



# Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity



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## NOTIFICATION

### Release of Guide to Business Related Events at COP-9

Dear Madam/Sir,

Business engagement is tabled for discussion at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (19-30 May 2008, Bonn, Germany) as a follow-up to the adoption, in March 2006, of the first decision, under the Convention, focusing on business.

The German Business and Biodiversity Initiative, implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) GmbH, an initiative of the Host Government to mobilize business on biodiversity, will be profiled during the COP-9, including at the Expo for Diversity (27-29 May), during Expert Forums (27 May) and during the High Level Segment (29 May).

The Secretariat, UNEP and UNU-IAS, in association with several other partners, are organizing a Business and Biodiversity Forum throughout COP-9. This will include side events and a training session (on Saturday, 24 May).

In addition, many business related events are being organized by several Parties, companies, business associations, environmental groups and others.

In order to help participants interested in business and biodiversity plan their stay in Bonn, the Secretariat has prepared a Guide to business related events at COP-9. I am pleased to inform you that the Guide is now posted online at: <http://www.cbd.int/business/COP-9.shtml>.

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

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