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Ninth meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing

The first session of the ninth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (WGABS 9) was held in Cali, Colombia from 22-28 March 2010, with over 500 participants attending. The meeting was opened by the ABS Co-Chairs Timothy Hodges and Fernando Casas, followed by statements by Yadir Salazar, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia; Jochen Flasbarth, on behalf of the COP-9 President; Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD Executive Secretary; U.N. Secretary General (via video message); and Carlos Martin-Novella, UNEP. The meeting continued the negotiation of the international regime on ABS, with a focus on consolidation of all operational text developed at the seventh and eighth meetings of the Working Group. The Working Group adopted a draft protocol proposed by the Co-Chairs as a basis for further negotiations. The draft is found in Annex I to the meeting report. The delegates agreed to suspend the meeting and resume the ninth meeting in June/July 2010 with the financial support of the Government of Japan. *(Cont'd on page 3)*



From L-R: Carlos Martin-Novella, UNEP; Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD-ES, Yadir Salazar, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia; ABS Co-Chairs Timothy Hodges and Fernando Casas; and Jochen Flasbarth, on behalf of COP-9 President.

MISIA: Appointed Honorary Ambassador of COP-10



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Japanese female singer and songwriter MISIA has been appointed as the Honorary Ambassador for the tenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, which will be held from 18 to 29 October 2010 in Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture, Japan. In her honorary role, MISIA will help raise awareness of the continuing depletion of biological resources and inform the public on the sustainable use of biodiversity until the next meeting of the COP in 2012. To view the CBD Press Release issued, please go to: www.cbd.int/doc/press/2010/pr-2010-03-01-misia-en.pdf

Visit to Toyooka, Hyogo Prefecture and Tokyo



Muneharu Nakagai, Mayor of Toyooka, with Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD-ES.

At the kind invitation of the Mayor of Toyooka, the CBD Executive Secretary visited Toyooka City, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan in early March. A field visit was arranged to visit the Homeland Oriental White Storks breeding and rehabilitation center. While in Japan, the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) and CBD organized a seminar on the International Year of Biodiversity in which the CBD Executive Secretary addressed and delivered a presentation on “Biodiversity Challenges and Responses: the Road to Nagoya and Beyond” to the Ambassadors accredited to Tokyo, the representatives of the U.N, member companies of Global Compact and media. In conjunction with the seminar, the signing ceremony of MoU between CBD and ITTO was organized (see page 4). A meeting was held with senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, headed by the Ambassador of COP10, His Excellency Mr. Araki, together with the Directors in charge of COP 10. The CBD Executive Secretary also met with senior officials from the Ministry of the Environment, including the Vice Minister of Environment, His Excellency Mr. Tajima. Issues discussed included: ABS, COP 10, and the closing ceremony of IYB. A meeting was also held with the Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Her Excellency Ms. Yasue Funayama, to discuss COP-MOP 5. The Executive Secretary also met Diet Members’ League for Promoting Environmental Policies in Partnership with NGOs to exchange views about the role of parliamentarians for biodiversity.



Manager of MISIA with Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD-ES.



Senior staff from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan



Senior staff from the Ministry of the Environment of Japan



Tatsuyoshi Takashima, CEO of Dentsu Group with Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD-ES.

Highlights of the International Year of Biodiversity in March



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Leading aircraft manufacturer Airbus is showing support for the United Nations International Year of Biodiversity by featuring the official logo on its largest passenger aircraft - the A380. The A380 will carry the logo throughout 2010 during its scheduled activities.



Representatives from the Government, regional and international organizations at the ASEAN launch of the International Year of Biodiversity (Photo credits: ACB website)



To highlight the International Year of Biodiversity in 2010, the Montreal Biosphère is producing a series of BioKits to incite families to explore urban and natural areas by using their five senses. A series of interactive, outdoor activities offered in both the **Urban BioKit** and **Nature BioKit** initiate participants to biodiversity and offer ways of taking action to preserve it.



Screenshot of the website of "LIFE" on Discovery Channel. Inset picture: Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD Executive Secretary, with Mr. David M. Zaslav, President and CEO of Discovery Communications, at the premiere of LIFE. (Photo credits: Tony Powell.)

