

Welcome to COP 10!

In a few days, you will participate in the most important global biodiversity meeting for the 21st century. From 18 to 29 October 2010, at the Nagoya Conference Centre, decisions will be made that will affect global biodiversity policy for the next century and beyond.

The Media teams of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Government of Japan are happy to help you. Here are a few information points:

1. Accreditation.
 - a. If you have received this email, you have been accredited and your name is on our database. If any of your colleagues have accredited, but have not received this mail, then we recommend that they send an email to Ms Florence BLOT (Florence.blot@cbd.int). Include his/her name and his/her media organization and she will add his/her name to the list.
 - b. If you have not already done so, you may pick up your pass at the registration counter at the NCC. The pass is needed for access to the venue.
2. Website (www.cbd.int/cop10)
 - a. Most of the resources you will need to cover the meeting can be found on the website for COP 10. www.cbd.int/cop10
 - b. There is a special page for Media <http://www.cbd.int/cop10/meeting/media/> which includes important information for the media including:
 - i. The most up to date schedule for the press conferences being held at COP 10
<http://www.cbd.int/cop10/meeting/media/?tab=1>
 - ii. A series of media sheets about the issues to be covered at COP 10
<http://www.cbd.int/cop10/meeting/media/?tab=3>
 - iii. A link to the Daily Webcasts which are both live and pre-recorded
<http://webcast.cop10.go.jp/>
 - iv. Frequently Asked Questions about your participation at the meeting
<http://www.cbd.int/cop10/meeting/media/faq/>
 - v. A link to the website for the International Media Centre
<http://media.cop10.go.jp/>
 - vi. Access to photographs of the meeting taken by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan
(<http://www.flickr.com/photos/cop10japan2010/collections/72157625136928028/>) and the Earth Negotiations Bulletin
(<http://www.iisd.ca/biodiv/cop10/photoindex.html>)
3. International Media Centre (<http://media.cop10.go.jp/>)

- a. The International Media Centre is located in the Nagoya Congress Centre in Building 2. The 1,000 square meter space contains workspaces, work desks and a variety of services for media. Some of these services are available on a fee-for-service basis.
 - b. The IMC is open from 8am to 8pm from October 10th to October 26th and then 24 hours until the 29th of October.
4. Opening Plenary for COP 10
 - a. The Opening Plenary for COP 10 will take place in the Century Hall of the NCC on 18 October from 10am until approximately noon.
 - b. Spaces for the media are reserved the second balcony of the hall. All participating media organizations at COP 10 will be asked to gather at a meeting point by 8:45 am in the morning, where guidelines on media coverage will be outlined and groups will be created. The meeting point will be announced on 17 October on the website and in the IMC
5. Press Conferences (<http://www.cbd.int/cop10/meeting/media/?tab=1>)
 - a. Press Conferences and Briefings are held in the Press Conference Room (Room 3f) in Building 3.
 - b. Exceptionally, on 25 and 26 October, Press Conferences and Briefings will be held in the Government of Japan Press Briefing Room, room 224B in the International Media Centre.
 - c. Press Conference Rooms (Room 3f) is equipped with:
 - i. Interpretation equipment. Briefings by the SCBD and the Government of Japan will include Japanese/English Interpretation. The availability of this for other briefings varies.
 - ii. Platforms for still and video cameras
 - iii. Audio Distribution Amplifiers
 - d. Subject to receipt of materials, SCBD will make advisories and background material for the briefings/conferences available to accredited journalists via email, and flyers will be available in the International Media Centre (IMC). Requests for Interviews. ?
6. Special Media briefing on 23 and 24 October
 - a. On 23 and 24 October, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will offer a special media briefing session in the Press Conference Room (Room 3f).
 - b. The session will feature interviews with Secretariat staff and some of the actors of the COP meeting.
 - c. Lunch and coffee will be served.
 - d. Organizations may send up to two (2) media representatives to this event. Nominations for this may be sent to david.ainsworth@cbd.int no later than 21 October 2010.