rio Conventions. The high level event provided an opportunity for the Secretariat to present to the participants the official logo of the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity.



H.E. Sherry Ayittey, Minister of Environment, Science and Technology, Ghana, Luc Gnacadja, UNCCD Executive Secretary, and H.E. Homero Bibiloni, Secretary of Environment and Sustainable Development of Argentina (and elected as President of COP 9).



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## PRESS CONFERENCE ON *PARADIS PERDU*, A MUSICAL SPECTACLE ON BIODIVERSITY IN 2010

On 24 September, a press conference was held at the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity about a multi-media performance on the theme of biodiversity, to premiere 26 January 2010 at Place des Arts in Montreal as a contribution to the International Year of Biodiversity. Entitled *Paradis Perdu* (Paradise Lost), the show is a post-apocalyptic musical odyssey of a soldier, the last human being on earth, who dreams of recreating a world destroyed by mankind. Created by Jean Lemire (Mission Antarctica), Dominic Champagne (*Cirque du Soleil's* Beatles show, LOVE), and Daniel Bélanger (musician/singer/songwriter), the show will be one of the first major arts events contributing to the International Year of Biodiversity in 2010. The Secretariat is a partner and technical advisor to the performance. The press conference gathered the presence of major local TV and radio news stations, and relevant partners in Montreal.



At the press conference (from L-R): Daniel Belanger, Dominic Champagne, Jean Lemire and Ahmed Djoghlaif.

## ENHANCING COOPERATION WITH PARTNERS



Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD Executive Secretary, with Jon Hutton, UNEP-WCMC Director.

On 3 September, an agreement was signed between the Secretariat and the **UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC)** on a framework for further collaboration for the implementation of the Convention. Building on the cooperation established in March 2006, the agreement identifies how UNEP-WCMC, through its technical and



Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD Executive Secretary, with Taleb Rifai, UNWTO Secretary General a.i.

In the margins of the World Climate Change-3, a Memorandum of Cooperation was signed between the Secretariat and the **United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)** to enhance cooperation on issues related to biodiversity and tourism, in particular the sustainable planning and management of tourism activities in vulnerable

terrestrial, marine and coastal ecosystems and habitats of major importance for biological diversity, as well as the socioeconomic and cultural impacts of tourism. Both parties will work towards maximizing tourism's positive contribution to conserving biodiversity and enhancing the quality of life of local people. To view the joint press release issued, please go to: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2009/pr-2009-09-04-unwto-en.pdf>.

capacity building expertise, will support the Secretariat and Parties in the implementation of the Convention and in particular, but not limited to, the decisions of COP-9. To view the CBD Press Release on this cooperation, please go to: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2009/pr-2009-09-03-wcmc-en.pdf>.

## SPECIAL TRIBUTE FROM THE GROUP OF 77

At the thirty-third annual ministerial meeting of the Group of 77, a ministerial declaration was adopted welcoming the convening of the high-level special event to be held on 20 September 2010 in conjunction with the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly to mark the International Year of Biodiversity, as well as COP IX/25 on the elaboration of a multi-year plan of South-South cooperation on biodiversity for development. The full text of the Ministerial declaration: <http://www.g77.org/doc/Declaration2009.htm>.

His Excellency Dr. Ghazi Salahuldeen, Chair of the Group of 77, in his statement, paid a special tribute to Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD Executive Secretary for his leading role in south-south cooperation. A special tribute was also given to Mourad Ahmia, Executive Secretary of the Group of 77, for his invaluable support and commitment to the objectives of the Group of 77. The full text of the Chair's statement is accessible at: <http://www.g77.org/statement/getstatement.php?id=090925>.



*H.E. Mr. Ghazi Salahudeen (left), Head of delegation of the Republic of the Sudan and Chairman of the 33rd Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77, presents Mr. Mourad Ahmia (right), Executive Secretary of the Group of 77, with an Achievement Award at the opening ceremony of the Ministerial Meeting held at UN Headquarters in New York on 25 September 2009. At centre is H.E. Mr. Abdalmahmoud Abdalhaleem Mohamad, Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Sudan to the United Nations and Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York."*

## CITIES AND BIODIVERSITY

On 9 September 2009, the Secretariat organized a teleconference of the Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity, in which 19 participants took part. The meeting discussed the testing phase 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 workshops/conferences to be held back to back in June/July 2010 in Singapore, ICLEI's initiative on Local Action for Biodiversity (ICLEI/LAB), The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB-D2) report, the upcoming Curitiba meeting of the Global Partnership (6-7 January 2010), the preparations for the City Biodiversity Summit (tentative name) in Nagoya, URBIO2010, the Urban Biosphere Network (URBIS) initiative, the 5<sup>th</sup> World Urban Forum, and so on.