LIFE, Discovery Channel's blockbuster co-production with the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), was launched on 10 March, as part of the Discovery Communications and the United Nations partnership in raising awareness to celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity. The 11-part natural history series, narrated by global media leader and philanthropist Oprah Winfrey, aired on 21 March and continues until 18 April on Discovery Channel. For more information, please visit: <http://dsc.discovery.com/tv/life/>



Miami artist Xavier Cortada has mounted a major installation at Biscayne National Park's Convoy Point as part of the parks IYB celebration. The Endangered World Biscayne National Park: 360 Eco-Actions exhibit features 360 brightly colored flags lining the roads and trails at Convoy Point for over a mile, each representing one degree of the planet's longitude. For more information on the installation, please visit: <http://www.xaviercortada.com/> (Photo credits: Thomas M. Strom)

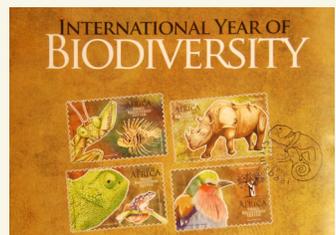


The European Environment Agency (EEA) is celebrating the International Year of Biodiversity with '10 messages for 2010', each examining a theme of biodiversity. Each month, from January until the COP-10 meeting in October, the EEA will issue a biodiversity message, highlighting how the declining diversity of life on Earth is threatening both the natural world and human well-being. The third message (March) focuses on freshwater ecosystems. For more information on previous and upcoming messages, please visit: <http://www.eea.europa.eu/publications/10-messages-for-2010>

Postage stamps issued International Year of Biodiversity



Portugal



South Africa



Switzerland



To increase awareness of the enormous variety of life on our planet, and raise the profile of threatened species, the IUCN Red List 'Species of the Day' was launched as part of IUCN's involvement in the International Year of Biodiversity. Each day of 2010, different species will be featured on the IUCN website, with information on the threats it faces. For more information, please visit: <http://www.iucnredlist.org/species-of-the-day>



Examples of "Species of the Day" featured in March: Sail-fin Lizard (left) and *Gocea ohridana*.



Cleared and stained deformed Pacific tree frog at the exhibit. Photo credits: Kristian Buss.

In March, New York artist, activist and ecological researcher, Brandon Ballengée brings his startling high-resolution scanner photographs, video and preserved specimens of deformed toads to the Royal Institution for his first London solo exhibition: The Case of the Deviant Toad. On the occasion of the International Year of Biodiversity, Ballengée's artistic practice warns of high incidences of amphibian deformity in response to environmental degradation through his creation of aesthetically rich images and intriguing installations. For more information on the exhibit, please visit: <http://www.artscatalyst.org/>

For a full report of the International Year of Biodiversity celebrations and activities for March 2010, please visit: www.cbd.int/iyb/doc/prints/iyb-report-2010-03-en.pdf

...WGABS-9 meeting (cont'd from page 1)



ABS Co-Chairs Timothy Hodges and Fernando Casas during the CIIC.

Prior to the first session of the WGABS-9 meeting, a Co-Chairs Open-ended Informal Consultation (CIIC) was convened to identify concrete solutions in order to facilitate and accelerate the negotiations at the ninth meeting of the Working Group. A meeting of ILC negotiators was also convened prior to the WGABS 9 meeting, thanks to the support from the Government of Spain, which brought together representatives from the seven geo-cultural regions (as recognized by the UNPFII) for detailed texted based discussions to allow ILCs to effectively participate in the ABS process.

In the margins of the ABS-9 meeting, special events were organized to mark the International Year of Biodiversity and to celebrate the World Water Day.



Heads of delegations posed for a photograph after the International Year of Biodiversity celebration.



From L-R: Nicola Breier, Germany; Yadir Salazar, MFA-Colombia and Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD-ES, during the World Water Day event.

