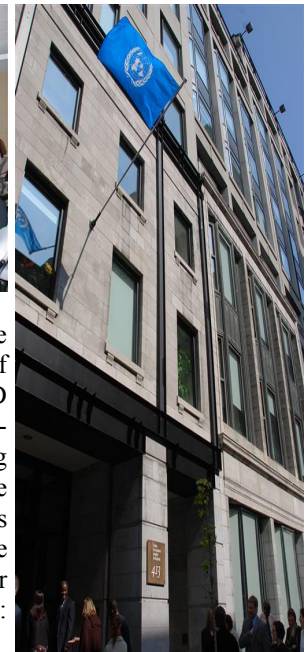


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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY, 5 JUNE

On 5 June, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity joined the international community in celebrating the World Environment Day (WED), with the theme “*CO₂ Kick the Habit: Towards a Low Carbon Economy*”, by hosting an event at the Secretariat office with the participation of representatives from the diplomatic corps in Montreal, as well as the Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to



the United Nations and Chairman of the Group of 77, the Permanent Representative of Brazil to ICAO, the Chief of the UNCCD Liaison Office in New York and a representative of the Mayor of Montreal. A flag-raising ceremony of the United Nations flag outside the World Trade Center building, which hosts the Secretariat office, also took place on the occasion of the World Environment Day. For more pictures of WED 2008, please visit: www.cbd.int/photos.

CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES PARTNERSHIP ON BIODIVERSITY

The third meeting of the Canadian Universities Partnership on Biodiversity was held at the CBD Secretariat office on 5 June 2008, following the World Environment Day celebrations. The objective of the meeting was to present the partnership agreement and the proposed activities for 2008-2009, as well as to further strengthen communication between the Canadian universities and research institutions and the Secretariat on biodiversity-related issues.



BUSINESS AND BIODIVERSITY SEMINAR

Representatives of Canadian businesses met in Montreal on 11 June for a one-day seminar to review their business links with biodiversity and to consider the establishment of a Canadian business forum for biodiversity. The meeting, jointly organized by the CBD Secretariat, IUCN and professional services firm Deloitte, was held at the University of Quebec at Montreal (UQAM) and attracted more than sixty-five senior figures from industries ranging from oil and gas, mining, water, power, fisheries, finance and agri-business as well as representatives from government, environmental NGOs and international organizations. The meeting took place with the participation of Ms. H el ene Latouche, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy Analysis, Ministry for International Relations, Government of Quebec (in photo, centre). Also in photo are: Dr. Jeff McNeely, IUCN Chief Scientist, and Ahmed Djoghlafl, CBD Executive Secretary. Concurrently, at the invitation of International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IPIECA), the CBD Secretariat participated in a stakeholder dialogue designed to help shape the direction and content of the IPIECA Strategic Plan, held in San Francisco on 11-12 June 2008.



MEETING OF THE 2010 BIODIVERSITY INDICATORS PARTNERSHIP



The second meeting of the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (BIP) was held on 25-26 June 2008 at the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in Montreal. The BIP is coordinated by the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre and implemented in close coordination with the CBD Secretariat. Holding the meeting at the Secretariat enabled partner organizations working on the individual indicators adopted by the Convention to get a clearer understanding of the links between the BIP and the preparations of the third edition of Global Biodiversity Outlook. This meeting was crucial for determining the progress of the Partnership, as well as clarifying the expectations vis- a-vis the Partnership over the next two years in the run up to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 10).

LAUNCHING COP 10 AND COP-MOP 5

Panelist at "The Arctic – A Barometer for Global Climate Change" event, organized by the Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region, together with the Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations, 4 June 2008, New York, U.S.A. (also met with the panelists at the Norwegian Mission prior to the event)

Also held meetings on 4 June 2008 in New York with: Ambassador Johan Lovald of Norway, the Chief of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, the President of the United Nations General Assembly, the Special Assistant of the newly-elected President of the United Nations General Assembly, the President of the Group of 77, as well as the Executive Secretary of the Group of 77.

Had a working lunch with the UNDP Director of Environment and Energy, 4 June 2008, New York, U.S.A.



Deliver a keynote statement at the Kick Off seminar for the success of COP-10 held in Nagoya, organized by the Ministry of Environment of Japan in collaboration with the "COP10 promotion Committee" of Aichi prefecture and the city of Nagoya, 14 June 2008, Nagoya, Japan – also took part in a press conference at the end of event covered by all the 4 TV channels of Nagoya as well as major newspaper

Meet with representatives of NGOs based in Nagoya, 14 June 2008, Nagoya, Japan

Deliver a keynote presentation at the Asahi Forum on COP10, 15 June 2008, Nagoya, Japan

Held bilateral meetings with the Parliamentary Minister, with the Governor and the Vice-Governor of Aichi as well as the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on the preparation of COP-10, 15 June 2008, Nagoya, Japan

Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Higashiyama Botanical Gardens, 16 June 2008, Nagoya, Japan

Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Nagoya City University, 16 June 2008, Nagoya, Japan

Briefing on COP-10 with Deputy Mayors, 16 June 2008, Nagoya, Japan

Deliver a presentation on Nagoya challenges at the G8 Dialogue Series organized by United Nations University, 16 June 2008, Tokyo, Japan

Held bilateral meeting with the Vice-Rector of the United Nations University, 16 June 2008, Tokyo, Japan

Meet with representatives of NGOs based in Tokyo, 16 June 2008, Tokyo, Japan

Held bilateral meeting with the Minister of the Environment, and other senior officials from the Ministry, 17 June 2008, Tokyo, Japan