On 25 September, a representative of the Secretariat met with the city government of Curitiba to review the agenda and programme for the meeting of the Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity on 6-7 January 2010, and to prepare the invitation process for the event. The Secretariat also had a fruitful discussion with a representative from the City of Montpellier, France. The two parties will further explore the city's contribution to the Cities and Biodiversity Initiative in the future.

## SUB-REGIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON FOREST BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

The Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on Forest Biodiversity and Climate Change for South and South-East Asia was held in Singapore City, from 2 to 5 September 2009. The workshop was the first to be organized jointly by the CBD Secretariat and the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) Secretariat, and aimed to strengthen coordination and collaboration among the national focal points of UNFF, CBD and UNFCCC and country-designated experts, and to strengthen their capacity on the contribution of conservation and sustainable use of forest biodiversity to climate mitigation and adaptation measures. 50 participants from 13 countries in South-Eastern and Southern Asia presented their country updates on implementation of international commitments related to forest biodiversity and climate change. Discussions followed on forest-related results of the CBD Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG), REDD-plus, and forest biodiversity aspects of climate change mitigation and adaptation. Resource persons from the UN REDD Programme, CIFOR, ITTO, IUFRO, IUCN, FAO, UNFF, and the ASEAN Secretariat and the ACB, as well as two representatives of indigenous organizations (Jaringan Orang Asal SeMalaysia and Tebtebba) presented current aspects of the workshop themes. The workshop was facilitated by Mr. Jürgen Blaser of Intercooperation. The workshop benefited from excellent hospitality and logistical support from the National Parks Board of Singapore, and was made possible through generous financial contributions from the Government of Germany and the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity.



*Participants at the meeting.*

## INFORMAL BRAINSTORMING SESSION ON BUSINESS AND BIODIVERSITY

On 14-15 September, an informal brainstorming session was held at CBD Secretariat with a view to advancing COP decisions VIII/17 and IX/26 on engagement with the private sector. The meeting was held with the participation of the COP Triple Presidency (Brazil, Germany and Japan) and with the participation of Canada and the Netherlands. Representatives from relevant organizations took part on the second day, including: GEF, UNEP-DTIE, IUCN, WBCSD, Nippon Keidanren Committee on Nature Conservation, the Canadian Business and Biodiversity Initiative, Lasting Initiative for Earth, and Finance Alliance for Sustainable Trade. The meeting decided on a timetable defining the next steps, which included elements of a strategy to advance the business and biodiversity agenda post-2010 and reaffirmed their commitment to a meaningful and effective business and biodiversity initiative to Nagoya in October 2010. The brainstorming session also served as an informal preparatory meeting for the "Third Business and 2010 Biodiversity Challenge Conference", to be convened by the Secretariat in collaboration with UNEP, on 30 November-3 December 2009 in Jakarta.



Deliberations during the informal brainstorming session: on business and biodiversity.

AN EXCLUSIVE LECTURE AT THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

### The biodiversity debate

Engaging and educating children on biodiversity as the future guardians of our planet



From L-R: Rainer Ohler (SVP, Airbus), Joel Sartore, and Ahmed Djoghlaif (ES-CBD).

On 3 September, the CBD Executive Secretary participated and delivered a lecture at the "The Biodiversity Debate: Engaging and educating children on biodiversity as the future guardians of our planet", an event on *The Green Wave*, organized by Airbus and National Geographic held at the Royal Geographical Society in London. Joel Sartore, one of National Geographic's top photographers and also the Ambassador of Airbus for *The Green Wave* also gave a lecture. The event was followed by a Q & A session, moderated by Robert Lamb, former TVE Director, with the participation of Rainer Ohler, the Senior Vice President Public Affairs and Communications of Airbus. The lecture was accompanied by a photo exhibition of Joel Sartore.



The LifeWeb Initiative has continued to build its infrastructure and attract partners over the last several weeks. This initiative has been managed by a small Coordination Office based in the CBD Secretariat since early June 2009.

The new LifeWeb website was recently launched at [www.cbd.int/lifeweb](http://www.cbd.int/lifeweb), featuring an electronic clearing house of protected area financing needs. Parties, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, have been invited to submit recipient expressions of interest to fund priority projects. A number have already been submitted and are currently profiled on-line, while many more are in the process of development. Expressions of interest can be submitted via a user-

friendly on-line template or a PDF format, both available at [www.cbd.int/lifeweb/submit](http://www.cbd.int/lifeweb/submit).

