

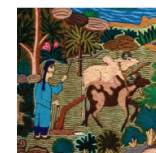
MONTHLY BULLETIN OF ACTIVITIES (MBA) OF THE CBD APRIL 2008

Activities organized by the Secretariat:

- Asia Sub-Regional Workshop on Capacity-Building and Exchange of Experiences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms, 7-9 April 2008, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Europe, 26-30 April 2008, Isle of Vilm, Germany

Other activities:

- Meet with Ms. Louise-Esther Fortin, Ministère des relations internationales du Québec, 2 April 2008, CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
- Meet via teleconference with the two ABS co-Chairs, 2 April 2008
- Participate in the International Expert Group Meeting on Indigenous Peoples and Climate Change, 2-4 April 2008, Darwin, Australia
- Attend the Third Conference of the School of Athens and take part in the panel on biodiversity and disaster management and biodiversity and climate change, 2-6 April 2008, Athens, Greece
- Brief the Ambassadors of G-77, JUSCANZ and EU on the preparation of MOP-4 and COP-9, 3 April 2008, New York, U.S.A.
- Meet with the President and the Executive Secretary of the G-77, 3 April 2008, New York, U.S.A.
- Meet with the United Nations External Auditors, 4 April 2008
- Visit of Steve Gorman, Executive Coordinator, World Bank/GEF, 7 April 2008
- Meet via teleconference with the Chairs of the COP-9 Working Groups I and II, 7 April 2008
- Take part and act as presenter at the Indigenous Training Workshop on the CBD process and enhanced preparation for COP-9, 7-9 April 2008, Kuna Yala, Panama
- Participate in the Fourth Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts and Islands: Advancing ecosystem management and integrated coastal and ocean management in the context of climate change, organized by Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts and Islands, 7-11 April 2008, Hanoi, Vietnam (To also attend the pre-conference on 6 April 2008)



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- Attend the UNEP Training Course on Sustainable Management for the Iraqi, 7-15 April 2008, Damascus, Syria
- Deliver a statement on the occasion of the KfW and BioFrankfurt Evening on “Achievements of the CBD and Challenges of COP 9 and Beyond”, 8 April 2008, Frankfurt, Germany
- Meet with representatives of KfW, 8 April 2008, Frankfurt, Germany
- Meet with Ms. Petra Bierwirth, Chairwoman of the Committee on Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of the German Bundestag, 9 April 2008, Berlin, Germany
- Attend the expert workshop on Preventing Biological Invasions: Best Practices in Pre-import Risk Screening for Species of Live Animals in International Trade, 9-11 April 2008, University of Notre Dame, Indiana, U.S.A.
- Attend and address the International Conference on the Conservation of biological diversity at the German Parliament with the Chancellor of Germany, 9 April 2008, Berlin, Germany
- Meet with NGO representatives, 10 April 2008, Montreal, Canada
- Participate and contribute to the Meeting of African Leaders on Access and Benefit-Sharing in preparation for the High-Level Segment of COP-9, 10-12 April 2008, Mahé, Seychelles and meetings with the Ministers of Environment attending the meeting
- Interview with local Seychelles TV and Radio stations, 12 April 2008, Mahé, Seychelles
- Participate in the Symposium on Environmental Economics for Sustainable Development at the Université de Sherbrooke à Longueuil, 12 April 2008, Montreal, Canada
- Participate in the UNEP Retreat for MEAs, 14-18 April 2008, Nairobi, Kenya
- Meet with the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme and deliver a presentation on COP-9, 15 April 2008, Nairobi, Kenya
- Attend the Baobab Award Ceremony, 15 April 2008, UNEP, Nairobi, Kenya
- Attend the preparatory meeting organized by a consortium of partners (WWF, IUCN, Wetlands International, FIBA) for COP-9, 15-16 April 2008, Banjul, The Gambia
- Meeting on UNEP Poverty and Environment Initiative, 17 April 2008, Nairobi, Kenya
- Attend the CPF strategic meeting on forests and climate change at FAO, 17 April 2008, Rome, Italy
- Meet with FAO staff to discuss COP-9 side events, 17 April 2008, Rome, Italy
- Meet with Regional Directors of UNEP, 18 April 2008, Nairobi, Kenya
- Represented (by Ramsar) at the Bystroe Canal Project, 18 April 2008, Bucharest, Romania
- Take part in the Montreal Children's Library Earth Day Children's Event, 19 April 2008, Montreal, Canada
- Attend the first Asia Pacific Forestry Week, and Asia Pacific Regional Forestry Commission meeting and take part in the panel discussion to regional forest activities, 20-25 April 2008, Hanoi, Vietnam
- Take part as a panelist for the opening press conference of the UNPFII, 21 April 2008, New York, U.S.A.
- Attend and address the opening plenary of the Sixth session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, 21-25 April 2008, New York, U.S.A.
- Meet with the United Nations Assistant Secretary General of Policy Coordination and Strategic Planning in the Office of the Secretary General, 22 April 2008, New York, U.S.A.
- Meet with the Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations, 22 April 2008, New York, U.S.A.
- Attend the Inception Workshop on BIGMAP-CABI Compendium on GM Agriculture and Biosafety, 22-23 April 2008, Iowa, U.S.A.
- Meet with the UNEP Deputy Executive Director, 23 April 2008, New York, U.S.A.
- Meet with the Director of UNEP New York Office, 23 April 2008, New York, U.S.A.
- Meet with the Executive Secretary of the Group of 77, 23 April 2008, New York, U.S.A.
- Meet with the Director of Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, 23 April 2008, New York, U.S.A.