Bureau meetings in Cali



COP Bureau meeting in Cali

The tenth meeting of the COP Bureau was held on 21 March in Cali, Colombia, prior to the ABS-9 meeting. Items

discussed included: preparations for ABS-9 meeting; update on the UNGA high level event in September 2010 and the Nagoya Biodiversity meetings; and CBD implementation of the outcome of the UNFCCC COP-15. The report of the meeting will be accessible at: <http://www.cbd.int/cop-bureau> once finalized.

The COP-MOP 4 Bureau held its third meeting in Cali on 20 March. The meeting discussed a number of issues, including: the draft strategic plan (2011-2020) of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the proposed framework for the second assessment and review process. The report of the meeting will be posted on the webpage dedicated to the COP-MOP Bureau when finalized. The next Bureau is tentatively scheduled to take place in May in Nairobi, Kenya.



Members of the COP-MOP Bureau in discussion.

WGABS 9 SNAPSHOTS



View of the plenary.



Jochen Flasbarth, COP9 President representative, Yadir Salazar, MFA-Colombia and Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD Executive Secretary.



Local salsa dancers at the evening reception.



Press conference at the closure of the meeting.

Regional consultations for African countries back-to-back with African Minister Conference on ABS Windhoek, Namibia

Pursuant to paragraphs 17 and 22 of COP Decision IX/12 on access and benefit sharing, the regional consultation for African countries took place on 4-6 March 2010, in Windhoek, Namibia, through the generous financial support of the Government of Denmark, and in close collaboration between the ABS Capacity Development Initiative for Africa which is implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Zusammenarbeit GmbH. The consultation provided an opportunity for the participants from the region to consult and exchange views on the components of the international regime during the intersessional period with a view to finalizing the negotiations of the international regime at the WGABS-9 meeting.

The consultation also allowed participants to prepare for the African Minister Conference on ABS on 8-10 March. Hosted by the Government of Namibia and the African Ministerial



Timothy Hodges and Fernando Casas, ABS Co-Chairs, consulting during the regional consultation. At the back: Sem Shikongo, CBD Focal Point for Namibia.

Council on the Environment (AMCEN), the objective of the meeting was to prepare African leaders and their negotiators for the final decision-making on access and benefit sharing and the COP-10 high level segment. The conference was opened by President Hifikepunye Pohamba of Namibia, who delivered opening remarks at the start of the event. Statements were also delivered by: Honourable Rejoice Mabudafhasi, Deputy Minister of the Environment of South Africa, Chair of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN) and Head of the Network on Women and Biodiversity; Honourable Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, the Minister of Environment and Tourism of Namibia; and Honourable Karen Ellemann, the Danish Minister for the Environment. The meeting, which saw the participation of African leaders and high-level officials from more than 43 countries, is the last opportunity for ministers from African countries to bring their efforts together to ensure that the international regime responds to the needs of Africa and its people and that all efforts are made to ensure the adoption of the international regime at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.



From L-R: Bakary Kante, UNEP; Hon. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwa, Minister of Environment and Tourism; President Pohamba of Namibia; Hon. Karen Elleman, Danish Environment Minister; Hon. Rejoice Mabudafhasi, Deputy Minister of the Environment of South Africa; and Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD-ES.

CBD AND ITTO PARTNERSHIP

The secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) signed an agreement to closely collaborate over the coming four years. The Memorandum of Understanding aims at facilitating the implementation of activities linked to conservation and sustainable use of tropical forest biodiversity within the ITTO Biennial work programme 2010-2011 and subsequent work programmes, the ITTO Thematic Programmes, the ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011 and any successor Action Plan; and the CBD work programme on forest biodiversity in the context of the new CBD Strategic Plan and multi-year programme of work.

The Communiqué issued by CBD is accessible at:

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2010/pr-2010-03-02-itto-en.pdf>.



Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD Executive Secretary, with Emmanuel Ze Meka, ITTO Executive Director, during the signing ceremony.

World Water Day



To mark World Water Day and highlight the linkages between biodiversity and clean water, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) released *Water, Wetlands and Forests: A Review of Ecological, Economic and Policy Linkages*. Produced in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands and other partners, the report aims to foster better awareness of the crucial role that forests and wetlands play in sustaining the availability and quality of water critical for human well-being. It is geared towards enabling policy makers to be more aware of these ecosystems when formulating policies and management practices for water supply, supplements.