We are excited to have held conversations with a series of donors about their potential support for Expressions of Interest, and hope to be announcing a third donor partner in addition to Germany and Spain, in the very near future. Germany has indicated their intention to maintain or increase the 40 million Euro contribution it made last year, in each year up to 2012, up to a maximum of 500 million Euro in total.

Finally, potential has been explored to help co-convene national or sub-national meetings (or donor roundtables) for Parties to present their protected area priorities based on the results of national prioritization activities and their contributions to ecological health, addressing climate change, and achieving the Millennium Development Goals. It is envisioned that these national or sub-national meetings will help donors focus and coordinate their support to maximize effectiveness and results. For further information, please contact the LifeWeb Coordination Office at [lifeweb@cbd.int](mailto:lifeweb@cbd.int) and +1.514.287.8704.

## AFRICAN REGIONAL WORKSHOP IN BAMAKO, MALI

The Secretariat held an Africa Regional Training of Trainers' Workshop on the Identification and Documentation of Living Modified Organisms (LMOs) under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety on 14-18 September 2009 in Bamako, Mali. The workshop was hosted by the Government of Mali with a financial contribution from the European Commission and with support for some participants being provided by the West African Economic and Monetary Union. The workshop was attended by more than 36 participants including 22 countries and 6 representatives from organizations involved in the identification and documentation of living modified organisms. The workshop was aimed at introducing customs officers to (i) the requirements of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety regarding the identification and documentation of LMOs; and (ii) techniques and methodologies that may be used for the implementation of these requirements. To this end, participants discussed the role of customs officials in implementing the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, documentation accompanying shipments of living modified organisms, sampling and detection of living modified organisms and experiences of the Green Customs Initiative partners. One of the major outputs of the workshop was the development of action plans for the implementation of identification and documentation requirements of LMOs by country participants. The workshop also had an experimental session on LMO identification held at the Laboratoire de Biologie Moléculaire Appliquée (LBMA) of the Université de Bamako.



Participants at the meeting.

## PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SECRETARIATS OF PEBLDS AND CBD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED



Robert Lamb, Chair of PEBLDS.

At the kind invitation of the Chair of the Pan European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy (PEBLDS), and with the financial support of UNEP's regional office, the CBD Executive Secretary attended and delivered a statement at the opening of the 5th Biodiversity in Europe Conference in Liege, Belgium on 22 September. A meeting was held with the Chair of PEBLDS and UNEP's regional director on the revised PEBLDS and the Nagoya compact. A working dinner was held with the head of the Norwegian delegation to discuss a number of relevant issues including COP 10, meetings were also held with relevant partners attending the conference. David Cooper, SPO Interagency and Programme Coordination, also attended the Liege meeting and participated as a moderator during the event.

## VISITORS THIS MONTH



**Dr. Thomas Lovejoy**, Chair of UNEP Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel, 14 September 2009

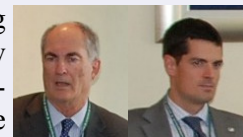
In the margins of the Business and Biodiversity meeting, the CBD Executive Secretary met with **Ms. Nicola Breier**, CBD Focal Point for Germany, **Mr. Braulio Dias**, SBSTTA Focal Point for Brazil, **Mr. Peter Bos**, SBSTTA Focal Point for The Netherlands, and **Mr. Toshio Torii** and **Mr. Wataru Suzuki**, from the Ministry of Environment, Japan.



Staff from **Alliance for Zero Extinction**, 16 September 2009

Meeting with **Mr. Mike Carr**, American Bird Conservancy, 16 September 2009, Montreal

**Mr. Gil Remillard**, Founding Chairman, and **Mr. Guy-Joffroy Lord**, Program Director, International Economic Forum of the Americas, 17 September 2009



**Ms. Stéphanie Allard**, new Vice President, International Organizations, Montreal International, with **Ms. Louise Vachon**, 24 September 2009

**Ms. Patty Buehler** and **Ms. Christine Judd** of Business Events Sydney, 25 September 2009



## NEW PUBLICATION



September 2009 edition  
<http://www.cbd.int/forest/newsletters/redd-2009-09.htm>