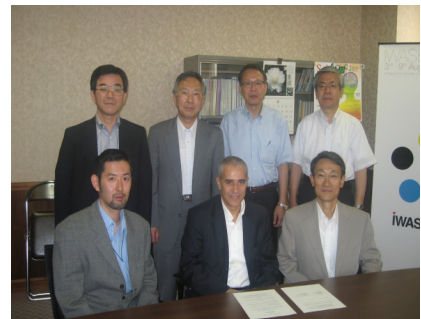
Meet with relevant Directors of all Japanese Ministries, including the Ministry of Industry, 17 June 2008, Tokyo, Japan

Meet with the Director General and the Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 17 June 2008, Tokyo, Japan

Meet with all the members of the Nippon Keidaren Committee, 17 June 2008, Tokyo, Japan

Had three interviews with major newspapers and TV, 17 June 2008, Tokyo, Japan

Meet with the Vice President of JICA, 18 June 2008, Tokyo, Japan



Meet with the Executive Director and other senior officials of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) on the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between the CBD and ACB, 19-22 June 2008, Manila, Philippines

Meet with Philippine Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, as well as with Philippine Senator Juan Miguel Zubiri, principal author of the Wildlife Conservation Act and founder of the Philippine Deer Foundation, Manila, Philippines

Meet with more than 30 representatives of civil society, and held a press conference with over 50 foreign and Filipino journalists. The Executive Secretary also met the Los Baños science community, comprising over 20 partners, with the participation of the Honourable Caesar Perez, the Mayor of Los Baños, 21 June 2008, Manila, Philippines

Held four bilateral interviews with local Philippine media, with the participation of a Japanese newspaper accredited in Manila, 21 June 2008, Manila, Philippines



Meet with the CEO of the National Parks of Singapore, 23 June 2008, Singapore City, Singapore

Took part in the “World Cities Summit”, and participated as panelist in the session on “Biodiversity in Sustainable Cities”, 24 June 2008, Singapore City, Singapore

Meet with Minister Mah, the Director of the National Biodiversity Center, as well as Professor Tommy Koh, 24-25 June 2008, Singapore City, Singapore

Meet with the Deputy Mayor of Nagoya and the Deputy Mayor of Busan, Mayor of Wellington and the Vice Minister of Industry and Primary Resources of Brunei, 24-25 June 2008, Singapore City, Singapore

Held interviews with *The Straits Times* and the *Singapore Press Holdings*, 24-25 June 2008



Meeting with officials of AIRBUS, 27 June 2008, Toulouse France

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Participate in the United Nations Ocean Meeting, 2-3 June 2008, Paris, France
Participate in the Global Invasive Species Information Network (GISIN) Data Providers Workshop, 2-5 June 2008, Athens, Georgia
Attend the UNEP Initiative on assessing trade impacts on biodiversity in six APC countries National Review Meeting, 4 June 2008, Yaoundé, Cameroon
Meet with the Mayor of Montreal, 9 June 2008, Montreal, Canada
Luncheon meeting hosted by the Premier of Quebec, 9 June 2008, Montreal, Canada
Participate and present at the 2008 Global Katoomba Meeting XII – Global Environmental Conference, under – theme “Developing an infrastructure for the planet”- focus – payment for ecosystem services – eco-markets, 9-10 June 2008, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
Participate in the Consultation with Representatives of Indigenous and Local Communities and Associated Experts, facilitated by Business and Biodiversity Offset Program, 11 June 2008, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
Attend the IPIECA stakeholder engagement meeting, 11-12 June 2008, San Francisco, U.S.A.
Visit of students from Concordia University, 11 June 2008, Montreal, Canada
Attend the FAO Forestry Commission Meeting for North America, 9-12 June 2008, San Juan, Puerto Rico
Meet representatives from the Ministère du Développement durable, de l’Environnement et des Parcs du Québec, 12 June 2008, Quebec City, Canada
Take part in the Tunza International Children's Conference on the Environment, 17-21 June 2008, Stavanger, Norway
Attend the opening of the Madagascar exhibit at the Montréal Biodôme, 18 June 2008, Montreal, Canada
Take part as an expert in the *Ask UNEP* on “Innovative Environmental Financing—Clean Development Mechanism”, 19 June 2008
Attend a meeting on soil biodiversity, organized by the Joint Research Center of the European Commission, Ispra, Italy
Visit of senior staff from the Global Biodiversity Information Facility, 19-20 June 2008, Montreal, Canada
Visit of Peter Bos, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, Netherlands, 19-20 June 2008, Montreal, Canada
Presentation by Charles Besançon, Head of the Protected Areas Programme at UNEP-WCMC on the advances made on the World Database on Protected Areas, 26 June 2008, Montreal, Canada
Take part as an expert in the *Ask UNEP* on “Business and Biodiversity”, 27 June 2008
Participate via teleconference at the First Meeting of the Inter-Agency Task Force on UNCCD Reporting Guidelines, 26-27 June 2008, Bonn, Germany

CBD VISITORS in JUNE

Beatriz Torres and **Sami Gaiji** from the **Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF)** visited the Secretariat on 19-20 June. They met the CBD Secretariat staff and gave a presentation on the work of the GBIF and its relation to the work and objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity. As well, meetings were held with relevant CBD staff members.



On 20 June, **Peter Bos**, Senior Executive Officer, Directorate for Nature at the **Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality in Netherlands** addressed the CBD Secretariat staff and gave a presentation on the 2008-2011 Biodiversity Policy Programme of the Netherlands.

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity welcomed the visit of a group of **students from Concordia University** on 11 June. The students are part of a senior undergraduate seminar in international environmental governance. The CBD Executive Secretary, together with staff members Oliver Hillel and Christine Gibb, briefed the students on the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity.



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