



# Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity



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## NOTIFICATION

### NATURATHLON 2008 - Sporting event during COP 9 Call for participation

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity is pleased to announce the first sporting event organised in the context of a meeting of the COP. The "Naturathlon 2008 -- The Course of the World" is an excellent opportunity to bring together delegates from all over the world to participate with the citizens of Germany in a marathon sharing one common goal - highlighting the importance of conserving our biological treasures. The event will take place on Sunday, 18 May 2008, at 15:00 PM. The Naturathlon is a 10-km-race through Bonn's Rheinaue-Leisure Park. For more information please visit the website [www.naturathlon.de](http://www.naturathlon.de).

The organizers would like to know the number of registrations by early May. However, on site registration for COP 9 delegates will be accepted directly at the conference venue at Hotel Maritim until **Saturday, 17 May 2008, 8.00 PM**. Do not hesitate - announce your participation in the course by registering at the following link: [http://www.naturathlon.de/index\\_naturathlon+M52087573ab0.html](http://www.naturathlon.de/index_naturathlon+M52087573ab0.html).

We hope that "Naturathlon 2008 -- The Course of the World" will set a world record by attracting international sport-enthusiastic participants from as many different nations as possible.

After the sporting part of the day, participants of the course, visitors and guests are invited to an international get-together at the conference venue.

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

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