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**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF SPEAKERS FOR THE PLENARY SESSION OF THE HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT OF THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY<sup>1</sup>**

Expo Trade Convention and Exhibition Centre, Wednesday, 29 March 2006, 10:00 am to 9:00 pm<sup>2</sup>

In view of the high number of requests to make statements, speakers are asked to keep their statements as short as possible, preferably no longer than 5 minutes. Speakers are also asked to hand in their statements to the interpreters in advance.

1. Ms. Marina Silva  
Minister of the Environment  
Brazil
2. Mr. Luciano Ducci  
Deputy Mayor of Curitiba  
Brazil
3. Ms. Wangari Maathai  
2004 Noble Peace Prize Laureate
4. Mr. Marthinus Van Schalkwyk  
Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism  
South Africa on behalf of the Group of 77
5. Ms. Rejoice Mabudafhasi  
Deputy Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism  
South Africa on behalf of the Network of Women Ministers
6. Ms. Maria Eugenia Choque Quispe  
Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Women's Caucus
7. Mr. Werner Wutscher  
Secretary General  
Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management  
Austria on behalf of the European Union
8. Mr. Matthias Machnig  
Vice-Minister of the Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety  
Germany
9. His Royal Highness Prince Turki Bin Nasser Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud  
Saudi Arabia on behalf of the Arab League, Ministerial Council of Environment

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<sup>2</sup> If you have any queries or concerns regarding this schedule of speakers, please contact Alexandra Baillie ([alexandra.baillie@biodiv.org](mailto:alexandra.baillie@biodiv.org)).

10. Mr. Chérif Rahmani  
Spokesperson of the United Nations Secretary General on the International Year of  
Deserts and Desertification
11. Mr. Namo Narain Meena  
Minister of State for Environment & Forests  
India, and on behalf of the Like Minded Megadiverse Countries
12. Professor Jan Szyszko  
Minister of the Environment  
Poland
13. Mr. Angelo T. Reyes  
Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
Philippines
14. Mr. Batt O'Keeffe T.D.  
Minister of State at The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local  
Government  
Ireland
15. Mr. Jacques Andoh Alle  
Ministre de l'Environnement, des Eaux et Forêts  
Côte d'Ivoire
16. Mr. Pieter van Geel  
State Secretary for the Environment  
Netherlands
17. Ing. José Luis Luege Tamargo  
Secretario de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales  
Mexico
18. Dato' Seri Azmi Khalid  
Minister of Natural Resources and Environment  
Malaysia
19. Mr. Rabotoarison Charles Sylvain  
Minister of Environment, Water and Forests  
Madagascar
20. Mr. Ahmed Abdullah  
Minister of Environment, Energy and Water  
Republic of Maldives
21. Mr. Stavros Dimas  
Commissioner for Environment  
European Commission
22. Mr. Henry Djombo  
Ministre de l'Économie Forestière et de l'Environnement  
Republic of Congo
23. Ms. Cristina Narbona  
Minister of Environment  
Spain
24. Mr. Soyambhuma Amatya  
Secretary of the Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation  
Nepal

25. Mr. Tahir Iqbal  
Minister of Environment  
Pakistan
26. Mr. Magnus Johanesson  
Secretary General, Ministry of Environment  
Iceland
27. Mr. Carlos Loret de Mola  
President of Consejo Nacional del Ambiente  
Peru
28. Ms. Michelle Gallardo de Gutiérrez  
Viceministra de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales  
El Salvador
29. Mr. Nedson Nzowa  
Deputy Minister, Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources  
Zambia
30. Dr. Harsha Vardhana Singh  
Deputy Director-General  
World Trade Organization
31. Mr. Shoji Nishimoto  
Assistant Administrator and Director of Bureau for Development Policy  
United Nations Development Programme
32. Mr. Francis Gurry  
Deputy Director General  
World Intellectual Property Organization
33. Ambassador Satya N. Nandan  
Secretary-General  
International Seabed Authority
34. Mr. Hama Arba Diallo  
Executive Secretary  
United Nations Conference on Desertification
35. Professor Humberto Rosa  
Secretary of State for the Environment  
Portugal
36. Lt General Jeje Odongo  
Minister of State for Environment  
Uganda
37. Thierno Lo  
Ministre de l'Environnement et de la Protection de la Nature  
Senegal
38. Mr. Clifford Marica  
Minister of Labour, Technological Development and Environment  
Suriname
39. Mr. Ichinkhorloo Erdenebaatar  
Minister of Nature and Environment  
Mongolia

