

Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity



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NOTIFICATION

Submission of views on ways to integrate biodiversity considerations in climate-change related activities

Dear Sir/Madam,

The ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 9), through paragraph B.13 of decision IX/16, requests Parties to submit views on ways to integrate biodiversity considerations in climate-change related activities. These views will also serve to provide relevant input into the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on biodiversity and climate change, as convened in paragraph B.12 of the same decision.

Accordingly, I am pleased to request that you submit your views to the Secretariat **by 1**st **October 2008**, either electronically to secretariat@cbd.int or via fax to +1 (514) 288-6588.

In submitting your views, I invite you to make use of the attached template and to consider all three objectives of the Convention: the conservation of biodiversity, the sustainable use of its components and the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources.

If you are unable to conform to the requested deadline, an additional opportunity for the submission of views on scientific and technical matters will take place during the on-line dialogue in preparation for the meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on biodiversity and climate change. This on-line dialogue will take place in mid-October 2008 and additional details will follow.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Attachment

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<u>Template for the submission of views by Parties on the integration of biodiversity considerations in</u> climate change related activities

1. Integrating Biodiversity in Climate Change Mitigation

Mitigation Approach	Description of Activity*	Potential Benefits	Disadvantages / Challenges
Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry			
Reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation			
Other (specify)			

^{*} Description of the activity that can be undertaken to enhance the integration of biodiversity considerations in climate change mitigation including specific examples of implementation where available

2. Integrating Biodiversity in Climate Change Adaptation

Adaptation Approach	Description of Activity*	Benefits of Integration	Disadvantages / Challenges
Protected areas / conservation			
Ecosystem restoration			
Forestry, fishery, agriculture or water sector planning			
Infrastructure development / upgrading			
Alternative livelihoods			
Other (specify)			

^{*} Description of the activity that can be undertaken to enhance the integration of biodiversity considerations in climate change adaptation including specific examples of implementation where available

3. Integrating Biodiversity in Climate Change Policies and Planning

Description of how biodiversity considerations can be integrated into national and regional climate change policies and planning including: building an enabling environment, involving stakeholders, avoiding additional cost and reporting burdens, etc.					
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