

# MONTHLY BULLETIN OF ACTIVITIES (MBA) OF THE CBD MARCH 2008

## Activities organized by the Secretariat:

- Fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Protocol, 12-19 March 2008, Cartagena, Colombia
- Priority Activity 10 of the Programme of Work on Communication, Education and Public Awareness: Expert Workshop on Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Education, 17-19 March 2008, Paris, France
- Opportunities and challenges of responses to climate change for Indigenous and Local Communities, their Traditional Knowledge and Biological Diversity, 25-28 March 2008, Helsinki, Finland
- Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Central America, 26-27 March 2008, Mexico City, Mexico
- Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for South America, 31 March - 4 April 2008, Rio Branco, Acre, Brazil

## Other activities:

- Take part in the meeting of the International Organizing Committee for the Third World Climate Conference, 4-6 February 2008, Geneva, Switzerland
- Participate as an expert in the UNEP-GEF Regional Training Workshop on the Biosafety Clearing-house for Africa, Asia and CEE, 3-14 March 2008, Cairo, Egypt
- Attend the international workshop on “The Economics of the Global Loss of Biological Diversity”, organized by the European Commission and the German Federal Ministry of Environment, 5-6 March 2008, Brussels, Belgium
- Take part in the International Workshop on Biodiversity and Climate Change, 6-7 March 2008, Beijing, China
- Participate in the UNEP Workshop on Knowledge Management among Biodiversity-related Conventions, 7-9 March 2008, UNEP-WCMC Office, Cambridge, U.K.
- Attend the Sub-regional Workshop on Mechanism for Biodiversity Data-Sharing and Information, 11-14 March 2008, Hanoi, Vietnam
- Meet via teleconference with UNEP Nairobi regarding the UNEP Executive Management Retreat, 12 March 2008
- Deliver a presentation entitled “Faire carrière à l'ONU dans le domaine de l'environnement” at the ACNU-Grand Montréal Forum sur les opportunités d'emploi à l'ONU, 12 March 2008, Montreal, Canada



- Attend the CFIA Canada – Science Symposium on Plant Risk Assessment Challenges for the 21st Century: New Crops and New Uses, 12-14 March 2008, Ottawa, Canada
- Visit of Ms. Linda Collette, Senior Agricultural Officer at FAO, 13 March 2008
- Meet with Mr. Dever, Scientific Advisor at the French Embassy in Ottawa, 13 March 2008, Ottawa, Canada
- Visit of Mr. Robert Lamb, Television Trust for the Environment TVE, 13 March 2008, Montreal, Canada
- Meet with the ABS Co-Chair to discuss follow up of the sixth meeting of the Ad hoc Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing, 14 March 2008, Montreal, Canada
- Meet with representatives of IUCN on biodiversity for development, 14 March 2008, Montreal, Canada
- Meet with Mr. Suhel Al-Janabi, GeoMedia / German Technical Cooperation (GTZ), 14 March 2008, Montreal, Canada
- Meet with Ms. Jessica Dempsey (NGO Alliance), Mr. Eric Darier (Greenpeace) and Mr. Jim Thomas (ETC Group), 14 March 2008, Montreal, Canada
- Deliver a statement and take part in the Jewish-Canadian Youth Model United Nations conference (luncheon), 17 March 2008, Montreal, Canada
- Meet with senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Canada, 17 March 2008, Ottawa, Canada
- Meeting via teleconference with the Chairs of COP-9 Working Groups I and II, 18 March 2008
- Meet with the Consul General of Chile in Montreal on the preparation of the Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Preparatory meeting for COP-9, 18 March 2008, CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
- Attend the first meeting of the Working Group on Marine Spatial Management Guidelines and Principles”, 18-20 March 2008, UNESCO-IOC office, Paris, France
- Guest speaker on biodiversity challenges at the Gala organized by La Fondation québécoise en environnement, 19 March 2008, Montreal, Canada
- Participate in the Equator Initiative Board meeting, 19-20 March 2008, New York, U.S.A.
- Meet with Mr. Walter Erdelen, UNESCO Assistant Director General for Natural Sciences, 20 March 2008, Paris, France
- Visit of the Chair and representatives of the Group of 77 to the Secretariat, 20 March 2008, Montreal, Canada
- Visit of His Excellency Mr. Daniel Jouanneau, Ambassador of France to Canada, 20 March 2008, Montreal, Canada
- Meeting with a private company CONVENTION from Japan on COP-10, 20 March 2008, Montreal, Canada
- Participate in the meeting of the OECD Working Group on Economic Aspects of Biodiversity (WGEAB), 25 March 2008, Paris, France
- Visit of senior officials of the Aichi-Prefecture and Nagoya to the Secretariat, 25 March 2008, Montreal, Canada
- Participate as a speaker in the second meeting of the "International Indigenous Caucus on Access and Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Biodiversity", 25-27 March 2008, Brasilia, Brazil
- Participate in the Scientific Committee of DIVERSITAS, 25-28 March 2008, Paris, France
- Visit of the External Auditors from the United Nations Board of Auditors, 25 March- 7 April 2008, Montreal, Canada
- Deliver a statement and participate at the second meeting of the International Indigenous Caucus on Access and Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Biodiversity, 25-27 March 2008, Brasilia, Brazil
- Meet via teleconference with the Chair of COP-9 Working Group I, 26 March 2008
- Attend and deliver presentations at the OECD Workshop of biodiversity and climate experts on reducing deforestation: linkages, synergies and limitations, 26 March 2008, Paris, France
- Visit of Ms. Amy Fraenkel, Director, UNEP Regional Office for North America, 27 March 2008

- Participate as a speaker in « Le Colloque sur les plantes exotiques envahissantes » at the Montreal Botanical Gardens, 27 March 2008, Montreal, Canada
- Presentation at the McGill University on the topic “Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility Dialogue”, 27 March 2008, Montreal, Canada
- Attend and deliver the welcoming address at the opening session of the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Finance Conference, 27-28 March 2008, New York, U.S.A.
- Take part in the « Planète Nature » RTBF (Télévision Belge) show on biodiversity, via satellite from Belgium, 28 March 2008
- Take part in the discussion on IMoSEB and MA follow up, 28-29 March 2008, Paris, France
- Meet with senior representatives from the Finnish Environment Ministry, 31 March 2008, Helsinki, Finland

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