



COP9 CBD / High-Level Segment
28– 30 May 2008 in Bonn, Germany
(short version)

Wednesday, 28 May 2008:

Transfer of all guests to the meeting venue “WCCB”

10.00 am

Opening of the High-Level Segment

Moderator: Federal Environment Minister Sigmar Gabriel
Opening remarks: Federal Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel

11.30 am

Discussions on key points of negotiations

Moderator: Minister Gabriel

12.35 pm

Transfer

- ministers / h.o.d. only -

1.00 – 3.00 pm

**Lunch at the invitation of Federal Chancellor Merkel
- ministers / h.o.d. only -**

3.00 pm

Transfer

3.30 – 6.00 pm

Participation of ministers in negotiations

approx. 8.00 pm

Transfer of delegations to evening reception

8.30 pm

Reception for all participants to mark the start of the HLS at the invitation of Federal Minister Sigmar Gabriel

approx. 10.00 -11.00 pm

Transfer to hotels

followed by

Overnight stay



Thursday, 29 May 2008:

10.00 am	Session 1 – Contributions: Youth summit, Mayors’ Meeting, Indigenous and Local Communities, NGOs
11.30 am	Session 2 – Contributions: Presentation of the preliminary findings of the study “Destruction of nature – the costs to the global economy”
12.00 noon	Session 3 – Business & Biodiversity Initiative
1.00 -2.30 pm	Lunch at the invitation of the Business & Biodiversity Initiative - for all HLS participants -
3.00 pm	Session 4 – Contribution of GEF to global biodiversity and presentation of voluntary commitments by Parties
6.00 pm	<i>Transfer to hotels</i>
<i>evening</i>	<i>Individual dinner arrangements (to be organised by each delegation)</i>
<i>followed by</i>	<i>Overnight stay</i>

Friday, 30 May 2008:

10.00 am	Session 5: Presentation of voluntary commitments by Parties
11.15 am	Closing session of the HLS
12.00 noon – 12.30 pm	<i>Transfer</i> <i>- ministers / h.o.d. only –</i>
12.30 -2.00 pm	Closing reception at the invitation of Federal President Horst Köhler <i>- ministers / h.o.d only -</i>
<i>parallel</i>	<i>Lunch for other delegation members</i>
<i>followed by</i>	<i>Transfer to hotel/departure of delegation</i>