40. Dr. Mok Mareth  
Senior Minister, Minister of Environment  
Cambodia
41. Ms. Ann David-Antoine  
Minister for the Environment  
Grenada
42. Mr. Mariano Arana  
Minister of Housing, Land Planning and Environment  
Uruguay
43. Mr. Jordan Dardov  
Deputy Minister of Environment and Water  
Bulgaria
44. Mr. Mehmed Cero  
Assistant Minister for Environment  
Bosnia and Herzegovina
45. Dr. Masnellyarti Hilman  
Deputy Minister for the Improvement of Natural Resources Conservation and  
Environmental Damage Control  
Indonesia
46. Ms. Viveka Bohn  
Ambassador of the Environment  
Sweden
47. H.E. Cheong Hae-wook  
Ambassador of the Environment  
Republic of Korea
48. Ms. Cassie Doyle  
Associate Deputy Minister, Environment Canada  
Canada
49. Mr. Ismael Fabro  
Chief Executive Officer of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Local Government and the  
Environment  
Belize
50. Mr. Roy Hathaway  
Head of Environment & Sustainable Development  
International Division, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
51. Mr. Habib Dimassi  
Chef de Cabinet du Ministre  
Ministère de l'Environnement et du Développement Durable  
Tunisia
52. Mr. Martin Puta Tofinga  
Minister, Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agriculture Development  
Kiribati
53. Mr. Diekumpuna Sita José  
Minister of Urban Affairs and Environment  
Angola

54. Mr. Aristides Ocante da Silva  
Minister of Environment  
Guinea-Bissau
54. Mr Teinakore Bishop  
Minister for Environment  
Cook Islands
55. Mr. Bruno Oberle  
Secretary of Environment and Forests  
Switzerland
56. Mr. Luciano André de Castro  
Minister of Coordination of Environmental Action  
Mozambique
57. Mr. Clifford Marica  
Minister of Labour  
Suriname
57. Mr. Chris Carter  
Minister of Conservation  
New Zealand
58. Mr. Villu Reiljian  
Minister of the Environment  
Estonia
59. Mr. Hissene Ahmat Senoussi  
Minister of Environment  
Chad
60. Mr. Libor Ambrozek  
Minister of Environment  
Czech Republic
61. Mr. John Vourmas  
Secretary of the Ministry of Environment  
Greece
62. Mr. Abdul Rahman Fadhi Al-Eryani  
Minister of Water and Environment  
Yemen
63. Mr. Francis D. C. Nhema  
Minister of Environment and Tourism  
Zimbabwe
64. Ms. Lebohang Ntsinyi  
Minister of Tourism, Environment and Culture  
Lesotho
65. Mr. Alfredo Carrasco  
Viceministro de Ambiente  
Ecuador
66. Mr. Denys Gauer  
Ambassador for the Environment  
France

67. Mr. Chris Squire  
Executive Commissioner  
Sierra Leone
68. Mr. Hideki Minamikawa  
General Director of the Nature Conservation Bureau, Ministry of the Environment  
Japan
69. Mr. Patrick Nandago  
Ambassador to Brazil  
Namibia
70. Mr. Peter Hayward  
Ambassador to Brazil  
Australia
71. Ms. Siree Bunnag  
Ambassador to Brazil  
Thailand
72. Ms. Aleida Salazar  
Panama
73. Mr. Torbjorn Urfjell  
Political Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Norway
74. Mr. Carlos Lopes Ximenes  
National Director of the Environment  
East Timor
75. Mr. Kibo Onkokame Mokaila  
Botswana