## OTHER MEETINGS

- Meet with UNEP staff to discuss contribution to IYB activities, 2 September 2009, Nairobi, Kenya
- Represent the Secretariat in the Sustainable Procurement – IMG meeting, 2-4 September 2009, Paris, France
- Attend a lunch event with an Expert Panel on Ocean Acidification, organized by UN-DESA, 3 September 2009, New York, U.S.A.
- Meet with UNESCO staff, 3-4 September 2009, Paris, France
- Deliver statement at the High Level Segment of the World Climate Conference -3, 4 September, Geneva, Switzerland
- Represent the Secretariat at *La Francophonie's École d'été sur les négociations internationales en environnement et développement durable*, 7-10 September 2009, Rabat, Morocco
- Participate in meetings with Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), UNDP and the Airbus Corporate Foundation, 7-8 September 2009, New Delhi, India (a meeting was held with MoEF staff on IYB and The Green Wave initiative on 9 September 2009)
- Take part in the "UNEP Ask today's Expert" on "*The economic incentives under Article 11 of the Convention on Biological Diversity*", 9 September 2009
- Meet with representatives from JICA, 9-11 September 2009, Tokyo, Japan
- Attend the International Workshop on the Future of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas, 13-17 September 2009, Jeju, Korea (a meeting was held with South Korean officials on 18 September 2009)
- Meeting via teleconference with Patricio Bernal, UNESCO, 14 September, Montreal
- Meeting via teleconference with His Excellency Prof. Buri Hamza, Minister of Environment, Somalia, 15 September 2009
- Meeting via teleconference with Andrea Debbane, Airbus, 15 September
- Interview on communication with Ms. Jennifer Nichols, 15 September 2009
- Meeting via teleconference with Mr. Walter Erdelen, 16 September 2009
- Attend the workshop on "Biodiversity Conservation, Ecosystem Services and Poverty Reduction – Shaping a New Agenda, 17-21 September 2009, Isle of Vilm, Germany
- Meeting via teleconference with Mr. Dan Humphreys, Associate Director of Markettiers4dc Ltd, 18 September 2009
- Meeting via teleconference with Mr. Jon Hutton, UNEP/WCMC on GBO-3, 18 September 2009
- Attend and deliver keynote presentation at the Brazilian Congress on Protected Areas, 20-24 September 2009, Curitiba, Brazil
- Meet with GTZ staff, 21-23 September 2009, Frankfurt, Germany
- Participate in the climate change summit as part of the climate communications task force Media Team, 22 September 2009, New York, U.S.A.
- Attend the UNEP-DELIC meeting on knowledge management among MEAs, 22-24 September 2009, Geneva, Switzerland
- Attend the Tck Tck Tck time for climate change justice panel event: Global Women Take Action on Climate Change, 23 September 2009, New York, U.S.A.
- Participate in the ABS Ministerial Preparatory Meeting, 23 September 2009, Eschborn, Germany
- Attend the FAO-UNEP Expert Meeting on the impacts of destructive fishing practices, unsustainable fishing and IUU fishing on marine biodiversity, 23-25 September 2009, Rome, Italy
- Take part in the UN-sponsored management training workshop, 23-25 September 2009, New York, U.S.A.
- Meet with staff from the German Federal Ministry of Economic Development and Cooperation, 24 September 2009, Bonn, Germany
- Attend a presentation on marine protected areas at the University of Sherbrooke, 24 September 2009, Sherbrooke, Canada
- Participate in the Finland/Liberia event: Peace and Security through Women's Leadership: Acting on 1325 and Climate Change, 24 September 2009, New York, U.S.A.
- Meeting with Mr. Charles Dickson, Manager, Strategic Analysis, CIDA Communications, 25 September 2009, Montreal
- Attend the Roundtable Workshop - Succeeding in a world of climate change and resource deterioration: What are the winning strategies for cities, nations and businesses?, 25 September 2009, New York, U.S.A.
- Meeting with Curitiba City officials, in preparation for the January 2010 meeting of the GLISPA, 25 September 2009, Curitiba, Brazil
- Meeting with Parana State officials, 28 September 2009, Parana, Brazil
- Take part in the annual meeting of the Inter-Agency Support Group Indigenous Peoples Issues, 28-30 September 2009, Nairobi, Kenya
- Participate in the training of participants in the ABS Workshop for French speaking African countries, organized under the framework of the ABS Capacity Development Initiative for Africa, 28 September – 2 October 2009, Cotonou, Benin
- Represent the Federation of International Civil Servants' Associations (FICSA) at the 17<sup>th</sup> session of the High Level Committee on Management, 29 September 2009, New York, U.S.A.

### IN MEMORIAM

*It is with profound sorrow and deep regret that we announce the passing away of a valued member of UNEP, **Fee Chon Chong Low**. Fee Chon was considered a world expert on biosafety and she contributed to the work and reputation of UNEP since she joined our organization. Fee Chon will be deeply missed. We extend our sincere condolences to her family. Fee Chon is survived by her husband and two sons.*



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