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INTRODUCTION

1. This report has been prepared pursuant to decision III/24 of the Conference of the Parties, which requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a quarterly report on the administration of the Convention including such matters as the staff list, status of contributions, progress on the implementation of the medium term work programme and financial expenditure report. The requirements to report on a regular basis to the Parties were further elaborated under the Administrative Arrangements between the Secretariat and UNEP, which were endorsed by the Conference of the Parties in decision IV/17.
2. The Executive Secretary has therefore, prepared the 43rd edition of the Quarterly Report which contains a summary of key activities in implementing the decisions of the Conference of the Parties and other relevant matters during the period 1 October to 31 December 2008.

I. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

MEETINGS

3. The Secretariat organized the following meetings:

First meeting of the COP Bureau

4. At the initiative of the President of COP-9, the first meeting of the COP-9 Bureau was held on 4 October 2008, in Barcelona, Spain. Issues discussed at the meeting included: access and benefit sharing, 2010 International Year of Biodiversity, calendar/agendas of inter-sessional meetings, financial resources, among other things. The Minutes of the Bureau meeting can be accessed on the Secretariat website, under the COP Bureau webpage at <http://www.cbd.int/cop-bureau>. A Climate Change Seminar for the COP Bureau members was held after the meeting on 5 October.

Second meeting of the COP Bureau and others

5. As was agreed at their first meeting, the Bureau of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity held its second meeting on 26-27 November 2008, in Berlin, Germany. During the meeting, the representative of the COP-9 President gave a briefing on inter-sessional activities, while the CBD Executive Secretary provided a briefing on recent and forthcoming CBD activities. One of the ABS Co-Chairs at the meeting briefed the Bureau on the implementation of the Bonn mandate on access and benefit sharing. Other items discussed included the International Year of Biodiversity, draft agenda of inter-sessional meetings, revision of the strategic plan, among other issues. The Bureau also reviewed activities which had been completed and those which were pending since the first Bureau meeting held in October 2008. The Minutes of the meeting is available on the COP Bureau webpage at <http://www.cbd.int/cop-bureau/>.

6. Immediately following the second meeting of the COP Bureau, the first joint meeting of the COP and SBSTTA Bureaus was convened in the afternoon of 27 November. Items on the agenda included the status of preparations for SBSTTA 14 and ways to enhance the role of SBSTTA in the preparations for COP 10, among other issues.

7. The first meeting of the Bureau of the COP-MOP 4 was held on 28 November, in Berlin, Germany. A number of issues were discussed including: draft Biosafety Work Programme 2009-2010, proposed agenda for COP-MOP 5, review of the questions for the online conference on the identification of the relevant standards, and preparations for the meeting of the Group of the Friends of the Co-Chairs of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress. The Minutes of the meeting is available on the COP-MOP Bureau webpage at <http://www.cbd.int/cop-mop-bureau/>.

Consortium of scientific partners on biodiversity

8. The Consortium of Scientific Partners on Biodiversity held its third meeting on 21 October 2008, which was hosted by the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences, in Brussels, Belgium. The meeting reviewed the implementation of the MOU, including recommendations and future actions identified in its second meeting, as well as considered areas for potential contribution of the Consortium to the celebration of the 2009 International Day for Biological Diversity and the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity. An informal face-to-face meeting is being planned in the margins of the meeting of the Group of Technical and Legal experts on compliance in the context of the international regime on access and benefit sharing to be held on 27-30 January 2009 in Tokyo, Japan.

South-South Cooperation Meeting

9. With financial support from the Global Environment Facility and in partnership with the Chairman of the Group of 77 in New York, the Secretariat convened a brainstorming session on multi-year Plan of Action on South-South cooperation for achieving biodiversity for development on 6-7 November 2008 at the Secretariat offices. Gathering more than eighteen experts, the meeting reviewed the draft framework for South-South cooperation on biodiversity for full integration into the G-77 Development Platform for the South as well as identified activities for inclusion in the multi-year plan of action on biodiversity for development. The meeting was co-chaired by the current Chair of the Group of 77 and the Vice-President of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention from Malawi. The report of the meeting is available on the Secretariat website at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/ssc/emssc-01/official/emssc-01-03-en.doc>.

Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change

10. In response to decision IX/16 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Biodiversity and Climate Change was convened on 17-21 November 2008 in London, United Kingdom. The meeting addressed scientific and technical matters concerning the links between biodiversity and climate change with regards to identifying risks and vulnerabilities, and impacts and opportunities from climate change mitigation. The draft findings of the meeting were submitted to the twenty-ninth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) for consideration. The draft findings are available on the Secretariat webpage at: <http://www.cbd.int/climate/>.

11. **The Secretariat also organized the following meetings:** Expert Workshop on Integrating Protected Areas into wider Land- and Seascapes, 1 - 4 November 2008, International Academy of Nature Conservation, Isle of Vilm, Germany; Pacific Region Workshop on Indigenous Communities, Tourism and Biodiversity: New Information and Web-based Technologies, 3 - 5 November 2008, Apia, Samoa; Capacity-building Workshop for the Caribbean region for National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), Mainstreaming of Biodiversity and the Integration of Climate Change, 3 - 7 November 2008, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago; Workshop on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) for the Caribbean region, 3 - 6 November 2008, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago; Expert Meeting on South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development, 6-7 November 2008, Montreal, Canada; Global Indigenous Peoples' consultation on potential impacts of "Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD)" on Indigenous and Local Communities, 12 - 14 November 2008, Baguio, Philippines; Fourth meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House, 17 - 18 November 2008, Montreal, Canada; Fifth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, 19 - 21 November 2008, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Capacity-building workshop for the South, East and South East Asia on preparation of the fourth national reports, 2-4 December 2008, Tsukuba, Japan; Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Concepts, Terms, Working Definitions and Sectoral Approaches, 2-5 December 2008, Windhoek, Namibia; and Capacity Development Workshop for the Arab states on National Biodiversity Strategies

and Action Plans (NBSAP), and the Mainstreaming of Biodiversity, 14-18 December 2008, Cairo, Egypt.

REPRESENTATION

12. During the last quarter of 2008, the Secretariat participated in and contributed to a number of important meetings of relevance to the work of the Convention and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Details can be seen in Annex I to this report.

MEMORANDA OF COOPERATION/UNDERSTANDING

The Nature Conservancy

13. On the margins of the IUCN World Conservation Congress, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and The Nature Conservancy (TNC). Joint activities identified in the agreement include: protected areas, island biodiversity, forest biodiversity, marine and coastal biodiversity, invasive alien species, inland waters, sustainable use, climate change and biodiversity, among others.

Union for Ethical BioTRADE

14. In December 2008, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Union for Ethical BioTrade and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity. The agreement aims to encourage companies involved in biotrade to adopt and promote good practices for the effective implementation of the work of the Convention and its 2010 biodiversity target. Joint activities were identified in carrying out the agreement.

MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

15. During the last quarter of 2008, meetings were held between the Executive Secretary and senior representatives from Parties and other Governments, as well as organizations and institutions with the aim to further strengthen collaboration and raise public awareness of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

16. Senior officials from the United Nations paid a visit to the Secretariat, including: staff from the United Nations Ombudsman's Office and the FAO Senior Agricultural Officer, Seed and Plant Genetic Resources Service, Plant Production and Protection Division, Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department.

17. The Secretariat also welcomed the visit of a number of Government representatives, who had an opportunity to meet with the Executive Secretary, including: the new U.S. Focal Point for access and benefit sharing issues; the CBD National Focal Point for Canada (who was retiring) accompanied by the person to take over the CBD portfolio; a delegation from the Ishikawa Prefecture; and the Canada Research Chair for Ethnoecology and Biodiversity Conservation/Université de Montréal (with her students); and representatives from the State of Parana in Brazil, who briefed the staff on the results the Riparian Reforestation Programme and the Carbon offset project under the Convention on Biological Diversity.

18. Also visiting the Secretariat during the last quarter of the year, include: representatives from the Biotechnology Industries Organization (BIO), senior staff from Avina Foundation and Boticario Foundation to discuss the LIFE (Lasting Initiative For Earth) Certification project; representatives from the Tribal Link Foundation and AVEDA; and one of the 2006 Equator Initiative winner from the Pole Pole Foundation/Kahuzi-Biega National Park (DRC).

19. The Secretariat also welcomed the visit of students from Concordia University (Environmental Law: International Governance for Environmental Security course) and from McGill University (International Master in Environmental Assessment course).

20. A delegation from the CBD Secretariat participated in the IUCN World Conservation Congress (IUCN-WCC), held in Barcelona, Spain, on 5-14 October 2008. The IUCN-WCC provided an opportunity for the Secretariat to engage with relevant partner organizations and bodies, highlighting the work of the CBD, in particular the decisions adopted at COP-9, and also allowed the CBD staff to participate in various events relevant to the work of the Convention. The Executive Secretary also took part in a number of events, including the Soirée Francophone organized by the Organisation internationale de la francophonie and IUCN, workshop on “Mainstreaming Sustainability in the Tourism Industry: The Global Baseline Criteria for Sustainable Tourism”, workshop on “Local and regional governments authorities – key partners for biodiversity!”, Countdown 2010 press conference and attended the joint event by HRH Prince Turki Bin Nasser Bin Abdelaziz (Saudi Arabia) and IUCN “World Sustainability Leaders VIP Tour”, among others. Bilateral meetings were held with some African ministers on the preparation of the November ministerial meeting on climate change, to be convened in preparation for the UNFCCC COP14. In the margins of the IUCN-WCC, the Executive Secretary had a meeting with the CEO of The Nature Conservancy, which was followed by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions. Prior to the IUCN-WCC, at the initiative of the COP 9 Presidency, the first meeting of the COP 9 Bureau meeting was convened.

21. During the last week of October 2008, the Executive Secretary attended the United Nations General Assembly and presented the report of the work of the Convention on Biological Diversity. Taking advantage of his presence at the U.N. headquarters, the Executive Secretary also met with senior U.N. officials, as well as with the Permanent Representative of the Somali Republic to the United Nations in New York. The report submitted by CBD can be accessed at: <http://www.un.org/ga/>.

22. In November 2008, the Executive Secretary attended and delivered a statement at the opening of the Thirty-Fourth Meeting of the Council of the Global Environment Facility, held in Washington D.C., U.S.A. Following the GEF Council meeting, the Executive Secretary also attended the event hosted by the George Washington University Law School and the D.C. Bar entitled “The United States and the Convention on Biological Diversity: Issues in Biodiversity, Commerce, and Conservation”. The Executive Secretary delivered statement and took part in the panel that discussed general issues ranging from the current understanding of global biodiversity, the CBD's connection to trade talks, and the CBD interface with other international instruments. A second panel was organized that focused on issues, such as genetic resource transactions, international coordination on invasive species and transboundary freshwater policy.

23. In December 2008, the CBD Secretariat participated at the ninth National Conference on Science, Policy and the Environment, organized by the National Council for Science and the Environment. Held at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C., the meeting, which was organized to develop a strategy to guide a new US Administration and others working to conserve biodiversity around the world, gathered about 1000 scientists, conservationists and policymakers. The Executive Secretary delivered special remarks at the morning plenary session on 9 December, following the keynote speech by New York Times columnist and Pulitzer Prize winning author, Thomas Friedman. Also taking part in the meeting, the CBD Senior Legal Advisor participated as one of the speakers in the panel session on Bio-prospecting, Bio-mimicry, and Bio-products. The Executive Secretary also had the honour of presenting the award to the high school film team for their winning video on biodiversity. A meeting took place with the UNEP representative in Washington and members of the new administration team responsible for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In the margins of the meeting, the Executive Secretary was honoured at a reception hosted by nine US-based NGOs.

24. In December 2008, the CBD Liaison Officer in New York, participated in the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation celebrations in New York and delivered a presentation on “Climate change and natural disaster reduction”, on behalf of the Executive Secretary. At the end of the panel session, the Director of the UNDP Special Unit on South-South Cooperation presented a plaque in honour of the outstanding contribution of the CBD Executive Secretary, to South-South Cooperation.

25. Aside from those previously mentioned, a number of other media-related events took place during the last quarter of 2008. In October, the Executive Secretary was interviewed by Reuters, two Japanese newspapers, as well as Kyodo news and an Algerian newspaper in the margins of the IUCN-WCC. The Executive Secretary was also interviewed by the BBC on business and biodiversity, and by the *El Watan* newspaper on “*L’humanité est à la vielle de la sixième extinction des espèces*”.

II. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

(a) Personnel arrangements

26. During the period October – December 2008, there were 32 Professional staff members regularized on posts approved under the Convention. There was one vacant post. Additionally, 5 professional staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources.

27. Under the Convention there were 25 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget, and 1 vacant post for which recruitment is in progress. Additionally, 6 staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources, and there is 1 vacant post under recruitment.

28. During the period under review for the Biosafety Protocol there were 4 Professional staff members regularized on posts approved by the COP/MOP. There was 1 General Service staff member regularized on posts funded by the core budget and 1 vacant post which has been advertised.

29. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Annex II Appendix 1, and Annex III respectively).

(b) Financial Arrangements

30. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 31 December 2008, of the total pledged contributions of US\$8,523,616 for 2008 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounted to US\$10,257,151 of which \$1,539,721 were 2008 pledges paid in 2007, and \$8,717,430 were pledges paid in 2008 for 2008 and future years. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

31. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 31 December 2008, the total pledged for 2008 amounts to US\$8,667,336 of which \$6,547,916 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2008 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$2,394,436. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

32. As at 31 December 2008, pledges totalling US\$1,610,322 have been made in 2008 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**). The total pledged contributions of US\$1,610,322 have been received. Total unpaid pledges for prior years, to the BZ Trust Fund, amounts to US\$154,771. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.

