



CONVENTION ON
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DIVERSITY



2010 - The Global Biodiversity Challenge
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London, United Kingdom

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 21 May

0800 – 0900 Registration

0900 – 1000 Plenary session 1: Opening of the meeting

Introduction of speakers: **Mark Collins**

- Elliot Morley MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary (Fisheries, Water, Nature Protection)
- Hans Hoogeveen, Chair of CBD COP Bureau
- Hamdallah Zedan, Executive Secretary of CBD
- Charles McNeill, United Nations Development Programme
- Mark Collins, Director of UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre

1000 - 1020 Coffee/tea break

1020 – 1245 Plenary session 2: Overview, key issues and presentation of critical questions to be addressed by the breakout groups

Chair: **Natarajan Ishwaran** (World Heritage Convention)

1020 – 1045 The Convention on Biological Diversity as a framework for meeting the 2010 target (General overview: objectives, expected outcomes; putting the meeting in the context of the Strategic Plan of the Convention on Biological Diversity, other conventions and their strategic plans, global processes, WSSD including Type II partnerships Millennium Development Goals, etc.). **Jo Mulongoy** (CBD Secretariat)

1045 – 1105 Objective 1: Understanding and measuring biodiversity loss: status and trends of biodiversity; current and projected rates, causes and impacts of biodiversity loss, methods for measuring the rate of biodiversity loss.

Robert Scholes (South Africa)



- 1105 – 1125 Objective 2: Addressing the 2010 target and the many other biodiversity-related targets: what are the targets, how do they relate to each, can we address them in a coordinated manner. **Jorge Soberon** (Mexico)
- 1125 – 1145 Objective 3: Key initiatives in addressing biodiversity loss: exploring and identifying how existing and proposed initiatives to reduce biodiversity loss such as MEA implementation at national and international levels, address the 2010 target. **Delmar Blasco** (Ramsar Convention)
- 1145 – 1205 Objective 4: Exploring and identifying how to report on progress and achievements. **Walt Reid** (Millennium Ecosystem Assessment)
- 1205 – 1230 Discussion
- 1230 – 1245 Introduction to breakout sessions. **Jeremy Harrison** (UNEP-WCMC)

1245 – 1400 Lunch break

1400 – 1700 Breakout sessions

Four breakout groups will meet concurrently during three sessions on Wednesday afternoon (1400-1700) and twice on Thursday (0945-1300 and 1400-1800). Between them they will cover the four objectives of the meeting at both national and international levels.

Group A: Chairs: **Jim Armstrong** (CITES) and **Alfred Oteng Yeboah** (Ghana)

Group B: Chairs: **Max Kitchell** (Australia) and **Setijati Sastrapradja** (Indonesia)

Group C: Chairs: **Asghar Fazel** (Iran) and **John Hough** (UNDP)

Group D: Chairs: **David Brackett** (Canada) and **Diann Black Layne** (Antigua)

Understanding and measuring biodiversity loss: The purpose of this session is to generate an improved understanding of biodiversity loss and its impacts, and, based on this, to identify a process for moving towards an internationally agreed method of (and ability to) objectively and quantifiably assess the annual rate of biodiversity loss. The groups are expected to recognise that while there are many national initiatives attempting to assess biodiversity, there are, as yet, both considerable duplications and gaps in the system, and a need for increased collaboration and coordination.

Group A will consider this issue from national and local perspectives

Group B will consider this issue from the international (global and regional) perspectives.

Addressing the 2010 target and other multiple biodiversity-related targets: The aim of this session is to identify a process for establishing clear relationships between the 2010 target and the many other biodiversity-related targets that have been internationally agreed, in order to identify how they relate and whether a single harmonized set of measurements, actions and reports can suffice for all.

Group C will consider this issue at from national and local perspectives.

Group D will consider this issue from the international (global and regional) perspective.

1845 – Darwin Initiative lecture and reception

Participants are invited by the United Kingdom Department for Environment, Food and

Rural Affairs to attend the *Darwin Initiative Lecture* which is being given this year by **Peter H. Raven**, Director of the Missouri Botanical Garden. The title of the lecture will be "Our Choice: How Many Species Will Survive The 21st Century?". The lecture will take place at 10 St James Square, and will be followed by a reception hosted by the Department.

Thursday, 22 May

0900 – 0945 Plenary session 3: Progress reports from breakout groups

Chair: **Elaine Fisher** (Jamaica)

0945 – 1300 Breakout sessions (*continued*)

Reporting on biodiversity loss: This session will explore and identify how to report on the annual rate of biodiversity loss, and this progress and achievements in reducing that loss. The purpose of the session is to explore and identify ways and means of reporting on the objective and quantitative measures of the rate of biodiversity loss discussed in group sessions on the previous day.

Group A will consider this issue from national and local perspectives

Group B will consider this issue from the international (global and regional) perspectives.

Key initiatives in addressing biodiversity loss: This session will explore and identify how to build synergies between key initiatives related to the achievement of the 2010 target and other biodiversity-related targets and how to report on the activities and achievements of these initiatives in reducing the causes of biodiversity loss. The group will particularly focus on international agreements and programmes aimed at achieving conservation targets.

Group C will consider this issue at from national and local perspectives.

Group D will consider this issue from the international (global and regional) perspective.

1300 – 1400 Lunch break

1400 – 1800 Breakout sessions

The **same four breakout groups** meet again to continue discussion on any outstanding issues, and to identify follow-up activities based on earlier discussion. This will include discussion of:

- Mechanisms and processes
- Roles, responsibilities and timelines
- Follow up with governance and advisory bodies
- Relationship to funding mechanisms
- Ensuring collaboration and partnership
- Links to WSSD outcomes including WSSD partnerships
- Reporting processes and schedules
- Targeting of reporting (including format and content)
- Public education and awareness issues

1830 – 2000 Celebration of the International Biodiversity Day

Friday, 23 May

0900 – 1030 Plenary session 4

Chair: **Elaine Fisher** (Jamaica)

0900 – 0930 Report from breakout group A: Questions and discussion

0930 – 1000 Report from breakout group B: Questions and discussion

1000 – 1030 General discussion

1030 – 1100 Tea/coffee break

1100 – 1300 Plenary session 4 (*continued*):

1100 – 1130 Report from breakout group C: Questions and discussion

1130 – 1200 Report from breakout group D: Questions and discussion

1200 – 1230 General discussion

1230 – 1400 Lunch Break

1400 – 1500 Plenary session 5

Chair: **Jan Plesnik** (Czech Republic)

1400 – 1420 Summary and synthesis; next steps. **Cristian Samper** (Smithsonian Institution)

1420 – 1500 Comments and discussion

1500 – 1530 Closure of the meeting

Closing remarks by organizers

- Hamdallah Zedan, Executive Secretary of CBD
- Charles McNeill, United Nations Development Programme
- Mark Collins, Director of UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre
