

Prospectus on establishing the Japan Civil Network for the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

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The 10th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP10) and the 5th Conference of the Parties Serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol (COP-MOP5) will be held in Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture in October 2010.

CBD has a wide range of targets including not only nature conservation but also climate change mitigation and adaptation, ecosystem services such as food and water, poverty reduction and development, human rights, traditional knowledge of indigenous people, regulation of alien species and genetically modified organisms, sustainable utilization of natural resources and access and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources.

Participation of various sectors would be necessary to address these issues locally, nationally and globally to achieve the purposes of this convention. This convention recognizes the crucial role of civil society and COP10/MOP5 will be meaningful for Japanese civil society as well.

Therefore we, as part of Japanese civil society¹, declare to establish "The Japan Civil Network for Convention on Biological Diversity ([JCN for CBD])" to achieve the purposes of the CBD. We share accumulated knowledge, experiences and offer rational proposals and information aimed at solving global problems with the parties involved in the various sectors.

Objectives

As global citizens, JCN for CBD agree with three objectives of the CBD² and take actions to achieve the CBD's Convention of Life on Earth.

¹ civil society includes NGO,NPO,individuals and enterprises which address conservation of bio diversity.

² the Convention Text Article 1 (Objectives)

"The objectives of this Convention, to be pursued in accordance with its relevant provisions, are the conservation of biological diversity, the sustainable use of its components and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources."

<http://www.cbd.int/convention/convention.shtml>

Basic Principles

Our association recognizes the importance of collaboration and unity as a way of achieving our common goals through consensus.

We aim to operate in a democratic manner with openness and transparency.

Our association recognizes the biodiversity problem as a global challenge and the COP10/MOP5 as a place for the international community to make decisions.

We respect the knowledge, ideas and actions of global citizens and accept responsibility to address and assist with biodiversity issues, especially in developing countries where biodiversity loss has direct and serious impacts.

Activities

1) Establishing a foundation for civil society

To provide a platform where members of society can share information and ideas;

To deliver public education, awareness and research concerning biodiversity issues and the Convention;

To advocate organizations responsible to ensure civil society participation to the COP/MOP and CBD-related meetings.

2) Participating in COP/MOP negotiation process

To be a focal point for international communities;

To develop and deliver information, ideas and recommendations promoting conservation of biodiversity nationally and internationally.

3) Expanding participation, communication and cooperation

To expand cooperation with national and international groups working on broad issues of the Convention in order to achieve the above goals;

To recognize that biodiversity issues are closely connected to local issues and concerns and to work toward improving and increasing biodiversity conservation policy at the local level;

To communicate and exchange understanding among various domestic and international communities during CBD-COP10/MOP5

**Japan Civil Network for Convention on Biological Diversity:
2010 Activities Plan Outline**

(as of 2010/2/9)

1. Main Event prior to COP10:

January 23: General Assembly (Nagoya)

February to March: Regional Meeting with local NGOs.

May 22 and around: Relative events on “International Day of Biological
Diversity” (Green-wave, etc.)

July: “100-days-to-COP10” International NGO Workshop

2. Main Event during COP10:

1) “CBD-CBD”: Capacity Building Session on CBD

2) “Strategy Session”

* To be coordinated in collaboration with CBD Alliance.

3) NGO Workshop

3. Main Activities:

- Focal Point for International NGOs and Secretariat of CBD.

- Preparing the logistics issue, coordination with national/local government and NGOs, etc.

- Acting as information center for International Civil Societies and Media.

- Involved in the CBD Process and Develop the “Position Paper”.

- Working Group Regular Meeting and Planning for COP10
(Thematic: Post 2010 target, Coastal, Wetland, MOP5, TEEB,
Paddy field, Bio Region, ABS, Outreach,
Decade for Biological Diversity) (Regional: Okinawa)

=> Wider range of shall be covered such as “youth”, “gender”, etc.

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