



## Call for contributions to [square brackets]

**Submissions due 3 August 2012**

[square brackets] is a newsletter produced jointly by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD) ([www.cbd.int](http://www.cbd.int)) and the CBD Alliance ([www.cbdalliance.org](http://www.cbdalliance.org)).

The newsletter aims to facilitate timely dialogue among civil society stakeholders on cutting edge biodiversity issues, from both policy (advocacy and decision-making) and practical (implementation) perspectives. The 6<sup>th</sup> edition was published in May 2012 ([www.cbd.int/ngo/square-brackets/square-brackets-2012-05-en.pdf](http://www.cbd.int/ngo/square-brackets/square-brackets-2012-05-en.pdf))

We invite short articles from members of civil society all over the world (including NGOs, social movements, indigenous organizations and representatives, local communities).

The new edition of [square brackets] will be published to coincide with the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 11) to the Convention on Biological Diversity, being held 8-19 October in Hyderabad, India.

Specifically, we are interested in receiving articles on issues being addressed by COP 11, including:

- Implementation of the Strategic Plan 2011-2020
- Indigenous peoples and biodiversity
- Financial resources
- Marine and coastal biodiversity
- Access and benefit-sharing

In addition, other issues of interest include Rio+20 outcomes and biopiracy.

In keeping with previous editions of the newsletter, there will be a Question & Answer section, “Perspectives”, and for this edition it will comprise three questions concerning the issue of implementation.

Articles will be selected and edited by an editorial board consisting of representatives of indigenous and non-governmental groups, and staff from the SCBD.

Potential contributors are advised to review the guidelines for articles appended below.

Please send submissions electronically to both [just.tasneem@gmail.com](mailto:just.tasneem@gmail.com) and [johan.hedlund@cbd.int](mailto:johan.hedlund@cbd.int)

### Guidelines for Articles

**Length:** 700-800 words

**Topics:** We seek submissions that focus on targets that civil society will aim to implement nationally and the challenges or barriers they face in doing so.

**Photos:** Photos that are of publishable quality are most welcome. Please note that photos should be sent as image files and not placed in Word documents. They can be sent as jpeg, tiff, or psd. Photos should be sent in the largest size available; please do not reduce the size of images before sending.

**Tone:** Articles must be written in a constructive and analytical manner and contribute to a deeper understanding of the issue. Contributions must not identify or target particular Parties on issues under negotiation. Opinions are more than welcome, but total coverage of topics in the newsletter will aim to present diverse and balanced viewpoints and arguments that enable the readers to formulate their own informed opinions.

**Style:** Please note that the newsletter follows a similar style to newspapers and magazines. If possible, please keep sentences and paragraphs short.

**Links:**

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