

MONTHLY BULLETIN OF ACTIVITIES (MBA) of the CBD

January 2008

Activities organized by the Secretariat:

- Staff retreat, 7-8 January 2008, Montreal, Canada
- Sub-regional workshop for Francophone Africa on protected areas programme of work of the Convention on Biological Diversity, 7-10 January 2008, Libreville, Gabon
- Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for South, Southeast and East Asia, 14-18 January 2008, Singapore City, Singapore
- Informal consultations with the ABS Co-Chairs to prepare for the sixth meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, 19-20 January 2008, Geneva, Switzerland
- COP Bureau meeting, 20 January 2008, Geneva, Switzerland
- COP-MOP Bureau meeting, 20 January 2008, Geneva, Switzerland
- Second meeting of the Informal Consultations on the Development of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization, 20 January 2008, Geneva, Switzerland
- Sixth meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, 21-25 January 2008, Geneva, Switzerland
- COP Bureau meeting, 22 January 2008, Geneva, Switzerland
- COP-MOP Bureau meeting, 23 January 2008, Geneva, Switzerland



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- Co-Chairs Informal Meeting on Capacity Development for Access and Benefit-sharing, 24 January 2008, Geneva, Switzerland
- SBSTTA Bureau meeting, 26 January 2008, Geneva, Switzerland
- Informal Meeting with Donors on elements of the 2009 - 2010 budget, 26 January 2008, Geneva, Switzerland
- Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA IAC), 28-29 January 2008, Bonn, Germany

Other activities:

- 'A billion trees for the planet' event organized by the City of Montreal, 8 January 2008, Montreal
- Teleconference with Germany, ABS Co-Chairs, 8 January 2008
- Participate as UNEP Expert for the Day on the issue of Marine and Coastal biodiversity, 10 January 2008
- Meet with the Brunei Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, the Vice Minister and the Ministry in charge of biodiversity, as well as meet with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Vice Minister of Development, and around 100 representatives of different stakeholders, 11 January 2008, Brunei Darussalam
- Held interviews with journalists of the Brunei Times and Borneo Bulletin as well as Brunei TV, 11 January 2008, Brunei Darussalam
- Deliver a presentation to various stakeholders in Brunei on the Convention on Biological Diversity, 12 January 2008, Brunei Darussalam
- Meet with representatives from different organizations in preparation for upcoming meetings (in association with CBD) on business and biodiversity, 14 January 2008, Ottawa, Canada: National Resources-Canada, Environment Canada, Export Development Canada, Forest Products Association of Canada, Parks Canada, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Mining Association of Canada, and Tourism Industry Association of Canada.
- Teleconference with the ABS Co-Chairs on final preparations for WG-ABS6, 14 January 2008
- GEO Biodiversity Observation Network Workshop, 14-16 January 2008, Geneva, Switzerland
- Signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation with ASEAN Centre of Biodiversity, 14 January 2008, Singapore City, Singapore
- Meeting with the Singapore Minister of National Development, 15 January 2008, Singapore City, Singapore
- Attend the European Invasive Alien Species Conference, 15-16 January 2008, Madrid, Spain

- Keynote speaker at the Singapore Environment Lecture, 16 January 2008, Singapore City, Singapore
- Interview with a journalist from the Singapore Straits Times as well as from a Chinese newspaper, 16 January 2008, Singapore City, Singapore
- Participate in the Workshop on a Gender Plan of Action, 16-18 January 2008, Chavanne-de-Bogis, Switzerland
- Attend the BioNET Fund Supervisory Board meeting, 18 January 2008, London, U.K.
- Participate in the Capacity-building Workshop and Briefing of African Delegates Prior to the ABSWG-6 Meeting, 18-19 January 2008, Geneva, Switzerland
- Deliver a lecture in biodiplomacy series: on “The future of biodiversity: the road to Nagoya 2010 and beyond”, 21 January 2008, United Nations University, Yokohoma, Japan
- Meet with representatives of the UNEP/GEF Team on Capacity Building Projects, 21-22 January 2008, Geneva, Switzerland
- Meeting with the delegation of Italy, attending ABS-6, 23 January 2008, Geneva
- Attend the Strategic Planning Workshop on Global Ocean Issues in Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction in the context of Climate Change, 23-25 January 2008, Nice, France
- Take part in the Fourth meeting of the Partners to the Green Customs Initiative, 23-25 January 2008, Paris, France
- Meeting with the delegation of Japan, attending ABS-6, 24 January 2008, Geneva
- Meeting with the Director of the Group on Earth Observations, 24 January 2008, Geneva, Switzerland
- Meeting with Senior Advisor, Consortium for the Barcode of Life, Smithsonian Institute, 24 January 2008, Geneva, Switzerland
- Meeting with the Head of Delegation of Switzerland attending ABS-6, 25 January 2008, Geneva, Switzerland.
- Meeting with Prof. Dr. Jessel, Head of BfN, 28 January 2008, Bonn, Germany
- Visit to Germany to meet with representatives from the Federal Ministry for the Environment as well as with officials from UNOV Security in preparation for the COP-MOP 4 and COP 9 meetings, 28-29 January 2008, Bonn, Germany
- Participate in the meeting of the UNEP-IUCN Payments for Ecosystem Services Review, 28-29 January 2008, Geneva, Switzerland
- Attend the Australian-Swiss Region-Led Initiative (RLI) on regional input in support of the United Nations Forum on Forests, 28-30 January 2008, Geneva, Switzerland

- Attend the 14th Meeting of the Ramsar STRP, 28 January–1 February 2008, Gland, Switzerland
- Meeting with Mr. John Herity, Director of IUCN Canada Office, 30 January 2008, Montreal, Canada,
- Participate in the Hass Business School Seminar, 30 January 2008, Berkeley, California, U.S.A.
- Meet with representatives from BMU with regard to COP-9 press issues, 30 January 2008, Bonn, Germany
- Represent CBD at a lecture on Negotiating Nature: Insights in the Process of a CBD Conference of the Parties, 30 January 2008, Bonn University, Germany
- Meeting via teleconference with the ABS Co-Chairs, 31 January 2008
- Participate in a workshop on increased synergies between the secretariats of the CBD, UNCCD and UNFCCC on communications and outreach, 31 January - 1 February 2008, Bonn, Germany

Publications:

- *Business.2010* newsletter - The 3rd Objective of the Convention – Views on access and benefit-sharing from the plant science, biotechnology, pharmaceutical, horticultural and seed industries