



Achieving the  
**2010**  
Biodiversity  
Target

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## NOTIFICATION

### Theme for the International Day for Biological Diversity 2007

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity is pleased to announce the focus of the 2007 International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD), 22 May, will be on:

#### Biodiversity and Climate Change

This complements the designation of 2007 as the International Polar Year, and coincides with UNEP'S World Environment Day theme of Climate Change. Lectures, seminars, film presentations, cultural events, exhibitions and school outreach activities are just some suggestions that you may wish to implement to help draw attention to one of the most critical issues facing our planet today.

A Secretariat Task Force has been established to build on the successful 2006 celebrations of IBD around the world, by preparing background information and suggestions to assist Parties in preparing for the celebration of IBD 2007. This information will be sent to you in the near future and will also be posted on our Web site in line with usual practice. For ease of reference, please find attached the minutes of the Task Force meeting which include tentative themes for 2008, 2009 and 2010, the Fact Sheet on Biodiversity and Climate Change and the IBD 2006 Report.

To: CBD National Focal Points

Our goal for 2007 is to exceed the number of celebrations held previously so that the International Day for Biological Diversity becomes a truly effective tool in raising public awareness on the importance of preserving life on earth. In order to assist all Parties to continuously expand the scope of this event, we have established a directory of activities held each year in order that your efforts achieve the maximum recognition.

I invite you to start developing national plans for activities at the national, regional and community levels to help promote the undeniable link between climate change and biodiversity loss, and the role biodiversity plays in climate change mitigation and adaptation planning. I would be most appreciative if you could keep us informed of your endeavours in this regard.

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

Ahmed Djoghlaif  
Executive Secretary