33. As at 31 December 2008, of the total pledged contributions of US\$1,718,790 for 2008 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), total

contributions received is US\$2,452,875, of which US\$433,107 was received in advance of 2008 and US\$2,019,768 has been received in 2008 for 2008 and future years. Details of the BG Trust Fund are contained in Annex VII.

34. As at 31 December 2008, eight Parties have pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BH Trust Fund**). To date US\$661,527 has been received in 2008 for 2008 and future years. Details of the BH Trust Fund are contained in Annex VIII.

35. As at 31 December 2008, four Parties have pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Country Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BI Trust Fund**). The total pledged contributions of US\$283,749 have been received in 2008. Total unpaid pledges for prior years, to the BI Trust Fund, amounts to US\$52,343. Details of the BI Trust Fund are contained in Annex IX.

36. As at 31 December 2008 pledges have been received from the following donors to the General Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity (VB Trust Fund): Canada (CAD 30,000), Finland (EUR 8,000), Germany (EUR 32,404), Spain (EUR 241,730) and Austria (EUR 25,000). The total pledged contributions of US\$458,984 have been received in 2008. Details of the VB Trust Fund are contained in Annex X.

III. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MATTERS
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VII/27: Mountain Biological Diversity

In response to decision VII/27, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:

- a. Requested Parties, relevant organizations, experts and other related Conventions for inputs for preparing the in-depth review of the implementation of the programme of work on mountain biological diversity by SBSTTA-14 and COP-10;
- b. Held discussions with the Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment (GMBA), the Mountain Research Initiative, the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development and the Alpine Convention on the *modus operandi* of preparing for the in-depth review;
- c. Participated in the teleconference with the Mountain Partnership Secretariat, GMBA, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) and the Mountain Forum on the in-depth review;
- d. Presented the mountain biological diversity programme of work at the International Mountain Biodiversity Conference at ICIMOD and issued a message highlighting the importance of effective implementation of the programme of work on mountain biological diversity to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change and its implications for well-being of mountain dwellers; and
- e. To commemorate the International Mountain Day, issued a message highlighting the linkages between mountain biological diversity and food security in mountains.

IX/1 and VIII/23: Agricultural Biological Diversity

37. In response to decision IX/1, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:

- a. Discussions were held with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) regarding the joint work plan on biodiversity for food and agriculture. The draft plan includes goal and rationale, areas of focus (mechanisms of collaboration between the FAO and the CBD, assessments: cooperation toward the preparation of the first State of the World's Biodiversity for Food and Agriculture, and the International Year of Biodiversity), and resource mobilization; and
 - b. Issued notification 2008-130 calling for: best practices concerning the issue of on-farm and in situ conservation of agricultural biodiversity; lessons learned about the conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biodiversity, for consideration in climate change adaptation and mitigation planning and cross-sectoral planning in agricultural areas; relevant activities to reduce the threat of nutrient loading, and especially nitrogen deposition, to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.
38. Drafted a work plan together with Biodiversity International, to explore the sustainable use of agricultural biodiversity and the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines for the information of SBSTTA 14.

IX/2: Agricultural Biodiversity: Biofuels and Biodiversity

39. In response to decision IX/2, the Secretariat:
- a. Liaised with a number of partners, including the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in view of preparations for regional workshops on ways and means to promote the positive and minimize the negative impacts of the production and use of biofuels on biodiversity; and
 - b. Posted additional information on biofuels and biodiversity, including references to the submissions received, on the CBD website.

IX/3, VII/9 and VII/31: Global Strategy for Plant Conservation

40. In response to decision IX/3, the Secretariat liaised with the Chair of the Global Partnership for Plant Conservation (GPPC) and the Government of Ireland to raise support for the publication of the Plant Conservation Report. The full report will be made available in three languages and a short version will be prepared and issued in all official languages of the United Nations.

IX/4: Invasive Alien Species

41. In response to decision IX/4, the following activities were carried out: Invited relevant organizations for further work to fill the gaps and inconsistencies of international regulatory framework of invasive alien species;

- a. In collaboration with the Global Invasive Species Programme, compiled the information on best practices for addressing the risks associated with the introduction of alien species as pets, aquarium and terrarium species to prepare for dissemination through the Clearing-House Mechanism; and
- b. Attended the Asia and the Pacific Forest Health Workshop – Forest Health in a Changing World, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 1–3 December 2008, invited experts to submit best practices and case studies addressing the issue of invasive alien species and informed the participants that the International Day for Biological Diversity in 2009 focuses on invasive alien species.

IX/5 and VIII/19: Forest Biodiversity

42. In response to decisions IX/5 and VIII/19 the Secretariat:

- a. Developed and launched an online toolkit on cross-sectoral, integrated approaches to reduce negative impacts and enhance positive impacts of other sectoral policies on forest biological diversity ('forest biodiversity tool-kit'), based on CBD Technical Series No. 39, available at <http://www.cbd.int/forest/cs.shtml>;
- b. Based on a Memorandum of Understanding dated 27 May 2008 with the Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC), presented a poster with four Central African case studies on private sector engagement in forest biodiversity conservation at the IUCN World Conservation Congress;
- c. Developed and launched an electronic Newsletter on biodiversity aspects of efforts to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD) in the framework of the UNFCCC (the first issue was disseminated on 16 October, the second issue on 3 December 2008);
- d. Organized a session on the conservation and sustainable use of forest-based wildlife resources (bush meat) at the IUCN World Conservation Congress, in collaboration with CIFOR, Overseas Development Institute (ODI), and IUCN;
- e. Translated Technical Series nr. 33 'Conservation and Use of Wildlife Based Resources – The Bushmeat Crisis' into French;
- f. Organized a Global Indigenous Peoples Consultation on REDD, from 12-14 November 2008 in Baguio City, the Philippines, in collaboration with Tebtebba, the United Nations University, and the UN REDD Programme;
- g. Attended the 15th Session of the Panel of Experts on Forests Gene Resources, with a view to develop an outline of the State of the Worlds Forest Genetic Resources Report; and
- h. Collaborated with CPF (Collaborative Partnership on Forests) members on issues related to the conservation and sustainable use of forest biodiversity, including:
 - contributions to the IUFRO-led Science and Technology Initiative on Forests and Climate Adaptation;
 - contributions to and review of the CPF Joint Strategic Response to the Climate Agenda, and participation in the launch of the document at UNFCCC COP 14;

- participation in ‘Forest Day 2’ on 6 December 2008 at the UNFCCC COP 14 in Poznan, Poland, by inter alia organizing a side event on ‘The business case for REDD biodiversity benefits’, and co-organizing Forest Day 2 sub-plenary sessions on ‘The second D in REDD – addressing degradation and restoration through sustainable forest management’ and ‘Forests and Adaptation’;
- participation in a discussion panel on wood and bioenergy on 23 October, during European Forest Week, organized by FAO and the UN-ECE Timber Committee; and
- bilateral meetings with FAO, World Bank, UNDP, UNEP, and CIFOR on issues related to requests to the Executive Secretary under decision IX/5.

IX/7: Ecosystem Approach

43. In response to decision IX/7 paragraph 5(a), the Secretariat prepared and disseminated an Ecosystem Approach e-Newsletter, which will be issued on quarterly basis, to CBD national focal points, SBSTTA focal points, and other relevant organizations. The Secretariat also conducted a survey regarding the specific needs for manuals on applying the ecosystem approach, as part of the e-Newsletter as well as initial website tracker analysis, and compiled and uploaded on the website relevant information on EA application.

IX/10: Preparation of the Third Edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook

44. In response to decision IX/10 the Secretariat:
- a. Continued with the collection of case studies and examples of activities aimed at reducing the rate of biodiversity loss;
 - b. Continued with the drafting of sections of third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook 3 (GBO-3);
 - c. Liaised with the Government of the United Kingdom to fund a research component on future biodiversity trends and scenarios as a contribution to section 5 of GBO-3 in line with their commitment made at COP-9 and posted the terms of reference on the website;
 - d. Liaised with the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre regarding the processes for evaluating the use and effectiveness of the 2010 framework of targets and indicators and preparations of a review process of the findings of this evaluation;
 - e. Continued to collect, with the help of two interns and with support from the UNDP Equator Initiative team, suitable case studies demonstrating positive biodiversity outcomes for incorporation into a publicly accessible database; and;
 - f. Updated the web pages on GBO-3.

IX/15: Follow-up to the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment

45. In response to decision IX/15 the Secretariat:
- a. Provided comments on the draft manual for sub-global assessments prepared by the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre; and
 - b. Participated in the ad hoc open-ended intergovernmental multi-stakeholder meeting to consider establishing an efficient international science-policy interface on biodiversity, ecosystem services and human well-being being organized by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme.

IX/16: Climate Change and Biodiversity

46. In response to decision IX/16 on the cross-cutting issue on biodiversity and climate change a number of activities were carried out including:
- a. A regional workshop on capacity building for the integration of climate change considerations within NBSAPs and implementation of the Convention for Caribbean SIDS held in Trinidad and Tobago from 3 to 7 November;
 - b. The first meeting of the second Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on biodiversity and climate change held in London, UK from 17 to 21 November;
 - c. Statements were made presenting the key findings of the AHTEG during the Subsidiary Body on Scientific and Technical Advice of the UNFCCC under agenda item 3 (Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change) and item 5 (reducing emissions from deforestation in developing countries: approaches to stimulate action) on 1 and 2 December;
 - d. A side event on the findings of the AHTEG and on forest funds for biodiversity and carbon sequestration in collaboration with the COP Presidency held on 9 December in the margins of the fourteenth meeting of the COP to the UNFCCC;
 - e. An Action Pledge under the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation was issued on behalf of the AHTEG in response to the UNFCCC call for action for the improvement of bioclimatic modelling;
 - f. Participation in the second meeting of the focal points to the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation; and
 - g. A briefing note on ecosystem-based adaptation was prepared in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy and distributed at the margins of COP14 to the UNFCCC.

IX/17: Biodiversity of Dry and Sub-humid Lands

47. In response to decision IX/17 the Secretariat carried out the following activities:
- a. A teleconference with Danone regarding the links between carbon sequestration, soil and biodiversity;
 - b. A meeting with the UNCCD regarding priority actions towards implementation of activities identified by the COP including case studies and knowledge management on

sustainable livelihoods in dry and sub-humid lands that promote biodiversity conservation and sustainable use; and

- c. Comments provided to the UNCCD Committee for the Review of Implementation of the Convention on harmonized reporting.

IX/18, VIII/24 and VII/28: Protected Areas

48. In response to requests in decisions VII/28, VIII/24 and IX/18, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:

- a. Finalized the report of the Latin America regional workshop on protected areas held in Salinas, Ecuador, from 23-25 September 2008 and uploaded the report on the web (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/pa/wspala-01/official/wspala-01-02-en.doc>);
- b. Prepared and serviced the expert workshop on “Integrating Protected areas into wider land and -sea scapes” held on the Isle of Vilm, Germany, from 2-4 November 2008. The workshop was attended by 14 Government nominated experts and experts from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, UNEP - World Conservation Monitoring Centre, the International Academy for Nature Conservation, indigenous and local communities and non- governmental organizations, The Nature Conservancy and Conservation International. Finalised and uploaded the report on the web (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/pa/ewsipals-01/official/ewsipals-01-03-en.doc>);
- c. Prepared and submitted the full project proposal on implementing the Life Web initiative to the Government of Germany, seeking 1,076,614 Euros. After receiving the approval, processed and awarded contracts for the development of web design and management, and initiated recruitment of personnel;
- d. Prepared a project fiche seeking 2 million Euros from the European Commission for the organization of regional capacity-building and review workshops on the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas (PoWPA);
- e. Prepared and submitted a project proposal to the Government of Germany for the development of a user-friendly website on protected areas seeking 110 000 Euros. Upon receiving the approval, processed and awarded contracts for the development of web design and management;
- f. Interacted with Governments of Australia, Belgium, and Canada, as well as the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, soliciting financial assistance for the organization of regional capacity-building and review workshops on the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas (PoWPA). The Government of Belgium approved 30,000 Euros for implementing the Life web and the PoWPA;
- g. Interacted with the Government of India in view of the organization of an Asian regional workshop on protected areas in 2009 and prepared a draft host country agreement;
- h. Interacted extensively with the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme and PoWPA Friends regarding organization of the Pacific regional workshop on protected areas in February 2009. Issued a notification seeking nominations from the Governments and finalized the venue and other modalities;
- i. Interacted with the Global Coordinator of the UNDP/GEF project on supporting country actions for the implementation of the PoWPA, and provided comments on the 5th round of proposals received;
- j. Participated in the General Assembly of the RAMPAAO (Network of Marine Protected Areas in West Africa) held in Bubaque, Guinea Bissau from 11-15 December; and

- k. Prepared an article “The CBD PoWPA Gap Analysis: a tool to identify potential sites for action under REDD, highlighting the importance of the Gap analysis conducted under PoWPA as a tool for providing information on important forest areas in many REDD pilot countries.

IX/19, VIII/20 and VII/4: Biological Diversity of Inland Waters

49. In response to decisions IX/19, VIII/20 and VII/4, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:

- a. Undertook a comprehensive review of the final draft of the third World Water Development Report;
- b. In collaboration with UNEP, UNEP-WCMC and the Secretariats of the other biodiversity related conventions, made consolidated comments on a draft paper on “Preconditions for harmonization of reporting to biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements”;
- c. Attended the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention (Changwon, Korea, 28 October – 04 November 2008) and highlighted the relevance of CBD decisions to Ramsar Convention considerations in particular in relation to climate change, biofuels and transboundary water management. In all of these areas relevant CBD decisions and guidelines were cross referenced in the relevant resolutions of Ramsar COP-9. Also, served as a panellist in side events on climate change and wetlands, harmonized reporting and the international platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services.

IX/20 and VII/5: Marine and Coastal Biological Diversity

50. In response to decision IX/20, the Secretariat:

- a. Continued compiling relevant scientific information on the impacts of destructive fishing practices, unsustainable fishing, and illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing on marine biodiversity and habitats. The Secretariat mobilized resources from UNEP (20,000 USD) to support implementing this decision (paragraph 2), and also communicated with FAO for possible co-funding;
- b. Continued compiling relevant scientific information on potential impacts of direct human-induced ocean fertilization on marine biodiversity. In particular, the Secretariat attended the 30th Consultative Meeting of Contracting Parties to the London Convention and 3rd Meeting of Contracting Parties to the London Protocol (IMO Headquarter, London, UK; 27-31 October 2008), delivering a statement on COP 9 decision on ocean fertilization, collecting information and collaborating with relevant organizations (paragraph 3);
- c. Continued compiling relevant scientific information on potential impacts of ocean acidification on marine biodiversity and communicated with relevant organizations such as OSPAR (paragraph 4);
- d. Prepared a project proposal, jointly with UNEP-WCMC and in collaboration with FAO, to support the implementation of this decision (paragraph 5); and
- e. Confirmed budget contribution by Germany and Canada, and decided venue and logistic arrangements for organizing expert workshop on developing scientific and technical guidance on identification of marine areas in need of protection beyond national jurisdiction (paragraph 19).

51. The Secretariat followed up with Parties, through telephone and email communication, on the notification (Ref No. SCBD/STTM/JM/JL/JG/64491), which was sent and posted on the CBD website on 29 July 2008 to invite Parties and relevant organizations to provide information on (i) status and trends of, and threats to, marine and coastal biological diversity; and (ii) progress made in the implementation of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity for consideration by the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) at its fourteenth meeting, tentatively scheduled to be held in May/June 2010 in Bonn, Germany.

52. In relation to decisions VII/31 and VII/5, the Secretariat issued a consultancy contract to prepare a background document for the in-depth review of the implementation of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity. The Secretariat continued compiling relevant information.

53. The Secretariat attended 10th Global Meeting of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans (Guayaquil, Ecuador; 25-27 November 2008), and delivered the CBD presentation on the collaboration between CBD and Regional Seas Programme, focusing on the process of preparing the in-depth review of the programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity, informing the meeting of the key COP 9 decisions relevant to the works of the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans, and inviting them to join the international celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity campaign.

54. The Secretariat had a teleconference with IUCN regarding the implementation of the Germany/IUCN project initiated to support the implementation of decision IX/20 paragraphs 18, 19 and 20, and also communicated with relevant UN agencies in this regard.

IX/22: Global Taxonomy Initiative

55. In response to decision IX/22 paragraph 4(c) the Secretariat participated in the Steering Committee for the CBOL Workshop on Access and Benefit Sharing in non-commercial biodiversity research and continued to collect information to monitor the progress of relevant planned activities described in the Global Taxonomy Initiative Programme of Work.

IX/27: Cooperation Among Multilateral Environmental Agreements and Other Organisations

56. In accordance with the provisions of decision IX/27 and in follow-up to the sixth meeting of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions the Secretariat:

- a. Prepared 600 copies of the updated CD-Rom on the application of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines on Sustainable Use and sent 100 copies each to the Secretariats of the Convention on Conservation of Migratory Species (for distribution at CMS COP-9), Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, and World Heritage Convention;
- b. Solicited views concerning the suitability of holding the seventh meeting of the Liaison Group of Biodiversity-related Conventions at the margins of the Seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (Paris, France, 2-7 April 2009);
- c. Liaised with DIVERSITAS International regarding inputs to the review of the 2010 biodiversity target and Strategic Plan of the Convention;
- d. Prepared a background note for the consideration of the 14th Senior Officials meeting of the Environmental Management Group held in Poznań on 10 December 2008. The meeting considered under agenda item 4, the establishment of an EMG process on the 2010 biodiversity target which would seek to identify opportunities for synergies in the review of the current and formulation of future biodiversity targets and the framework for their implementation.

Decisions IX/21 and VIII/1: Island biodiversity

57. In response to decisions IX/20, IX/21 and VIII/1, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:

- a. Prepared and serviced the Pacific Region Workshop on Indigenous Communities, Tourism and Biodiversity: New Information and Web-based Technologies from 3 to 5 November 2008, Apia, Samoa. This second edition of a series of three workshops focused specifically on island tourism and brought together 22 indigenous tourism operators or owners from 11 islands of the Pacific region. Participants in the workshop used web-based tools to more effectively communicate biodiversity concepts in their tourism products;
- b. Collaborated with partners from relevant organizations to update the Global Island Partnership (GLISPA) web page and posted GLISPA communication materials on the web page; and
- c. Worked with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) to develop an updated version of a Memorandum of Understanding outlining the collaboration between the two organizations, as per paragraph 7 of decision IX/21.

SOCIAL ECONOMIC AND LEGAL MATTERS
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VIII/25, VIII/26 and IX/6: Incentive Measures

58. In the period under review, the Secretariat participated in a number of meetings relevant for advancing implementation of various elements of the programme of work on incentive measures. Upon invitation of the UNCTAD Biotrade Initiative and GTZ, the Secretariat participated in the South African Regional Dialogue on Novel Foods, which took place on 27-28 October 2008 in Cape Town, South Africa. The meeting collected information and advice from the region on the ongoing reform process of the European novel food regulation (NFP) and its potential implications for Biotrade. The Secretariat informed the meeting on the CBD provisions and work on sustainable use, and in particular on the promotion of biodiversity-based goods, produced in a sustainable manner ('biotrade'), and assisted the meeting in identifying, and elaborating on, the links between the CBD, biotrade objectives, and the novel food regulation of the European Union.

59. Upon invitation of the government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Secretariat participated in this year's Darwin lecture and related events, on 13 November 2008, on London. The lecture was given by Pavan Sukhdev, leader of the 'economics of ecosystems and biodiversity' study sponsored by the European Commission and the government of Germany. A meeting for the development of a communications strategy for phase two of the TEEB study was held back-to-back to the Darwin events on 14 November, and the Secretariat participated in this meeting with a view to provide input and advice, in particular on realizing synergy with pertinent outreach and communications activities of the Secretariat.

60. Upon invitation of the European Environment Agency, the Secretariat participated in the workshop on ecosystem services classification, held on 17-18 December 2008 in Copenhagen, Denmark. The meeting agreed on a work plan for the development of a standard ecosystem services classification, in particular for the integration of ecosystem services into the System of Integrated Economic and Environmental Accounts (SEEA) and the process of revision of SEEA scheduled to be finalized in 2013, and the Secretariat provided CBD views and technical advice thereon.

VIII/14: Biological Diversity and Tourism

Capacity-building for indigenous and local communities, tourism

61. With the generous support of the government of Spain and in collaboration with Secretariat of the South Pacific Environment Programme (SPREP) and New Zealand Tourism Research Institute (NZTRI), the SCBD organized the second workshop of the “Indigenous communities, tourism and biodiversity workshop series: new information and web-based technologies”, from 3–5 November 2008, in Apia, Samoa. For this second edition, the SCBD gathered representatives from eleven Pacific Islands: Fiji, Kiribati, Federated States of Micronesia, Samoa, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Palau and Cook Islands. The workshop aimed mainly at building capacity on areas of interest to indigenous and local communities and in particular with regards to the use of web based technologies and tools for marketing purposes; promoting knowledge on bio-diversity tourism in the Pacific region, and; testing and assessing CBD and other web tools available to indigenous and local communities, refining needs assessments for future training workshops in this series. The report of the workshop including its outcomes and recommendations is available at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=WSTOURIDG-02>. Additional workshops are scheduled to take place in Latin America in 2009 and Africa in 2010, with a focus on forest basins and dry and sub-humid areas.

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62. The Secretariat is supporting the Global Partnership for Sustainable Tourism Criteria (GSTC Partnership), a coalition of 32 organizations working together to foster increased understanding of sustainable tourism practices and the adoption of universal sustainable tourism principles. The Partnership was initiated by Rainforest Alliance, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Foundation, and the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and was launched at the Sustainable Tourism Criteria at the World Conservation Congress in October 2008. These criteria are based on the CBD Guidelines on Biodiversity and Tourism and will be the minimum standard that any tourism business should aspire to reach in order to protect and sustain the world’s natural and cultural resources while ensuring tourism meets its potential as a tool for poverty alleviation.

63. Under the objectives of the Biodiversity for Development unit, the Secretariat published an information brochure on ‘Tourism for Development and Nature Conservation’ introducing tools and guidelines focusing on the role tourism and biodiversity can have relative to poverty alleviation and development.

64. The Secretariat also participated in the 3rd International Forum on Fair Tourism from October 20th 2008 to October 22nd 2008 (FITS) in Bamako, Mali, organized by the Union of French Tourism Associations (UNAT), with the support of the French government and the UN World Tourism Organization. The Secretariat delivered a keynote presentation on Tourism, Biodiversity and Development and facilitated a workshop to develop a training programme on tourism, biodiversity and development, as part of the Biodiversity and Development unit’s work plan.

IX/12: Access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing

65. The following activities were carried out with a view to implementing COP decision IX/12:

- a. A conference call with the Interagency Task Force on ABS was held on 21 October 2008 and agreement was reached on the terms of reference of the task force with a view to providing support to the negotiation of the International Regime on ABS;
- b. The internal ABS task team met twice to discuss ABS developments;
- c. The Secretariat carried out preparations and serviced the Expert Group on Concepts, Terms, Working Definitions and Sectoral Approaches, held from 2 to 5 December 2008, in Windhoek, Namibia. The following activities were carried out:

- selection of experts and observers
 - preparation of documentation for the meeting
 - logistical arrangements in collaboration with the host country
 - servicing the meeting in Windhoek;
- d. The Secretariat carried out preparations for the Expert Group on Compliance to be held in Tokyo, Japan, from 27 to 30 January 2009, including:
- selection of experts and observers
 - preparation of documentation
 - coordination with host Government regarding the organization of the meeting and logistical arrangements
- e. A notification was prepared and forwarded to national focal points, relevant organizations, indigenous and local communities and relevant stakeholders regarding registration for the seventh meeting of the Working Group on ABS, in April 2009;
- f. In accordance with paragraph 13 of decision IX/12, the first drafts of three of the studies commissioned were made available for peer review by Parties and stakeholders and relevant international organizations.
- g. The development of a web portal related to the negotiation of the international regime on ABS was completed;
- h. The database on ABS measures was updated and further developed in order to provide an overview of the main elements of ABS at national and regional levels; and
- i. The Secretariat participated in the third ABS Capacity-building workshop for Africa, held in Antsiranana, Madagascar, from 24 to 28 November 2008 and participated in the steering committee meeting of the ABS Initiative for Capacity-building on ABS on 23 November 2008.

IX/13: Article 8(j) and Related Provisions

66. In November, the Secretariat participated in the "Global Indigenous Peoples' consultation on potential impacts of Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD)" on Indigenous and Local Communities, which was held in Baguio City, Philippines from 12 - 14 November 2008. The meeting was co-organized by the United Nations Traditional Knowledge Institute (UNU-TK), UN REDD Programme, SCBD, and Tebtebba (Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education). The meeting brought together 25 indigenous leaders from all over the world which identified the main opportunities and challenges presented by REDD and closed with the adoption of a report and global strategy of Indigenous peoples in relation to REDD.

67. The Secretariat participated and presented in the International Technical Workshop on Indicators relevant for Indigenous Peoples, which was organized by the International Labor Organization (ILO) and Tebtebba Foundation and took place from the 17 to 19 November in Baguio, Philippines. The Secretariat took part also and made a presentation at the UNU, Packard Foundation and Tebtebba Regional Asian capacity-building workshop for ILCs on REDD and climate change.

68. The Secretariat participated in the Vienna Workshop on Matters related to Traditional Knowledge associated with Genetic Resources and the International ABS Regime, hosted by the Government of Austria in the premises of the Austrian Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, in Vienna, from the 15 to 17 December. The report of the workshop will be provided as background information to ABS-related meetings.

69. Also in December, the Secretariat finalized the third edition of the 8j Newsletter *Pachamama*, to be published at the end of January 2009.

OUTREACH AND MAJOR GROUPS

IX/25: South-south Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development

70. This last quarter of the year saw a lot of activities and internal changes going on within the biodiversity for Development Unit. At an external level, the programme officer participated in the fourth World Conservation Congress in Spain. This was a special opportunity for networking purposes linking with IUCN members and experts in Barcelona and to introduce the work of the unit to the conservation community.

71. This last quarter has also been an opportunity to work on the preparation of a workshop scheduled to be taking place in May 2009 and focusing on mainstreaming biodiversity in development cooperation. In this regard, the Unit had meetings in November and December with the French development agency (AFD), the French GEF (FFEM) and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and International Development Research Center (IDRC). These meetings aimed at presenting the latest and future activities of the biodiversity for development initiative and were also an opportunity to identify new priorities in responding to the needs of aid agencies. During the same period the unit had initiated a series of contacts with FAO to explore areas of collaboration on the agriculture and fisheries training modules to be developed.

72. The month of November was also marked by a series of exchanges with the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) seeking and formalizing common areas of cooperation and exchanges between the CBD and ACTO. In this regard, an agreement under the form of an exchange of letters has been negotiated.

73. In December, the unit delegated a programme assistant to participate in a regional NBSAPs workshop for the Arab countries who helped in the preparation, coordination and implementation of this event in Egypt.

74. At the internal level, new and positive changes have been marked by the expansion of the team to include two new members. A new Programme Officer on secondment from GTZ who will be working within the unit on reinforcing linkages between poverty alleviation and biodiversity. His work will involve a close cooperation with developing countries especially at the level of mainstreaming biodiversity in their development strategies and in the organization of a major African meeting in September 2009.

75. A second programme assistant was also recruited to work on the preparation of training tool kits linking biodiversity to various development sectors.

76. Finally, the unit has also participated in the fine tuning of the framework of the Programme Officer that will be seconded by UNDP and will be reinforcing cooperation and work between the CBD and UNDP.

IX/26: Private Sector Engagement / Promoting Business Engagement

77. Newsletter on business and biodiversity – The December 2008 edition of the newsletter has been posted on the CBD website. The print version will be available for distribution by the end of February. The next edition of the newsletter will focus on the theme of invasive alien species, the theme for the International Day on Biological Diversity 2009. The Secretariat has also begun a process to redevelop this product, and has hired external consultants to (1) redevelop the template of the newsletter and (2) enhance the user interface of the newsletter website.

78. As a follow-up to two previous meetings on Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge, a third meeting will be held in November 2009. This meeting will focus on the main topics highlighted by
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decision IX/26 and will look to identify concrete opportunities, tools, and initiatives that can be supported or enhanced by the CBD so as to promote capacity-building, encourage mainstreaming of biodiversity into business initiatives and expand engagement of the business community.

79. Good practice and other business initiatives – In an effort to enhance the engagement of the business community and support the mainstreaming of biodiversity, and as recommended in decision VIII/17, the Secretariat is preparing a Biodiversity Guide for Business to be distributed by mid-2009.

IX/32: Programme of work for Communication, Education and Public Awareness

80. The Secretariat concluded discussions with IUCN's Commission for Education and Communication (CEC) to establish a partnership for implementation of the programme of work for CEPA. Of the priority activities the CEC will provide support to: Priority Activity 5 – toolkits, in the form of translation of the CEPA toolkit into Spanish in collaboration with the Autonomous University of Madrid and with the support of the Spanish Agency for Development Collaboration; Priority activity 6 - workshops and other capacity-development activities, in the form of providing facilitators and resource persons in the case of CBD-organised workshops, and assisting in the convening of national-level capacity building workshops; and Priority Activity 10 – Education through mobilization of their World Conservation Learning Network (WCLN) in support of the POW for CEPA.

81. In support of Decision IX/32, and thanks to the work of UNESCO and the German Committee of UNESCO, biodiversity will be integrated as a theme into the Sustainable Development stream of the Mid-term conference for the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, scheduled to take place in March and April 2009 in Bonn, Germany. Building on the outcomes of the March 2008 meeting of experts on education and biodiversity, sponsored by UNESCO, the SCBD will co-organise a workshop on mainstreaming biodiversity into education with UNESCO and the CEC of IUCN. A concept note and draft programme has been prepared and accepted by the conference organizers. The workshop will be from 4-5 hours long and include up to 80 participants.

82. With the financial support of the government of the Netherlands, and in collaboration with the government of Trinidad and Tobago, the Cropper Foundation, the CEC of IUCN and the Panos Institute for the Caribbean, a sub-regional workshop on Capacity-building for CEPA and Media Relations was held in Port of Spain 3-6 November 2008. The workshop was organized in parallel with the Capacity-building workshop for NBSAPs, National Reports and Climate Change. Representatives from governments in the Caribbean as well as representatives of the media from the region participated in sessions on strategic communication, media relations, mainstreaming biodiversity into education and plans for the IYB. The workshop sessions on CEPA were particularly well received and their interactive format was praised as a particularly effective way to facilitate learning and networking.

IX/33: Preparations for the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB)

83. The Secretariat finalized the Implementation Plan for the IYB in late September and submitted it to the COP Bureau for approval and shared the plan informally with a number of partners. During the fall, the Secretariat established a number of partnerships with various actors in government, media and other international institutions for implementation of IYB activities. Some of these are listed below:

- a. The Secretariat presented the IYB Implementation Plan to the members of the Consortium of Scientific Partners at its 4th meeting in October of 2008. The CSP welcomed the plan and strongly supported the idea of an IYB logo and branding, urging that this be created as soon as possible. Members then provided a list of activities they have already planned for the year including plans for exhibitions, symposia, and other commemorative events;

- b. The Secretariat participated in the Wildscreen Film Festival in Bristol, England in October of 2008. The festival is one of the largest nature and environmental film festivals in the world, attracting 800 participants from the world of broadcasting and film making. At the festival the secretariat established contact with National Geographic, the BBC and TV5 and presented the IYB plan, identifying opportunities for presentation of the year in programming of these organizations;
- c. The Wildscreen festival itself agreed to create a travelling film exhibition that can be distributed to Parties during the year. The SCBD will give a list of topics to Wildscreen from which they will generate a short list of films that can be put on DVD. Subtitles in UN languages of these will be the responsibility of SCBD. Wildscreen will provide a master DVD for SCBD, a draft text of a screening contract that all Parties must sign, and some promotional materials. SCBD will then be free to make copies of the movies and send these out to all Parties for use in public screenings during IYB;
- d. Television Trust for the Environment (TVE) was also approached for the production of documentaries during the IYB. TVE will produce a number of episodes in their Earth Report Series for IYB in 2010. Themes will reflect the "2010 success stories" of GBO3, as well as specific targeted themes identified by the Secretariat. TVE will require seed funding from the Secretariat for this, and can then raise any additional funds. Given their relationship with the BBC, they are confident that the episodes will be broadcast.

IMPLEMENTATION AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

VIII/8 and IX/8: National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans

84. As of the end of 2008, 166 Parties had completed their national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) and, of this total, 21 Parties had completed revisions to their NBSAP while 15 have revisions in process. The Secretariat has received the large majority of available NBSAPs and made them available on the Convention's website at <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/>. The Secretariat is also aware that 18 Parties are in the process of preparing their NBSAP; however, seven Parties have still not provided any information to the Secretariat concerning the status of this document.

85. Decision IX/8 of the Conference of the Parties urges all Parties to develop NBSAPs and to adopt existing strategies, plans or programmes prior to its tenth meeting, in 2010, where the Conference of the Parties will assess progress towards the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target and implementation of the Strategic Plan, for which effective national biodiversity strategies and action plans are a key element. Letters have been sent to Parties with NBSAPs under development, requesting information on the status of the NBSAP and asking that the relevant documents be sent to the Secretariat. In addition, all new Parties have been contacted requesting an update on plans to develop and adopt the NBSAP by 2010. Finally, letters have been sent to other Parties that have not provided the Secretariat with any information on the status of their NBSAP to date.

86. In 2008, the Secretariat organized a total of nine regional and sub-regional capacity development workshops on NBSAPs and the mainstreaming of biodiversity, in line with decisions VIII/8 and IX/8:

- a. South, East and South-east Asia (Singapore, 14-18 January 2008)
- b. Southern and Eastern Africa (South Africa 4-7 February 2008)
- c. Mesoamerica (Mexico, 26-27 March 2008)
- d. South America (Brazil, 31 March- 4 April 2008)
- e. Europe (Germany, 26-30 April 2008)
- f. Central Africa (Cameroon, 22-25 September 2008)
- g. West Africa (Burkina Faso, 29 September-3 October 2008)

- h. Caribbean (Trinidad and Tobago, 3-7 November 2008)
- i. Arab States of North Africa and the Middle East (Egypt, 14-18 December 2008)

87. Through the exchange of experiences and training on the use of relevant tools and mechanisms, the workshops aim to strengthen national capacity for the development, implementation, review and updating of national biodiversity strategies and action plans, and for biodiversity mainstreaming into relevant sectors, in line with decisions of the Conference of the Parties. The workshops will also contribute to the assessment of progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target.

88. In total, 127 Parties participated in the first nine workshops. These workshops have been funded by the governments of France, Canada, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain and the UK, with the additional support of host governments as well as UNEP, ECOWAS and the League of Arab States. A webpage on the workshops has been developed, and provides access to all documents as well as country presentations: <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/workshops.shtml>.

89. Participants in the workshops comprised officials responsible for the development and/or implementation of NBSAPs, nominated by CBD national focal points, as well as a number of experts in biodiversity mainstreaming into sectors and national development policies, Ecosystem Approach, and communication.

90. The workshop programmes have included the following elements:

- a) National presentations of the state of implementation followed by question and answer periods and discussions;
- b) Complementary presentations at different levels of government (global, regional/subregional, subnational, local);
- c) Examples from countries on mainstreaming;
- d) Training by experts on specific topics needed to implement the Convention (for example, strategic environmental assessment; the millennium ecosystem assessment; communication, education and public awareness);
- e) Briefings on the preparation of the fourth national reports;
- f) Small group discussions, panel discussions, and interactive exercises; and
- g) Field trips illustrating opportunities and challenges in biodiversity mainstreaming.

91. Evaluations were carried out at the end of each workshop and these were generally highly positive. Participants welcomed the opportunity, for the first time in meetings under the Convention, to engage in focused learning and information exchange on implementation issues with their counterparts in neighbouring countries.

92. The note by the Executive Secretary on the implementation of the Convention and its Strategic Plan prepared for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/14/Rev.1) outlines the main conclusions of the first four workshops, including lessons learned on the role NBSAPs have played in the implementation of the Convention, the second generation NBSAPs, approaches to mainstreaming, integration of biodiversity into spatial planning, the development of subnational BSAPs, stakeholder participation, the role of regional processes and mechanisms, monitoring and evaluation, and the importance of communication strategies for NBSAPs. The brochure available at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/cbd-brochure-nbsap-ws-en.pdf> also gives an overview of the results of first five workshops in this series, held prior to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

93. From 22-25 September 2008, the Secretariat, together with the Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC) and the Government of Cameroon, organized the Capacity Development Workshop for Central Africa on the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and the mainstreaming of biodiversity, in Limbé, Cameroon. Some 80 participants from nine countries – all

members of COMIFAC – reviewed progress in implementing the Convention in the region and on integrating biodiversity into sectoral policies and national strategies for poverty reduction. Participants committed themselves to strengthening the implementation of the Convention in the region, with COMIFAC's Working Group on Biodiversity playing a leading role in the follow-up.

94. The Capacity Development Workshop for West Africa on the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and the mainstreaming of biodiversity was held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, from 29 September to 3 October 2008, organized by the Secretariat in cooperation with the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA), IUCN and the Government of Burkina Faso. Some 60 participants from 17 Parties participated in the meeting. National Focal Points or NBSAP coordinators presented reports on the implementation of NBSAPs in each country. Additional presentations and discussion focused on the integration of biodiversity into poverty reduction strategies. The use of strategic environmental assessment was highlighted, as was the central importance of communication, education, and public awareness. Other topics focused on at the workshop included environmental accounting, the valuation of biodiversity and ecosystem services.

95. The Workshop for the Caribbean region was held in Trinidad and Tobago from 3 to 7 November 2008. This Workshop incorporated a section to assist countries in integrating concerns relating to the impacts of climate change, and the impacts of climate change mitigation and adaptation activities on biodiversity, within NBSAPs, in line with decision IX/16. In addition, a parallel CBD workshop was held on communication, education and public awareness. At the Caribbean meeting, the University of the West Indies, with the support of CARICOM, agreed to develop a regional biodiversity centre that would, among other things, support a network of professionals responsible for NBSAPs for the exchange of best practices.

96. The Workshop for the Arab states of North Africa and the Middle East was held in Cairo, Egypt, from 14 to 18 December 2008. The workshop was organized jointly with UNEP-ROWA and Committee of Arab Ministers Technical Committee of the Arab League (CAMRE). NBSAP coordinators from 20 of the 22 members of the League of Arab States participated in the workshop. As in previous workshops, participants welcomed this first opportunity to exchange experience on the development, updating and implementation of NBSAPs and on the integration of biodiversity into broader national policies and planning processes. In addition, training sessions were held on invasive species, strategic environmental assessment, and the preparation of fourth national reports.

97. A Workshop for the Pacific region, to be held in Nadi, Fiji, from 2 to 6 February 2009, is currently being organized. As for the Caribbean region, this Workshop will incorporate issues related to the impacts of climate change, and the impacts of climate change mitigation and adaptation activities on biodiversity, within NBSAPs. A Workshop for the Central Asian region has also been confirmed and will take place in Ramsar, Iran, from 9 to 13 March 2009. A Workshop for the region of North America and a second workshop for Europe are also planned for the first half of 2009.

IX/9: Process for the revision of the Strategic Plan

The Executive Secretary issued a notification on 27 October 2008 (ref. 2008-144) inviting relevant organizations to submit views on the revision and update of the Strategic Plan. In addition, on the occasion of the launch of the e-forum on the updating and revision of the Strategic Plan of the CBD, the Executive Secretary issued notification 2008-151. To support the launch of the e-forum, the CBD Secretariat organized a side-event on the margins of the IPBES Conference (ad hoc intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder meeting on an Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services) in Putrajaya, Malaysia, where the Presidency of COP-9, DIVERSITAS, the Secretariat of CITES and the SCBD made introductory presentations followed by discussions.

98. Participants in the General Assembly of the Réseau des Aires Marines Protégées de l'Afrique de l'Ouest (RAMPAO) held in Guinea Bissau from 11 to 15 December 2008, were introduced to the e-forum and invited to participate. The Secretariat continues to encourage organizations and individuals to participate in the e-forum.

**IX/11: Review of implementation of Articles 20 and 21;
and,**

IX/31: Financial resources and the financial mechanism and guidance to the financial mechanism

99. The preliminary draft input on a possible session on financing the response to biodiversity crisis was prepared in anticipation of the high-level segment on biodiversity of the United Nations General Assembly to be held in September 2010.

100. In response to the Secretariat's notification (Ref: SCBD/ITS/YX/64504, dated 22 September 2008) on decisions IX/11 and IX/31, the Secretariat received submissions from Peru, Egypt and Qatar. Following the request by some Parties to extend the deadline, a new notification was circulated to extend the date for submission to no later than 31 July 2009.

101. In response to the suggestion from the Bureau, the Secretariat prepared draft elements for a project proposal to build capacity for negotiating towards the international regime on access and benefit sharing. Two rounds of four regional capacity building workshops were expected to be convened in the coming two years.

102. The Secretariat attended the Executive GEFOP meetings on Monday, October 6, 2008 and Thursday, December 11, 2008. The first meeting reviewed 15 biodiversity for GEF funding of US\$60 million, and at the latter meeting, 11 biodiversity project proposals, in the amount of US\$56 million were included in the work program. It was noted that the processing of the intersessional work program was subject to the pace of payment of donors' pledges.

103. The Secretariat transmitted the Bonn message on biodiversity and finance to the Secretariat of the Follow-up Conference on Financing for Development. The Bonn message was posted on the Conference's website.

104. The Secretariat attended the 34th meeting of the GEF Council. The statement of the Executive Secretary to the meeting was well received and posted on the GEF website.

VIII/14: National Reporting

105. A Regional Workshop for South, Southeast and East Asia on the Fourth National Report was held from 2 to 4 December 2008 in Tsukuba, Japan, with the support of the Japanese Ministry of Environment and the Japan Wildlife Research Centre. A total of 40 people, including representatives from 16 countries from the region, participated in this workshop. The workshop provided a very good opportunity for participating countries (including some from outside the region, such as Brazil and the United Kingdom) to exchange experiences in preparing the fourth national report. The workshop also had productive discussions about challenges encountered and possible solutions for them. The workshop was considered very helpful for the preparation of the fourth national report. All the participating countries indicated that they would move fast to prepare and finalize their reports and try to submit them by the deadline (30 March 2009). The report of the workshop will be made available at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=4NRCBW-ASI-01>. The main conclusions and recommendations from this workshop are also summarized through a discussion forum at the portal for the fourth national report located at <https://www.cbd.int/nr4/forum/>. More information about the workshop, including presentations made at the workshop, is available on the webpage for this workshop at: <https://www.cbd.int/nr4/support/workshop.shtml>.

106. Estonia submitted the first fourth national report on 1 December 2008. Through communications with Parties by various means, the Secretariat learned that about 75 countries would try to submit their fourth national reports by the deadline or shortly after that. In addition, about 60 countries informed that they had started a process to prepare the report.

107. Phase II of a medium-sized project to fund the preparation of the fourth national report has been approved. So far 22 countries have been granted the funds from Phase II. The Secretariat has conveyed to UNDP/UNEP concerns about the slow approval and release of funds and requested accelerated approvals and releases. The Secretariat has also requested an early initiation of Phase III to meet more demands for funding.

108. The tools to assist with the preparation of the fourth national report, such as a reference manual and a training module, have been updated. The portal for the fourth national report has been further developed with more resources and web links provided. A discussion forum on the portal has been officially opened to allow countries to exchange experiences in preparing the fourth national report, in particular tools and methods used for reviewing implementation of NBSAPs and progress towards the 2010 target. The Secretariat has also developed partnerships with some organizations, such as Birdlife and its national partners, the Global Biodiversity Information Facility, UNEP-WCMC and Countdown 2010 Secretariat, to provide support to countries in preparing the fourth national report.

109. The preparation of the fourth national report was also facilitated through a few regional or subregional workshops on NBSAPs and the mainstreaming of biodiversity, organized between October to December 2008, namely for the regions of Western Africa, the Caribbean and the Middle East and North Africa. Such workshops have been confirmed for the Pacific (February 2009) and Central Asia (March 2009).

110. Input has been provided to a paper prepared by UNEP-WCMC concerning preconditions for the harmonization of national reporting of biodiversity-related conventions. An input was also provided to a second phase of a project on knowledge management coordinated by UNEP and UNEP-WCMC, which includes a component on harmonization. Discussion is under way to work with the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity and UNEP-WCMC to organize a subregional workshop on the harmonization of biodiversity-related reporting for the member states of the ASEAN. The Secretariat participated in and contributed to a regional workshop organized by FAO on the harmonization of reporting to the FAO Forest Resources Assessment 2010.

111. As of the end of 2008, a total of 147 third national reports had been received by the Secretariat.

IX/30: Scientific and Technical Cooperation and the Clearing-House Mechanism

112. During the fourth quarter of 2008, activities related to the Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM) were mostly related to planning and managing the work to be carried out in 2009. They can be summarized as follows:

- a. Due to the high number of internal CHM-related requests for information systems and on-line services, a list of around 50 requests was compiled. During 2009, the challenge will be to prioritize and implement as much as possible with the available expertise and resources;
- b. Discussions were held to plan future website enhancements. The outline of a future website strategy has been prepared and will be further elaborated;
- c. Financial support from the Government of Germany was made available to start the Life Web initiative and the redesign of the web portal on protected areas. A selection

process took place in December 2008 to identify appropriate expertise in web development and web design services. Work will start in January 2009. In the meantime, a preliminary Life Web Portal has been designed and launched at www.cbd.int/lifeweb;

- d. Terms of reference for enhancing the web portal on the Fourth National Report were advertised. A consultant will be selected in early January 2009 to carry out the corresponding tasks;
- e. Further to the recommendation of the Knowledge Management Team (KMT), some funds were allocated for a short-term knowledge and information management consultancy. A selection process was initiated and an expert is expected to be operational during the first quarter of 2009. The terms of reference cover many aspects of knowledge management (strategy, work plan, knowledge base, on-line services, taxonomy, etc) including those from paragraph 6 of decision IX/30;
- f. Several meetings were held in collaboration with the Conference and Editorial Service (CES) unit to investigate ways to develop a lexicon and improve translation management. In this context, several companies came to demonstrate their products and services; and
- g. Some capacity-building activities were undertaken by the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) team. Two internal training sessions were held on web development and two staff members attended a training seminar on recent web technologies.

113. The Secretariat concluded discussions with IUCN's Commission for Education and Communication (CEC) to establish a partnership for implementation of the programme of work for CEPA. Of the priority activities the CEC will provide support to: Priority Activity 5 – toolkits, in the form of translation of the CEPA toolkit into Spanish in collaboration with the Autonomous University of Madrid and with the support of the Spanish Agency for Development Collaboration; Priority activity 6 - workshops and other capacity-development activities, in the form of providing facilitators and resource persons in the case of CBD-organised workshops, and assisting in the convening of national-level capacity building workshops; and Priority Activity 10 – Education through mobilization of their World Conservation Learning Network (WCLN) in support of the POW for CEPA.

114. In support of Decision IX/32, and thanks to the work of UNESCO and the German Committee of UNESCO, biodiversity will be integrated as a theme into the Sustainable Development stream of the Mid-term conference for the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, scheduled to take place in March and April 2009 in Bonn, Germany. Building on the outcomes of the March 2008 meeting of experts on education and biodiversity, sponsored by UNESCO, the SCBD will co-organise a workshop on mainstreaming biodiversity into education with UNESCO and the CEC of IUCN. A concept note and draft programme has been prepared and accepted by the conference organizers. The workshop will be from 4-5 hours long and include up to 80 participants.

115. With the financial support of the government of the Netherlands, and in collaboration with the government of Trinidad and Tobago, the Cropper Foundation, the CEC of IUCN and the Panos Institute for the Caribbean, a sub-regional workshop on Capacity-building for CEPA and Media Relations was held in Port of Spain 3-6 November 2008. The workshop was organized in parallel with the Capacity-building workshop for NBSAPs, National Reports and Climate change. Representatives from governments in the Caribbean as well as representatives of the media from the region participated in sessions on strategic communication, media relations, mainstreaming biodiversity into education and

plans for the IYB. The workshop sessions on CEPA were particularly well received and their interactive format was praised as a particularly effective way to facilitate learning and networking.

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BS-IV/1: Compliance

116. The Compliance Committee established under the Protocol held its fifth meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from November 19 to 21, 2008. The Committee reviewed the outcomes of COP-MOP 4 regarding compliance and also reviewed general issues of non-compliance based on the revised analysis of the first national reports.

BS-II/2, BS-IV/4 and BS-IV/11: Operation and Activities of the Biosafety Clearing House (BCH)

117. In accordance with *Programme Element 1*, and with the aim of improving the ease of reporting information, the implementation of new common formats was carried out and the results presented to the BCH-IAC. The relevant recommendations of the BCH-IAC on the common formats are expected to be fully implemented over the course of the next quarter. Once completed, the revamped registration section is expected to be launched by the end of the next quarter.

118. Following *decision BS-IV/4* on the Roster of Biosafety Experts, and in accordance with *Programme Element 2*, new nominations of experts by Governments are being collected concurrently with the nominations of experts for the risk assessment online forum. The new Roster of Biosafety Experts is expected to be fully available online in the next quarter, once the new common formats and the revamped registration section have been launched.

119. In accordance with *Programme element 3*, *decision BS-IV/11* and a request from the "Coordination Mechanism", two online forums were launched in November with satisfactory level of participation. In particular:

- The Open-ended Online Expert Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management was active for 6 weeks and hosted 8 different discussion groups. It was attended by 146 experts who were nominated by Governments and another 36 experts who served as observers. They discussed 55 different subjects for a total of 88 interventions; and
- The Online Forum on Capacity-Building was active for 4 weeks and hosted 4 different discussion groups. It was attended by 110 participants who discussed 13 different subjects for a total of 66 interventions.

120. Four other fora, with limited access, were also made available through the BCH to the following groups:

- BCH-IAC
- Capacity-Building
- Compliance Committee (revamped)
- COP-MOP Bureau

121. Under the same programme element, and in continuation with the implementation of *decision BS-IV/11*, a platform for real time conferences has been developed in-house. It is expected to be fully implemented in the BCH in the next quarter and will be used to host regional conferences in the Open-ended Online Expert Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management.

122. Under *Programme element 4*, and following a direct request in *decision BS-IV/2*, the IT Programme Officer in charge of the BCH attended and participated in the organization of a subregional workshop organized by the Republic of Korea for enhancing capacity in the use of the BCH.

123. The BCH databases also continue to expand and improve including: the capacity-building databases containing public awareness projects, the Biosafety Information Resource Center (BIRC), guidance material on risk assessment, national laws, scientific bibliographies and biosafety-related organizations.

BS-IV/3 and BS-IV/4: Capacity Building

124. The Secretariat organised an online conference on capacity-building in environmental risk assessment and post-release monitoring of living modified organisms, which took place from 3 to 28 November 2008. The outcomes of the online conference will provide input for the background paper to be considered at the fifth coordination meeting in Costa Rica, from 9 to 13 March 2009, after which the recommendations will be submitted to the fifth meeting of the Parties for its consideration and adoption, as appropriate. At the time when the Fora were finalized, 109 participants had registered.

125. Furthermore, the Secretariat continues to populate and maintain the capacity-building databases in the Biosafety Clearing-House.

BS-IV/10: Handling, Transport, Packaging and Identification of Living Modified Organisms (Paragraph 3 of Article 18)

126. Pursuant to paragraphs 4 and 5 of decision BS-IV/10, the Secretariat issued a notification on 11 September 2008 calling for the submission of guiding questions for an online conference on the need for and modalities of developing standards for the handling, transport, packaging and identification of living modified organisms. Based on the submissions received by the deadline, the Secretariat prepared a set of guiding questions for the conference, which was then submitted to the Bureau for its approval. At the meeting of the COP-MOP Bureau held in November 2008 in Berlin, Germany, the Bureau approved the set of questions and also approved the Secretariat's request for flexibility to include additional questions, as appropriate.

BS-IV/11: Risk Assessment and Risk Management

127. The Open-ended Online Expert Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management, established in Decision BS-IV/11, was launched by the Secretariat through the BCH on 6 November 2008. One hundred and forty six National Experts and 36 Observers have been registered as participants to the Forum. The National Experts have been nominated by 48 countries. Discussion Groups were held from 10 November to 19 December on the following topics:

- Risk assessment and risk management of transgenic fish;
- Risk assessment and risk management of transgenic trees;
- Risk assessment and risk management of transgenic microorganisms and viruses;
- Risk assessment and risk management of transgenic pharmaplants;
- Risk assessment and risk management of LMOs with stacked genes or traits;
- Post-release monitoring and long-term effects of LMOs released into the environment;
- Risk assessment and risk management of specific receiving environments;

- Flowchart ("Roadmap") for risk assessment: the necessary steps to conduct risk assessment according to Annex III of the Protocol.

128. For each Discussion Group, an expert on the subject was identified and invited to contribute with an overview of the topic. Relevant reading materials on each of the topics were made available to the participants of the Forum. A total of 88 interventions were made in these Discussion Groups by 31 Experts.

129. During this reporting period, a web interface was developed to enable the implementation of the Real-time Regional Conferences. The first of the series is scheduled for January and February 2009. The outcomes of these events will also serve as one of the inputs of the deliberations by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG), which will meet twice in the current intersessional period and will report to the COP-MOP 5.

130. The common formats for LMOs, DNA sequences and organisms were revised and agreed on at the Fourth meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House held on 17-18 November in Montreal, Canada. New information on LMOs, DNA sequences and organisms were gathered and updated to reflect the changes made to the new common formats for these BCH registries.

131. The Biosafety Division is currently serving on the IPPC Pest Risk Analysis Steering Committee and has assisted on the development of a joint work plan, which is aimed at establishing synergies within the CBD and IPPC mandates. The work plan includes mechanisms of collaboration between the IPPC and the CBD on issues related to living modified organisms, development of guidance materials on risk assessment and management of LMOs, standardization of terminology, capacity building and information sharing.

BS-IV/16: Socio-Economic Considerations

132. The Secretariat continued to collaborate with the UNEP-GEF Project on Biosafety on a project on socio-economic considerations and biosafety being funded by the United Kingdom's Department for International Development.

BS-IV/17: Public Awareness, Education and Participation

133. The Secretariat advanced the implementation of the outreach strategy (2008-2012) to promote public awareness, education and participation. Some of the activities included: re-design of the website, which is expected to be finalized in the end of January, and a continuous update of the website of the Protocol; development and dissemination of outreach materials including the fifth issue of the Biosafety Protocol News on capacity-building activities: best practices and lessons learned and the Year in Review 2008; development of a RSS for improved electronic mailing service; expansion of media database for dissemination of biosafety news and media contacts; expansion of records on public awareness in the Biosafety Clearing-House under the capacity-building database and in the Biosafety Information Resource Center (BIRC); and continuous efforts to invite stakeholders to the online conferences.

134. The Secretariat also continues to hold presentations for university students. In October, one presentation was given to a visiting group of students from Concordia University to the Secretariat explaining, among other things, the Protocol in general and the issue of liability and redress under the Protocol. In the same month, a presentation was made to an international development studies class at McGill University. The presentation discussed the Protocol in general and its role in sustainable development.

Status of Ratification or Accession to the Protocol

135. As of 31 December 2008, with the recent ratifications of Central African Republic and Honduras, the number of Parties to the Protocol increased to 153. The list of Parties is available on the website: <http://www.cbd.int/biosafety/signinglist.shtml>.

ANNEXES

**ANNEX I
Meetings**

October – December 2008

01 October 2008	Visit of representatives from the Biotechnology Industries Organization
01 October 2008	Visit of students from the Environmental Law: International Governance for Environmental Security course at Concordia University
01 October 2008	Visit of students from the International Master in Environmental Assessment course at McGill University
02 October 2008	Visit of Mr. David Miller, the new ABS Focal Point for the U.S. Government
03 October 2008	Interviewed by the Algerian newspaper <i>El Watan</i>
04 October 2008	Met with the ABS Co-Chairs - Barcelona, Spain
5-14 October 2008	Participated in and delivered a statement at the IUCN World Conservation Congress, as well as took part in several side events - Barcelona, Spain
06 October 2008	Attended the Press Breakfast to launch the Global Sustainable Tourism Criteria - Barcelona, Spain
06 October 2008	Interviewed by the BBC - Barcelona, Spain
06 October 2008	Met with the Minister of Environment of Italy, Mrs. Stefania Prestigiacomo - Barcelona, Spain
06 October 2008	Participated as a panel member at the Mainstreaming Sustainability in the Tourism Industry event - Barcelona, Spain
06 October 2008	Interviewed by NHK-Japan Broadcasting Corporation - Barcelona, Spain
06 October 2008	Participated in the Alliances workshop on Local and regional governments authorities – key partners for biodiversity - Barcelona, Spain
06 October 2008	Took part and delivered a statement at <i>La Soirée Francophone pour les participants au Congrès Mondial de l'IUCN, organisée par l'Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) et l'Union Mondiale pour la Nature (IUCN), à l'Institut National d'Education Physique de Catalogne (INEFC)</i> - Barcelona, Spain
07 October 2008	Met with the President and CEO of The Nature Conservancy, followed by the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the CBD and The Nature Conservancy, in the margins of the IUCN World Conservation Congress - Barcelona, Spain

07 October 2008	Participated in a High-Level Ministerial Meeting on Intergovernmental Science Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), , Barcelona, Spain
07 October 2008	Participated in the Sustainable Leadership dialogue on a private yacht of Prince Turki Ibn Naser, The President of Metereology and Environment of Saudi Arabia, , Barcelona, Spain
07 October 2008	Took part as a panellist and delivered a statement at the High Level Dialogue on Local Authorities, , in the margins of the IUCN World Conservation Congress, Barcelona, Spain
08 October 2008	Participated in the High Level Panel on 2010 target and poverty alleviation and delivered a statement “Meeting the 2010 biodiversity target: A contribution to poverty alleviation and the benefit of life on Earth”, in the margins of the IUCN World Conservation Congress - Barcelona, Spain
08 October 2008	Interviewed by Reuters - Barcelona, Spain
08 October 2008	Press conference on the results of the Countdown 2010 Readiness Assessment - Barcelona, Spain
08 October 2008	Interviewed by two Japanese newspaper, the Kyodo newspaper and an Algerian newspaper, in the margins of the IUCN World Conservation Congress
08 October 2008	Held bilateral meetings with some African ministers on the preparation of the November ministerial meeting on Climate Change in preparation for UNFCCC COP14, the margins of the IUCN World Conservation Congress
10 October 2008	Participated in a planning meeting for the Second International Youth Symposium on Biodiversity - Ottawa, Canada
10 October 2008	Met with representatives from UNESCO to discuss IYB, DESD conference and participation in the POW for CEPA - Paris, France
10 October 2008	Met with officials of the Minister of Environment of Singapore - Singapore City, Singapore
10-11 October 2008	Took part in the Global Indian Diaspora Conference and deliver a statement on “Sustainable Development: Which way next” - Singapore City, Singapore
13-16 October 2008	Attended the Regional Workshop on Harmonization in National Reporting on Forests for Asia, , Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
17-19 October 2008	Attended the <i>XII Sommet de la Francophonie</i> , , Quebec City, Canada
19-22 October 2008	Participated in the Foire Internationale du Tourisme Solidaire, , Bamako, Mali
20 October 2008	Met via telephone with Mr. Charles-Mathieu Brunelle, the new director of Montreal’s Nature Museums

20 October 2008	Met with representatives of TVE to discuss role in the IYB celebrations - London, U.K.
20 October 2008	Attended the Wildscreen Film Festival, and meet with officials from Wildscreen to discuss their role in the IYB celebrations - London, U.K.
20-24 October 2008	Visit of representatives from the UN Ombudsman's office
21 October 2008	Met via teleconference of the Inter-agency task force on Access and Benefit-Sharing
22 October 2008	Attended the opening event of the Conservation Exhibition "Gateways to Conservation: Connecting People to Nature", a joint UN-UNESCO and Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) initiative - U.N. Headquarters, New York, U.S.A.
22-23 October 2008	Took part as panel speaker on "Forest Biomass for Energy" at the European Forestry Week - Rome, Italy
23 October 2008	Visit of Dominique Bikaba, from Pole Pole Foundation/Kahuzi-Biega National Park in DRC and one of the 2006 Equator Initiative prizewinners, who delivered a presentation on wildlife conservation and community involvement in the DRC
23 October 2008	Represented the CBD at the 7 th International Congress on Perfumery and Natural Raw Materials – Centifolia 2008 - Nice, France
23 October 2008	Met via teleconference with representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan to discuss preparations for the meeting of the Group of Technical and Legal Experts on Compliance in the context of the International Regime on Access and Benefit-Sharing
24 October 2008	Attended the 10 th anniversary of the <i>Jumelage Montreal-Hiroshima</i> - Hotel de Ville, Montreal, Canada
24-25 October 2008	Visit of Ian Thompson, Canadian Forest Service, to discuss REDD climate change and expert group
27-28 October 2008	Attended the Southern African Regional Dialogue on Novel Foods meeting - Cape Town, South Africa
27-29 October 2008	Attended and presented the report of the CBD to the United Nations General Assembly, as well as met with UN senior officials - New York, U.S.A.
28 October 2008	Met with the Permanent Representative of the Somali Republic to the United Nations in New York - New York, U.S.A.
29 October 2008	Meet with the Director of UNDP's Environment and Energy Group, Bureau for Development Policy - New York, U.S.A.

27-31 October 2008	Participated in the Thirtieth Consultative Meeting of Contracting Parties to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other matter (London Convention) and the Third meeting of Contracting Parties to the 1996 Protocol to the London Convention, organized by IMO - London, U.K.
28 October-4 November 2008	Attended the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands - Changwon, Korea
29-30 October 2008	Held series of strategy meetings on U.S. ratification - Washington D.C., U.S.A.
31 October 2008	Met with the Canada Research Chair in Ethnoecology and Biodiversity Conservation - Montreal, Canada
3-5 November 2008	Participate in Workshop on Governance of Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction - Singapore City, Singapore
3-7 November 2008	Participate in the training of participants in the second regional ABS capacity-development workshop for French speaking North and West African countries - Dakar, Senegal
10-12 November 2008	Take part in the <i>Ad hoc</i> Intergovernmental and Multi-stakeholder meeting on an Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, , Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
11-13 November 2008,	Attend the GEF Council meeting - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
12 November 2008	Participate and deliver a presentation at the George Washington University Law School Washington, D.C. on “The United States and the Convention on Biological Diversity” - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
12 - 13 November 2008	Meeting with representatives of the CBD Alliance - Montreal
13-14 November 2008	Attend the Darwin Lecture and TEEB workshop, as well as the TEEB communications strategy meeting - London, U.K.
17-19 November 2008	Participate and present in the International Technical Workshop on Indicators relevant for Indigenous Peoples, organized by ILO and Tebtebba Foundation - Baguio, Philippines (Also took part and made a presentation at the UNU, Packard Foundation and Tebtebba Regional Asian capacity-building workshop for ILCs on REDD and climate change).
17-19 November 2008	Take part in the Consortium for the BarCode of Life workshop on the topic of “Basic Research and Access and Benefit Sharing” -Bonn, Germany
18 November 2008	Deliver a statement at the Biodiversity and Industry meeting: “Industry meets Science” - Paris, France
19-21 November 2008,	Take part in the <i>Conference Africaine des Ministres de l'Environnement sur les changements climatiques pour l'Après 2010</i> - Algiers, Algeria

24 November 2008,	Participate in the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention - Strasbourg, France
24 November 2008	Meeting with UNESCO staff for the preparations for ABS-7 meeting - Paris, France
24-28 November 2008	Participate in the training of participants in the third regional ABS capacity-development workshop for Africa - Antsirananana, Madagascar
25-26 November 2008	Visit of representatives from the State of Parana and delivered a presentation on the Riparian Reforestation programme and the SCBD park in the State of Parana (Brazil) - Montreal, Canada
25-26 November 2008	Take part in a panel discussion at the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Finance Conference - London, U.K.
25-27 November 2008	Attend the 10 th Global Meeting of the Regional Seas Convention and Action Plans, organized by UNEP and hosted by the Permanent Commission of the South Pacific - Guayaquil, Ecuador
30 November 2008	Presentation at the St. George's School - Montreal, Canada
1-3 December 2008	Take part in the Asia and the Pacific Forest Health Workshop – Forest Health in a Changing World - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
1-5 December 2008	Visit of Linda Collette, FAO - Montreal, Canada
1-12 December 2008	Attend the fourteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC - Poznań, Poland
03 December 2008	Participate as expert in UNEP's Ask Today's Expert on the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas
05 December 2008	Participate as expert in UNEP's Ask Today's Expert on Impacts of Climate Change on species and ecosystems
05 December 2008	Participate as an expert in the national workshop on Japanese Biodiversity Outlook, hosted by the Japanese Ministry of Environment - Tokyo, Japan
05 December 2008	Meeting with representatives from Airbus and National Geographic on collaborative work related to the Green Wave initiative - London, U.K.
05 December 2008	Participate as expert in UNEP's Ask Today's Expert on Forests and Climate Change
08 December 2008	Take part in the Forest Day side event in the margins of the UNFCCC COP 14 - Poznań, Poland
08 December 2008	Attend the meeting of the FAO State of the World's Forest Gene Resources Expert Group - Poznań, Poland
8-9 December 2008	Visit of staff from Tribal Link Foundation - Montreal, Canada
8-10 December 2008	Attend the NCSE Biodiversity in a Rapidly Changing World Conference - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

11 December 2008	Meet with representatives from the Obama transition team - Washington, D.C., U.S.A
09 December 2008	Meet with representatives from the Canadian International Development Agency and with Environment Canada, - Ottawa, Canada
10-11 December 2008	Attend the International Expert Meeting on Classification of Ecosystem Services, - Copenhagen, Denmark
10-13 December 2008	Take part as an expert in the UNEP-GEF/Republic of Korea Workshop on the Country-based BCH Implementation and training - Seoul, Korea
11-15 December 2008	General Assembly of the Members of the <i>Réseau des Aires Marines Protégées de l'Afrique de l'Ouest</i> (RAMPAO) - Guinea-Bissau
15-16 December 2008	Visit of the delegation from Curitiba
15-17 December 2008	Take part in the EU consultations with indigenous and local communities on ABS issues - Vienna, Austria
16 December 2008	Visit of the delegation from the Ishikawa Prefecture in Japan
16 December 2008	Visit of the delegation from Environment Canada
17 December 2008	Participate in the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation celebrations - New York

ANNEX II Status of Implementation of the Agreed Administrative Arrangements

I Personnel Arrangements

1. During the reporting period, the Secretariat had 36 regularized Professional staff members and 26 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 1 Professional and 2 general service vacant posts for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, 5 professional posts and 6 General Service posts were funded from other sources, with recruitment in progress for 1 General Service post funded from other sources. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Appendix 1 and Annex II respectively).

II Contributions and Funds

2. During the fourth quarter of 2008, fourteen new pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were recorded. COMIFAC pledged EUR 25,000 for the Implementation of the CBD in Central Africa, Denmark pledged EUR 15,000 for the AHTEG Climate Change, EC pledged EUR 400,000 as per Contribution Agreement No. 21.041/2008/514760/SUB/E2, France pledged EUR 100,000 towards the Biodiversity and Development, Germany pledged EUR 1,070,614 towards the Global Life Web, EUR 110,000 for the improvement of the CBD website content on Protected Areas, EUR 51,100 towards the ABS Expert Meeting and the ABS Co-Chairs Travel and EUR 38,500 towards the COP-9 Bureau Meeting, Ireland pledged EUR 60,000 towards the publication of Plant Conservation Report, Norway pledged US\$ 30,091 towards the SBSTTA Bureau Meeting and NOK 150,000 for the African Regional Workshop on NBSAPs, Spain pledged EUR 600,000 towards Additional Approved Activities and Sweden pledged SEK 1,750,000 towards the ABS-7 and SEK 600,000 for the Expert Group on Traditional Knowledge associated with genetic resources.

3. For 2008 a total of US\$8,667,336 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund, of which US\$6,547,916 or 76% has been collected as at 31 December 2008. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BE Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IV.

4. The total amount pledged for the **BY Trust Fund** in 2008 is US\$8,523,616. Of this amount, US\$8,211,442 or 96% has been received as at 31 December 2008. A total of US\$2,045,709 has also been collected in 2008 as advance payments for 2009 and future years. Additionally, US\$868,700 has been pledged and has been collected as additional contributions to the BY Trust Fund for 2008. US\$267,601 has also been collected in 2008 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VI.

5. As at 31 December 2008 a total of US\$1,610,322 has been pledged for 2008 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). This sum consists of pledges from Denmark (DKK 400,000); Norway (NOK 900,000); Ireland (EUR 50,000); Canada (CAD 170,000); Finland (EUR 17,000); Sweden (SEK 600,000); Germany (EUR 130,000); Spain (EUR 575,000) and Iceland (US\$ 1,000).

6. As at 31 December 2008, contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in 2008 amounted to US\$1,610,322 or 100% of the total pledged for 2008. Additionally, US\$439,763 has been collected for prior years. A total of US\$154,771 remains outstanding for the BZ Trust Fund for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

7. As at 31 December 2008, a total of ninety-four (94) countries have paid US\$1,621,742 to the **BG Trust Fund**, representing 94% of pledges for 2008. A total of US\$831,133 has also been collected in 2008 as advance payments for 2009 and future years. Additionally, US\$171,700 has been pledged

and has been collected as additional contribution to the BG Trust Fund for 2008. US\$75,637 has also been collected in 2008 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BG Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VII.

8. As at 31 December 2008, eight Parties have pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BH Trust Fund**) in 2008. To date US\$661,527 has been received in 2008 for 2008 and future years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BH Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VIII.

9. As at 31 December 2008, the Governments of: Norway, Spain, Finland and Sweden have pledged a total of US\$283,749 to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Country Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (**BI Trust Fund**). The total pledged contributions of US\$283,749 or 100% has been collected. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BI Trust Fund are reflected in Annex IX.

III Accounting and Reporting

Status of Expenditure

10. COP-8 approved a budget of US\$11,390,600 for the BY Trust Fund for 2008. As at 31 December 2008, preliminary expenditure/commitment totalled US\$11,709,916. This represents 102.8% of the approved amount.

11. COP/MOP-3 approved a budget of US\$2,108,100 for the BG Trust Fund for 2008. As at 31 December 2008 preliminary expenditure/commitment totalled US\$2,045,351. This represents 97% of the approved amount.

Reimbursement for Services provided to the Secretariat

12. At present the following eleven posts are funded by UNEP from the programme support funds (PSC): Chief, Financial Resources Management Service (P-5); Administrative Officer (P-3); Programme Management Officer Biosafety (P-3); Associate Finance Officer (P-2); Personal Assistant to the ES (P-2); Senior Finance Assistant (G-8); Finance Assistant (G-5); Personnel Assistant (G-7); Conference Assistant (G-6) Administrative Assistant (G-7) and Administrative Assistant (G-6).

13. UNEP has also approved the creation of two new General Services posts – Administrative Assistant (G-6) and Finance Assistant (G-6) to be funded from the programme support funds. They are presently under recruitment.

Appendix 1
Staffing Table of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

October -December 2008

Post #	Level	Title	Staff Member
1101	ASG	Executive Secretary (OES)	Mr. A. Djoghlaif
1102	D1	Principal Officer (SEL)	Mr. O. Jalbert
1103	D1	Principal Officer (STTM)	Mr. K. Mulongoy
BGL 1101	P5	Senior Programme Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. C. Gbedemah
1105	D1	Principal Officer (ITS)	Mr. R. Sharma
1106	P5	Chief, Financial Resources Management Service (RMCS)	Ms. M. Rattray-Huish (Post funded by UNEP)
1107	P4	Financial Resources & Instruments. PO (ITS)	Mr. Y. Xiang
1108	P5	PO Legal Advice and Support (SEL)	Mr. L. Glowka
1109	P4	Economist (SEL)	Mr. M. Lehmann
1110	P4	PO, Conservation Ecology (STTM)	Mr. T. Christophersen
1113	P4	PO, Clearing House Mechanism (ITS)	Mr. O. De Munck
1114	P4	Chief, Office of the Executive Secretary	Ms. D. Kayser
1115	P4	PO, Indigenous Knowledge (SEL)	Mr. J. Scott
1116	P5	PO. Reports & Reviews (OMG)	Post vacant
1117	P3	Programme Officer (OMG)	Mr. N. Bertrand
1118	P3	Meetings Services Officer (RMCS)	Mr. A. Yesli
1119	P3	Information Officer (OMG)	M. M. Khan
1120	P3	Internet & Elect. Communications (OMG)	Mr. F. Vogel
1121	P4	PO, Jakarta Mandate (STTM)	Ms. J. Lee
1122	P3	PO, Website Officer (OMG)	Mr. D. Ainsworth
1124	P3	Administrative Officer (RMCS)	Mr. V. Ogbuneke (Post funded by UNEP)
1126	P4	Environmental Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. E. Tamale
BGL 1103	P3	Legal Affairs Officer (Biosafety)	Ms. K. Garforth
1128	P3	Computer Systems Officer (OMG)	Mr. Q. Nguyen
1131	P4	PO, Inland Waters (STTM)	Mr. D. Coates
1132	P4	PO, Scientific & Technical Assessments (STTM)	Mr. R. Hoft
1133	P4	PO, Access & Benefit Sharing (SEL)	Ms. V. Normand
1134	P4	PO, Scientific, Technical Information (BS)	Mr. G. Ferraiolo
1135	P5	Chief, Conference Services (RMCS)	Mr. J. Fry

Post #	Level	Title	Staff Member
1136	P2	Associate Finance Officer (RMCS)	Ms. T.C. Fon Sing (Post funded by UNEP)
1137	P4	Taxonomy, PO (STTM)	Ms. J. Shimura
1141	P4	PO, Dry and Sub-humid lands (STTM)	Ms. J. Webbe
1142	P3	PO, Reports (ITS)	Mr. L. Cai
1143	P4	PO, Sustainable Use and Tourism (SEL)	Mr. O. Hillel
BGL 1102	P4	PO, Legal & Policy Affairs (Biosafety)	Mr. W. Damena Yifru
1145	P3	PO, Scientific Assessments (Biosafety)	Ms. M. Pessoa de Miranda
1146	P5	SPO, Interagency & Programme Coordination (ITS)	Mr. D. Cooper
1148	P4	PO, <i>In-situ</i> and <i>ex-situ</i> conservation (STTM)	Mr. V. Gidda
1149	P3	Computer Information Systems Officer, (OMG)	Mr. P. LeBlond
	P3	Programme Management Officer (RMCS)	Mr. I. Ahmed (Post funded by UNEP)
	P2	Personal Assistant to the ES (OES)	Ms. A. Rego (Post funded by UNEP)
BGL 1104	P2	Assoc. Public Information Officer (BS)	Ms. U. Nilsson
1301	G8	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Mr. M. Reyes (Post funded by UNEP)
1302	G7	Senior Secretary to the Executive Secretary (OES)	Ms. T. Karim
1303	G6	Secretary (SEL)	Ms. L. Boutin
1304	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Ms. A. Cung
1305	G7	Programme Assistant - (STTM)	Ms. J. Grekin
1306	G7	Programme Assistant - (ITS)	Ms. S. Meehan
BGL 1301	G7	Programme Assistant - (Biosafety)	Ms. J. Huppé
1308	G7	Programme Assistant - (ITS)	Ms. M. Chiasson
1309	G7	Programme Assistant - (SEL)	Ms. S. Gutierrez
1310	G7	Administrative Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. M. Lefevbre (Post funded by UNEP)
1311	G7	Travel Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. R. Rabbath
1312	G7	Personnel Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. J. Martinez (Post funded by UNEP)
1313	G6	Secretary - (STTM)	Ms. V. Allain
1314	G6	Secretary - (ITS)	Recruitment in progress
1315	G7	Information Assistant (OES)	Ms. A. Beliaeva
1316	G7	Computer Operations Assistant (OMG)	Mr. V. Gopez
1317	G7	Programme Assistant (OMG)	Mr. J. Hedlund
1318	G4	Messenger/Clerk (RMCS)	Mr. L. Rekik
BGL 1302	G6	Secretary (Biosafety)	Recruitment in progress

Post #	Level	Title	Staff Member
1329	G7	Programme Assistant, (OMG)	Ms. X. Liang
1331	G7	Programme Assistant (SEL)	Ms. G. Dosen
1332	G5	Information Assistant - (CS/OMG)	Ms. M. Harrison
1333	G5	Fund Mgmt Assistant - (RMCS)	Ms. X. H. Yan (Post funded by UNEP)
1337	G6	Conference Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. T. Zavarzina (Post funded by UNEP)
1350	G7	Programme Assistant – (OES)	Ms. G. Thirlwell
1351	G7	Programme Assistant – (OES)	Ms. M. Crespo
1352	G7	Programme Assistant – (OMG)	Ms. F. D’Amico
1353	G7	Programme Assistant – (Biosafety)	Mr. A. Bowers
1354	G7	Programme Assistant – Liability, Redress & Sustainable Tourism (SEL)	Ms. C. Robichaud
1355	G7	Editorial Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. V. Lefebvre
1356	G7	Travel Assistant – (RMCS)	Ms. N. Al Saheb
1357	G7	Meeting Services Assistant	Ms. L. Pedicelli
1358	G7	Programme Assistant (STTM)	Ms. L. Janishevski
1359	G6	Administrative Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. T. Mazza (Post funded by UNEP)

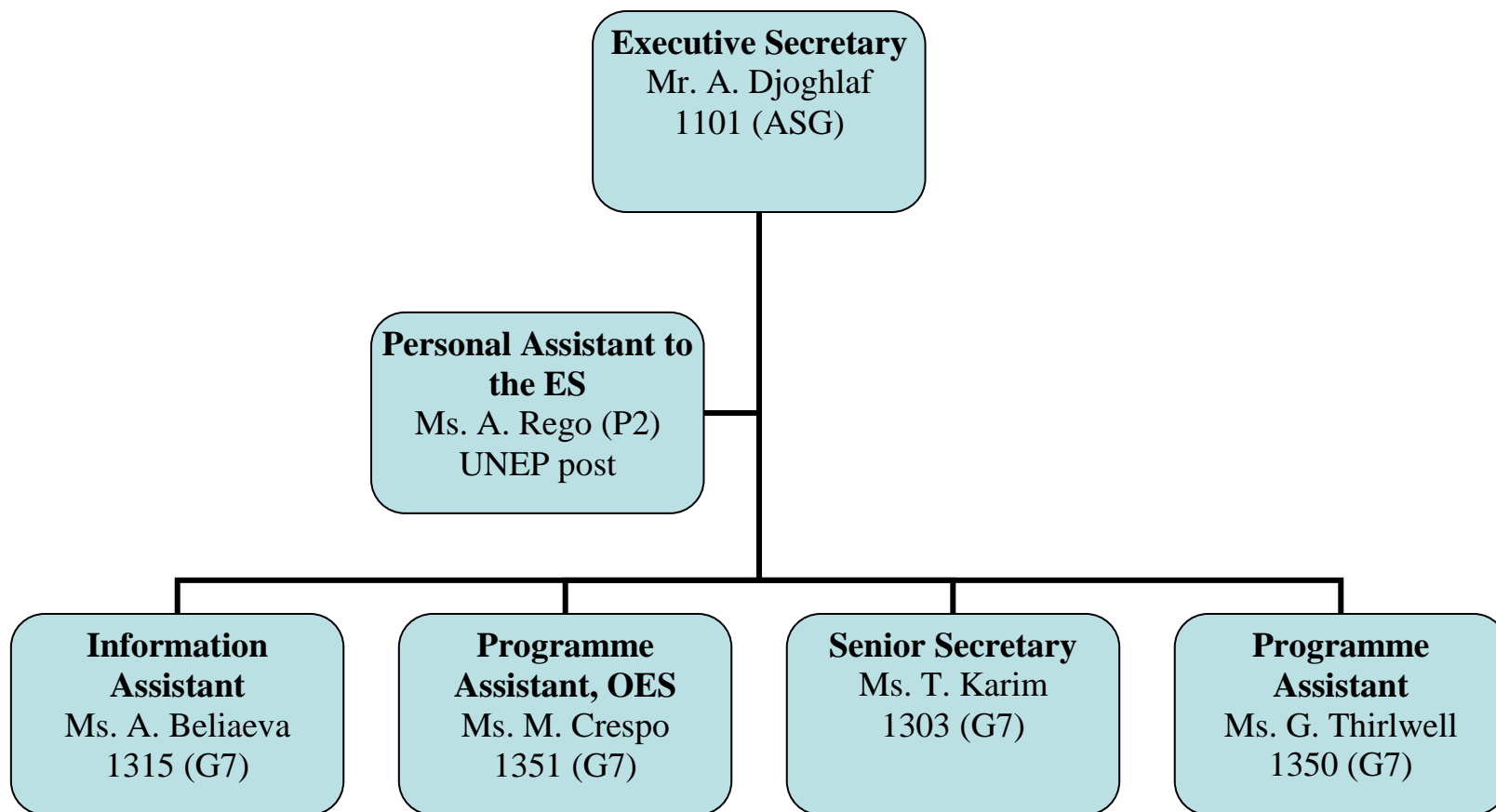
Seconded Staff members/ JPOs

Name	Nationality	Seconded from	Arrival date
Eric Belvaux	France	Government of France	29.10.07
Michael Hermann	Germany	Biodiversity International	12.08.08
Federico Bianchi	Italian	Government of Italy	28.10.08
Alberto Vega	Spanish/German	Government of Germany	15.11.08
Noriko Moriwake	Japan	Government of Japan	01.11.08