This year's World Water Day is being celebrated under the theme of "Clean Water for a Healthy World". The theme is intimately linked with year-long celebrations of the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB), which calls upon citizens to reflect on the role of biodiversity in providing for human well-being. During the IYB, the 65th session of the United Nations General Assembly will hold a high level session on biodiversity.

The Press Release issued by CBD is accessible at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2010/pr-2010-03-22-water-en.pdf>

The CBD Technical Series No. 47, *Water, Wetlands and Forests: A Review of Ecological, Economic and Policy Linkages* is available at <http://www.cbd.int/ts>.

JAPAN INTERNATIONAL BIODIVERSITY AWARD

In partnership with the AEON Environmental Foundation and the Secretariat of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, the Japan International Biodiversity Award (JIBA) has been established to mark the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the AEON Environmental Foundation and to celebrate the 2010 International Year on Biodiversity. To view the Communiqué issued by the CBD, please go to:

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/press/2010/pr-2010-03-15-japan-en.pdf>

TEEB Advisory Board

As member of its Advisory Board, the CBD Executive Secretary attended the sixth meeting of the TEEB Advisory Board, held on 31 March in Monaco. Chaired by the UNEP Executive director, the meeting provided an overview on update and status of the report and key events. In the evening, the CBD Executive Secretary attended a dinner of the Blue Monaco Initiative, with the participation of the H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco.



TEEB Advisory Board meeting.

International Discussion Forum 2010 (FID 2010)



Panellists of the 3rd session of the International Discussion Forum 2010, Montreal, Canada. (From L-R) Hon. Bernard Landry, former Premier of Quebec; Ms. Chantal Robichaud, CBD Secretariat; H.E. Mouldi Sakri, Ambassador of Tunisia to Canada; Mr Giulio Picheca, Consul of Italy in Montreal; and Mr. Imed Sassi, Consul of Tunisia in Montréal. (Photo credits: Tunisian Consulate)

At the invitation of the Consulate of Tunisia in Montreal, the Secretariat participated in the third session of the International Discussion Forum 2010 (FID) on 21 March 2010 in Montreal, Canada.

Young people aged 20 to 30 years of various nationalities were present to discuss issues that concern the youth around the world, particularly with regards to the environment. The Secretariat gave a presentation and joined the discussions on the importance of education and of engaging the youth in the global biodiversity agenda.

All three sessions of the FID were designed for the youth to discuss the horizons for a better future and the goal of the forum was to come out with proposals that reflect the needs of young people whatever their origins or interests. The concerns of young people from around the world will be transcribed and made available for discussion in the International Pact for Youth which will be drafted after the forthcoming UN youth summit to be held in 2010, in the context of the International Year of Youth 2010. A statement by the CBD Executive Secretary is available here: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/speech/2010/sp-2010-03-21-canada-fr.pdf>.



Participants of the 3rd session of the International Discussion Forum 2010, Montreal, Canada. (Photo credits: Tunisian Consulate)

World Urban forum 2010 - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



On 22-26 March 2010, UN-HABITAT and the Government of Brazil hosted the fifth session of the World Urban Forum in Rio de Janeiro, under the theme “The right to the City - bridging the urban divide”.

The theme coincides with the recent report on the State of the World Cities 2010/2011: Bridging the Urban Divide, in which UN-Habitat estimates that a total of 227 million people in the world have moved out of slum conditions since 2000, meaning governments have collectively surpassed the Millennium Development target of moving people out of poverty by 2.2 times.

The Secretariat held an exhibition booth presenting the activities of the Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity, took part in dialogues on “Sustainable urbanisation: Cities in a Changing Climate” and sessions on resilience, adaptation and mitigation and in several of the events related to climate change and urban environment. A keynote statement by the CBD Executive Secretary was delivered at the LAB Advisory Committee meeting and ICLEI networking event (available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/speech/2010/sp-2010-03-24-rio-en.pdf>) on 24 March 2010, during which the cities and local authorities’ road map to Nagoya was also discussed.

Some 9,000 participants from 150 countries around the world attended the 5th Session of the WUF.



