

The Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity

Activities report by member initiatives

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Name: French Initiative for Business & Biodiversity

Country: France

Please describe the activities and projects that your initiative has been undertaking in the previous year: **2017**

1. Activity/project

➤ **Short description: Hosting the 7th Global Partnership Meeting**

The French Initiative for Business and Biodiversity hosted on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th November the 7th meeting of the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity (GPBB). France, a member of the GPBB Executive Committee, volunteered to receive this event. Co-organized by ORÉE, manager of the platform and focal point of the GPBB, the GPBB and the National Museum of Natural History (MNHN), it was spread over two days:

Day 1: Reserved for international initiatives, it was an opportunity for the present initiatives to share their work and experience: South Africa, Brazil, China, South Korea, Spain, Finland, France, India, Japan, Central America, Netherlands, Sri Lanka, and European platform. 14 of the 20 GPBB Initiatives were present for this rich exchange of achievements. It was also an opportunity to inform on the progress of the SCBD and future actions, notably with the election of George Jaksch, the new GPBB president succeeding Elisa Dezolt.

Day 2: French companies have emphasized their work to mainstream biodiversity into their activities and development strategies as well as their experience in reporting on biodiversity.

- **Partners:** GPBB platforms members & French businesses
- **Further steps:** Planning the 8th Business Forum, COP 14 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.

2. Activity/project

- Short description: New publication “**Climate and Biodiversity: reconciling renewable energy and biodiversity**”

This paper examines links between renewables energies and biodiversity. It brings solutions for a reconciliation of the energy transition, protection of biodiversity and ecosystem resilience.

- **Partners:** French businesses

Please briefly describe what activities and projects you are **planning for the coming year:**

1. Resource mobilization project (decision IX/11, CBD- COP9); with French Ministry for Foreign Affairs: the objective is to monitor and promote the contribution of the French private sector to Hyderabad's international commitment in terms of mobilizing financial resources allocated to biodiversity in developing countries.