- Meet with the Ambassador of the Permanent Mission of Andorra to the United Nations, 23 April 2008, New York, U.S.A.
- Attend the launch of the publication “Sustaining Life: How Human Health Depends on Biodiversity”, 23 April 2008, New York, U.S.A.
- Attend a luncheon organized by Les Conseils des Relations Internationales de Montreal (CORIM), with guest Her Excellency Monique Gagnon-Tremblay, Quebec Minister of International Relations and Minister Responsible for La Francophonie, to speak on the theme: "Politique internationale du Québec: bilan et perspectives d'avenir", 24 April 2008, Montreal, Canada
- Meet with Chair, Independent Panel on Safety and Security of U.N. Personnel and Premises Worldwide, 24 April 2008, New York, U.S.A.
- Meet with the Officer-in-charge of the United Nations Forum on Forests, 25 April 2008, New York, U.S.A.
- Attend the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction, 28 April – 2 May 2008, New York, U.S.A.
- Participate in the Group of 77 Panel of Eminent Experts on a Development Platform for the South, 29-30 April 2008, St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda
- Atelier organisé par le GTZ (Tunisie) en vue de préparer une nouvelle composante d'un projet de coopération tuniso-allemande qui devrait porter sur la synergie entre les trois conventions, 29-30 April 2008, Tunis, Tunisia

CBD VISITORS IN APRIL



United Nations External Auditors



Mr. Steve Gorman, World Bank/GEF

HIGHLIGHT OF EVENTS IN APRIL



KfW and BioFrankfurt Evening

Photo courtesy of BioFrankfurt



Petra Bierwirth, Chairwoman of the Committee on the Environment, Ahmed Djoghlaf, Astrid Klug, Parliamentary Secretary State for Environment and Jochen Flasbarth, Federal Ministry for the Environment

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Participants at the Expert Workshop on Preventing Biological Invasions: Best Practices in Pre-import Risk Screening for Species of Live Animals in International Trade – 9-11 April 2008 - Indiana, U.S.A.



Meeting of African Leaders on ABS for COP-9 High Level Segment – 10-12 April 2008 - Mahé, Seychelles



Opening plenary of the seventh session of the UNPFII in New York



CBD among the top finalists of the UNEP's Baobab Award

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Ahmed Djoghlaif with Mr. Achim Steiner, UNEP Executive Director at the UNEP Senior Management retreat in Nairobi, Kenya



Meeting with Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General



Meeting with Mr. Richard Orr, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General, Policy Coordination and Strategic Planning



CBD ran an interactive kiosk on biodiversity at the Earth Day 2008 event in Montreal, organized by the Montreal Children's Library. Behind the booth were Gweneth Thirlwell, Diana Guerra and Lisa Janishevski of the CBD Secretariat.



Launching ceremony of "Sustaining Life" book, in New York on 23 April 2008. From left: Ahmed Djoghlaif, Professor Jeffrey Sachs, Earth Institute-Columbia University, Ms. Angela Cropper, UNEP Deputy Executive Director, Dr. Eric Chivian, Harvard Medical School, and Mr. Charles McNeill, UNDP.

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Meeting with Ambassador Carles Font-Rossell, Permanent Representative of Andorra to the United Nations in New York



Meeting with Mr. Nikhil Seth, Director of ECOSOC Support and Coordination and Ms. Nandhini Krishna, CCD-CBD Liaison Officer in New York



Ahmed Djoghlaif with Hon. Chandrika Kumaratunga, former President of Sri Lanka, at the G-77 Panel of Eminent Experts meeting in Antigua and Barbuda



Ahmed Djoghlaif with Ambassador John Ashe, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations in New York, the Honourable Winston Baldwin Spencer, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda and Chair of G-77, and Mr. Mourad Ahmia, Executive Secretary of the Group of 77

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🌿 CBD MUSEUM OF NATURE AND CULTURE 🌿



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H.E. Mr. Joel Morgan, Minister of Environment of Seychelles presenting a painting for inclusion to the CBD Museum of Nature and Culture, in the margins of the High Level meeting on ABS in Seychelles

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