CBD exhibition booth at the World Urban Forum.

NEPAL INDIGENOUS NATIONALITIES PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION (NINPA) DONATES TO THE CBD MUSEUM



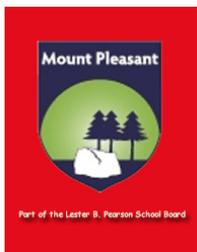
Presentation of donation from Nepal Indigenous Nationalities Preservation Association.

The WGABS-9 meeting provided an opportunity for Ngwang Sonam Sherpa from the Nepal Indigenous Nationalities Preservation Association (NINPA) to present to the CBD Executive Secretary a traditional scarf and copper vessel for inclusion to the CBD Museum of Culture and Nature.

Latin American and Caribbean Indigenous and Local Community Capacity-building Workshop on the CBD including issues relevant to Article 8(j), TK and ABS: Mesoamerican Region - Guatemala City, Guatemala

The meeting was the fourth workshop of a series to be held in the LAC region, held Guatemala City, Guatemala on 4-6 March 2010. A number of 35 representatives of indigenous and local communities (27 women and 8 men) of the countries of the Mesoamerican region (México, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panamá) participated in the workshop. As a result, the workshop provided an opportunity to strengthen capacities of participants in understanding the processes of the Convention, preparing documents for proposals, and suggestions to improve future workshops. It also allowed the exchange of relevant national and regional experiences within the Mesoamerican subregion countries. At the end of the workshop, participants expressed that they felt better prepared to work with other members of their respective indigenous and local communities on these topics and more knowledgeable about the processes of the Convention and how to participate effectively to influence the results., and have acquired a better understanding of the agenda and the issues currently being addressed in the processes towards COP 10.

Pleasant Elementary School, Hudson, Quebec



On 23 March, the Secretariat gave a presentation at Mount Pleasant Elementary school in Hudson, Quebec. The Secretariat was invited by parent volunteers to talk about biodiversity and *The Green Wave* to a group 20 grade 4 to 6 students who are part of the school's Green Team. Mount Pleasant School participated in the last *Green Wave* and its students certainly demonstrate a strong interest for issues related biodiversity. Congratulations to the *Green Team* for its good work in protecting the environment around the school and beyond!

UNESCO-World Heritage Convention meeting, 29-31 March



The Secretariat took part in the Experts meeting on the relationship between the World Heritage Convention, conservation and sustainable development, which took place 29 - 31 March

2010, Paraty, Brazil. The Secretariat was invited to join the panel on the "link between heritage and development in current policies and practices: approaches, challenges and lessons learnt" and to provide input to the Expert Meeting's recommendations to the WH Committee's meeting in New York. Participants called for increased cooperation between the Biodiversity Liaison Group conventions in regard to using biodiversity (as an outstanding universal value) as a key asset for sustainable development. Invitees included representatives of UNESCO, UN-MDG Secretariat, The World Bank, UNPD, and representatives of relevant MEAs such as CITES, Man and Biospheres programme, Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and Ramsar, amongst others.

2010 Indigenous Tourism and Biodiversity Website Award



The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in collaboration with the leading sustainable travel web portal Planeta.com, and with the generous support of the Heidehof Foundation announced the winners of the second Indigenous Tourism and Biodiversity Website (ITBW) Award. Applications were received from 10 countries (Australia, Bolivia, Canada, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Mexico, Micronesia, New Zealand, Pakistan and Sweden). Over 400 people cast their vote, examining the 14 websites that fit the ambitious criteria. Additionally, a jury composed of six internationally recognized experts in indigenous and sustainable tourism voted using the same criteria. The winner of the judged 2010 ITBW Award is Nutti Sami Siida (www.nutti.se) and the winner of the popular count 2010 ITBW Award is TIME Unlimited Tours (www.newzealandtours.travel). For complete results and list of nominees, please visit: www.planeta.wikispaces.com/itbw. Presentation of awards will take place on 23 April 2010 at a tourism trade fair, the Reise pavillon, in Berlin.

