



# **South South Cooperation at the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity**



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# Importance of SSC to the CBD



- 135+ Parties are the stewards of the largest part of biodiversity
- Technical, financial and institutional challenges, but also growing capacity and know-how

SSC can be more readily applicable and cost-effective, particularly in triangular arrangements

# Importance of biodiversity to the South

- Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (benefits and services provided by ecosystems)
- MDGs 1 and 7
- G-77 Development Platform for the South includes a chapter on biodiversity



# Decision IX/25 on STRENGTHENING COOPERATION

- Incorporate biodiversity into regional and subregional cooperation agreements and related activities, establish collaborative partnerships, joint projects and programmes on cross-border ecosystems
- Developing countries to prepare a multi-year plan of action on biodiversity for development, based on the framework for South-South cooperation
- Inviting Parties and other gts, regional and international organizations to support the organization of a South-South cooperation forum on biodiversity for development at COP10



# Current status of the multi-year plan of action on biodiversity for development

- G-77 chair and SCBD, in collaboration with the UNDP's SSC
- Finalization of a draft Multi Year Plan
- Database of best practice cases.
- Preparation for the 2010 Forum (including submission of the plan at COP10)



# Role of Regional Organizations in the Plan

- Identifying benchmarks
- Assisting member countries in project formulation
- Fundraising
- Implementation on the ground



# What SCBD can do

- Support the development of the plan, its implementation and monitoring
- Support a web-based portal (as part of the CBD's Clearinghouse Mechanism)
- Inform and guide Parties and relevant players





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