

The United Nations General Assembly declared the 22 May of each year "The International Day for Biological Diversity" with the purpose of increasing widespread understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues.

The theme for this year's celebration is "Marine Biodiversity" and is envisaged to provide Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and everyone interested in marine life, the opportunity to raise awareness of the issue and increase practical action.

To celebrate this day, panel discussions by marine experts are held at the Louis Leakey Memorial Hall, National Museum of Kenya, on Tuesday, 22 May 2012, from 10.30 am to 2.30 pm as per the attached programme.



22 May 2012
INTERNATIONAL DAY
FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
Marine Biodiversity

Tuesday, 22 May 2012

Theme: Marine Biodiversity

National Museums of Kenya
“Louis Leakey Memorial Hall”

Agenda

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| 09:30 10:30 | Registration and Assembly |
| 10:30 11:00 | Welcome remarks and statements

Mr. Idle Farah, Director, National Museums of Kenya

Mr. Bakary Kante, Director, DELC/UNEP

Statement from the UN Secretary General |
| 11:00 11:30 | Screening of short videos on UNEP’s work related to Marine and Biodiversity |
| 11:30 12:00 | Coffee/Tea Break |
| 12::00 02.00 | Panel Discussion - Moderated by Mr. Idle Farah, National Museums of Kenya |
| 12:00-12:10 | Fisheries and Ocean Policies in relation to Marine Biodiversity – Prof. Japheth Ntiba, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries Development. |
| 12:10-12:20 | Regional Aspects and Marine Biodiversity – Dr. Ali A. Kaka, Regional Director, IUCN |
| 12:20-12:30 | Nairobi Convention – Mr. Dixon Waruinge, UNEP |
| 12:30-12.40 | Green Economy in the Blue world and Blue carbon – Ms. Jacqueline Alder, Coordinator, Freshwater and Marine Ecosystems, UNEP |
| 12:40-02:00 | Questions and answers and interaction |
| 02:00 | Closure |

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