The Indigenous Tourism and Biodiversity website award was created in 2008 to showcase best practices in web-based technologies helping indigenous people manage tourism in a biodiversity-friendly way, and complements the CBD workshop series on indigenous tourism, biodiversity and web-based technologies supported by the Government of Spain.



Screenshots of the winning websites.

NEW Publications



Business.2010 - Vol. 5, Issue 1
Special Focus on the Third Business and Biodiversity Conference held in Jakarta, Indonesia
<http://www.cbd.int/business/newsletter.shtml>



Cities and Biodiversity newsletter
Volume 1, Issue 1
<http://www.cbd.int/authorities/doc/newsletter/cities-newsletter-01-01-en.pdf>

Other meetings:

- Interview with NHK, Tokyo 2 March
- Attend the Third meeting of the Expert Panel on the State and Trends of Biodiversity Science in Canada, 4-5 March 2010, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- Meeting via teleconference with the Permanent Representative of the Francophonie, New York, 12 March
- Meeting via teleconference with David Coon, Executive Director of Conservation Council of New Brunswick 12 March
- Meeting via teleconference with Madame Fatima Dia Toure, IEPF, 12 March
- Attend and deliver a presentation at the joint McGill Net Impact and HEC Montreal Net Impact “Beyond CSR Conference 2010”, 12 March 2010, Montreal, Canada
- Participate as speaker at the expert meetings in preparation of SBSTTA-14 of the CBD, 15-18 March 2010, Isle of Vilm, Germany
- Meeting with ABS Co-Chairs, 17 March, Cali, Colombia
- Meeting with Robert Lamb, Switzerland, 18 March, Cali, Colombia
- Meeting with Abdelaghi Ali, Sudan, 18 March, Cali, Colombia
- Meet with officials from the Japanese Ministry of the Environment and GBO-3 Committee, 18-19 March 2010, Tokyo, Japan
- Meeting with Mr. Saigo, Director of Ministry of Agriculture, Japan 20 March, Cali
- Participate in the Japan/Diversitas pre-COP scientific conference and Diversitas Science Committee meetings, 21-26 March 2010, Nagoya, Japan
- Participate in the UN-HABITAT 5th World Urban Forum, 22-26 March 2010, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Interview with local media, 23 March 2010, Cali, Colombia
- Meeting with M. F. Farooqui, Additional Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, 23 March 2010, Cali, Colombia
- Meeting via teleconference with Prof. Tom Lovejoy, UNEP-STAP Chair, 23 March 2010
- Meeting with Ines Verleye, Belgium 23 March, Cali, Colombia
- Meeting with Joseph Toussaint, Haiti, 24 March, Cali, Colombia
- Interview with Cristina Valencia of Telepacífico for the programme El Valle Nos Toca, 24 March, Cali, Colombia
- Meeting with Shakeel Bhatti, ITPGRFA, 24 March, Cali, Colombia
- Inter-regional Group Meeting, 26 – 27 March, Cali, Colombia
- Interview with students of Universidad de Valle, 26 March, Cali, Colombia
- Luncheon with the ABS Like-Minded in Spirit Group of Women, 26 March, Cali, Colombia
- Interview with Peter Gottschalk and Justyna Pozarowska, Lund Universit, 27 March, Cali, Colombia
- Attend the first Global Forum on Agricultural Research, 28-31 March 2010, Montpellier, France
- Meeting with Carole Robert, first prize winner of the Femme de la terre Yves Rocher, 29 March 2010, Montreal, Canada
- Participate in the seminar organized by UNESCO in collaboration with the Brazilian Institute of Chico Mendes for the Conservation of Biological Diversity on the relationship between world heritage and conservation/sustainable development, 29-31 March 2010, Paraty, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Visitors this month

The Secretariat welcomed the visit of Ms. Eva Duer, who leads the MEA Information and Knowledge Management team in Geneva on 11 March. Ms. Duer delivered a presentation on the MEA-IKM initiative, which was followed by a short discussion.

Mr. Guy Jolicoeur of the *Fondation de la faune du Québec* visited the Secretariat on 12 March and met with the CBD Executive Secretary. Also on the same day, Mr. Norman Levesque, Coordinator of the *Eglise verte* project met with the CBD Executive Secretary.



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