



Biodiversity and Climate Change



PRESS BRIEFING ON THE LAUNCH OF THE CBD ADAPTATION WEBSITE

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The Millennium Ecosystem Assessment warns that climate change is likely to become the dominant direct driver of biodiversity loss by the end of the century. In fact, climate change is already having an impact on biodiversity either through shifting habitat, changing life cycles, the development of new physical traits or species die-offs and extinctions.

Adaptation to climate change is a complex issue which often requires significant planning and cross-sector support. Adaptation activities can help species and ecosystems cope with changing climatic conditions. Ranging from the construction of protective infrastructure to the development of corridors or the planting of resistant tree or crop varieties, adaptation activities can have either a positive, negative or neutral impact on biodiversity.

The adaptation website is a contribution from the Convention on Biological Diversity, as one of the three Rio Conventions, to the implementation of the UNFCCC Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change. Other important joint efforts by the three Rio Conventions include the information notes on adaptation and forests and the Rio Calendar, all of which were provided to participants in their welcome packages.

The website contributes specifically to the adaptation planning and practices area of work under the Nairobi work programme and forms an important part of enhanced efforts to maximize cooperation between the CBD and the UNFCCC. The website brings together tools and information developed by governments, a variety of organizations and agencies on the integration of biodiversity considerations within adaptation planning.

The CBD adaptation website will be officially launched by the Executive Secretary, Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif.

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