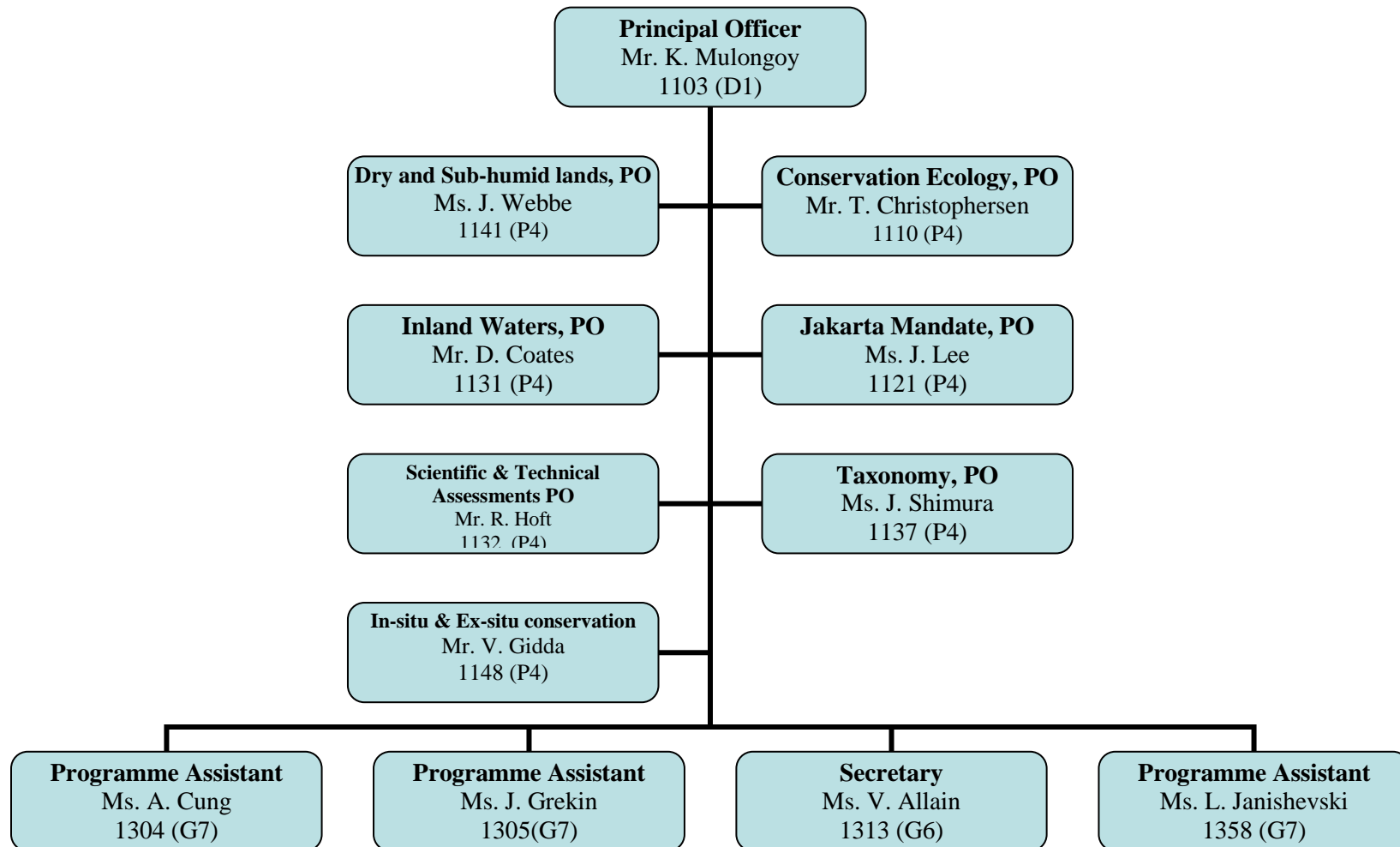
Interns working at SCBD from October to December 2008

Name	Nationality	University	Working on	Arrival date	Departure date
Nazim Seeba	Algeria	Université Pierre Mendès	Culture, Health and Biodiv.	02.09.08	14.11.08
Yusuke Honda	Japan	Kobe University	ABS, Marine and Coastal Biodiv.	01.07.08	26.12.08
Claire Baffert	France	Institut D'Etudes Politiques de Paris	GBO 3, IBY 2010	04.08.08	19.12.08
Kati Wenzel	Germany	Freie Universitat Berlin	GBO 3	04.08.08	03.11.08
Alex Kenny	Canadian	Université de Montréal	Incentive Measures	15.09.08	15.12.08
Nicolas Diallo	Canadian	College CDI	Accounting	17.09.08	10.12.08
Rina Hirai	Japan	Nagoya City University	Risk Assessment	25.09.08	12.12.08
Yuko Asano	Japan	Nagoya City University	Business and Biodiv.	14.11.08	10.02.09

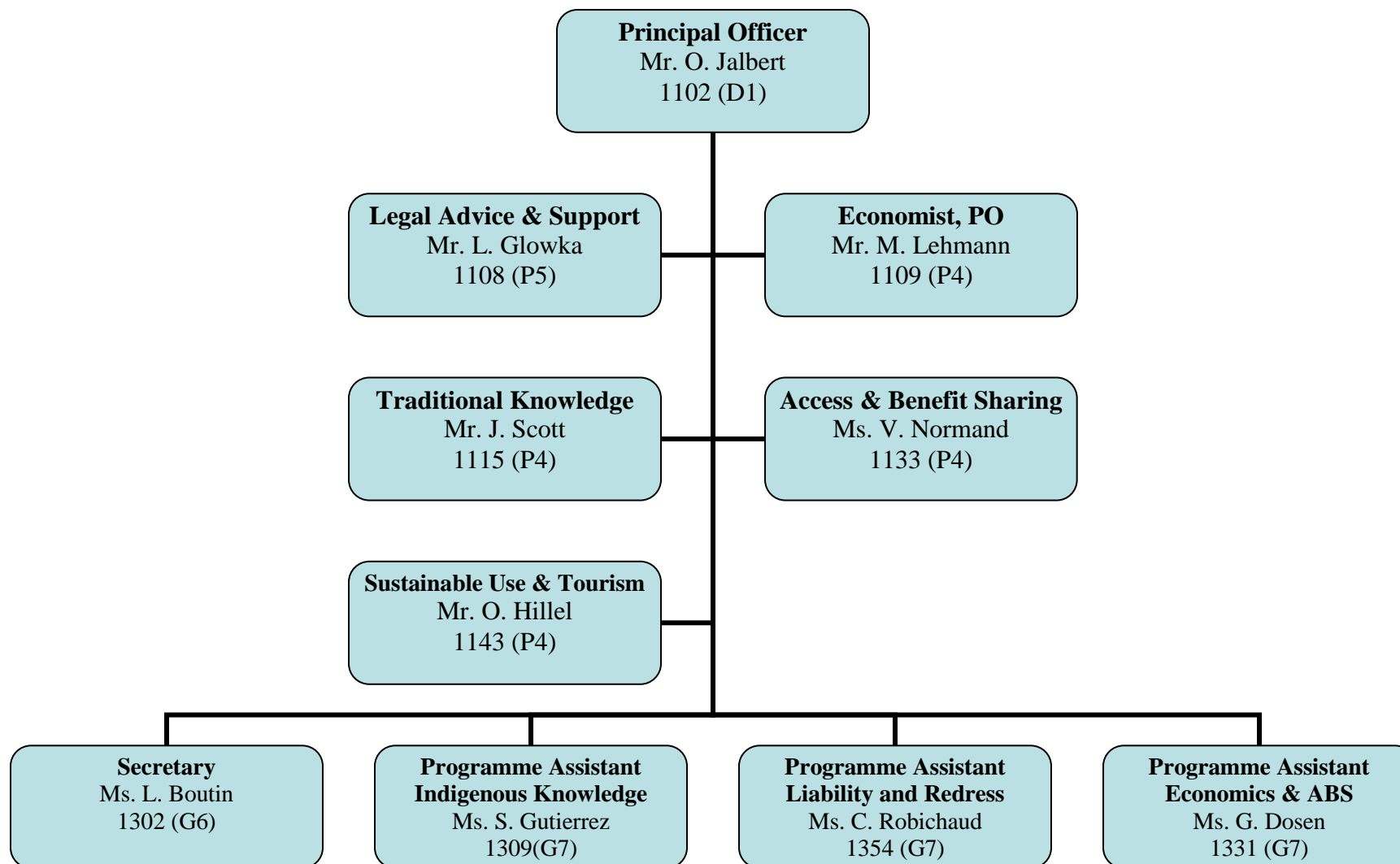
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Organisational Chart of the CBD Secretariat
Office of the Executive Secretary



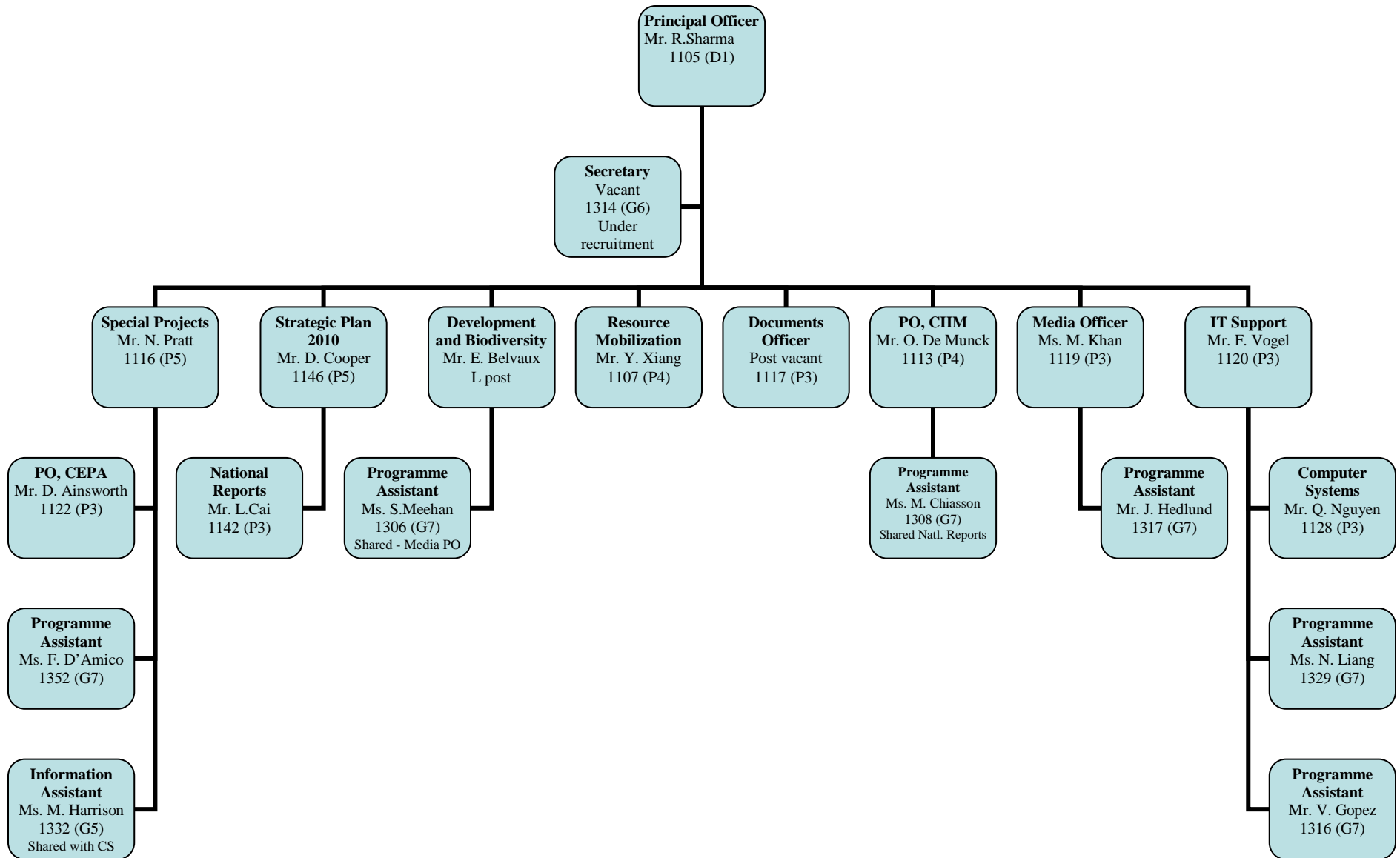
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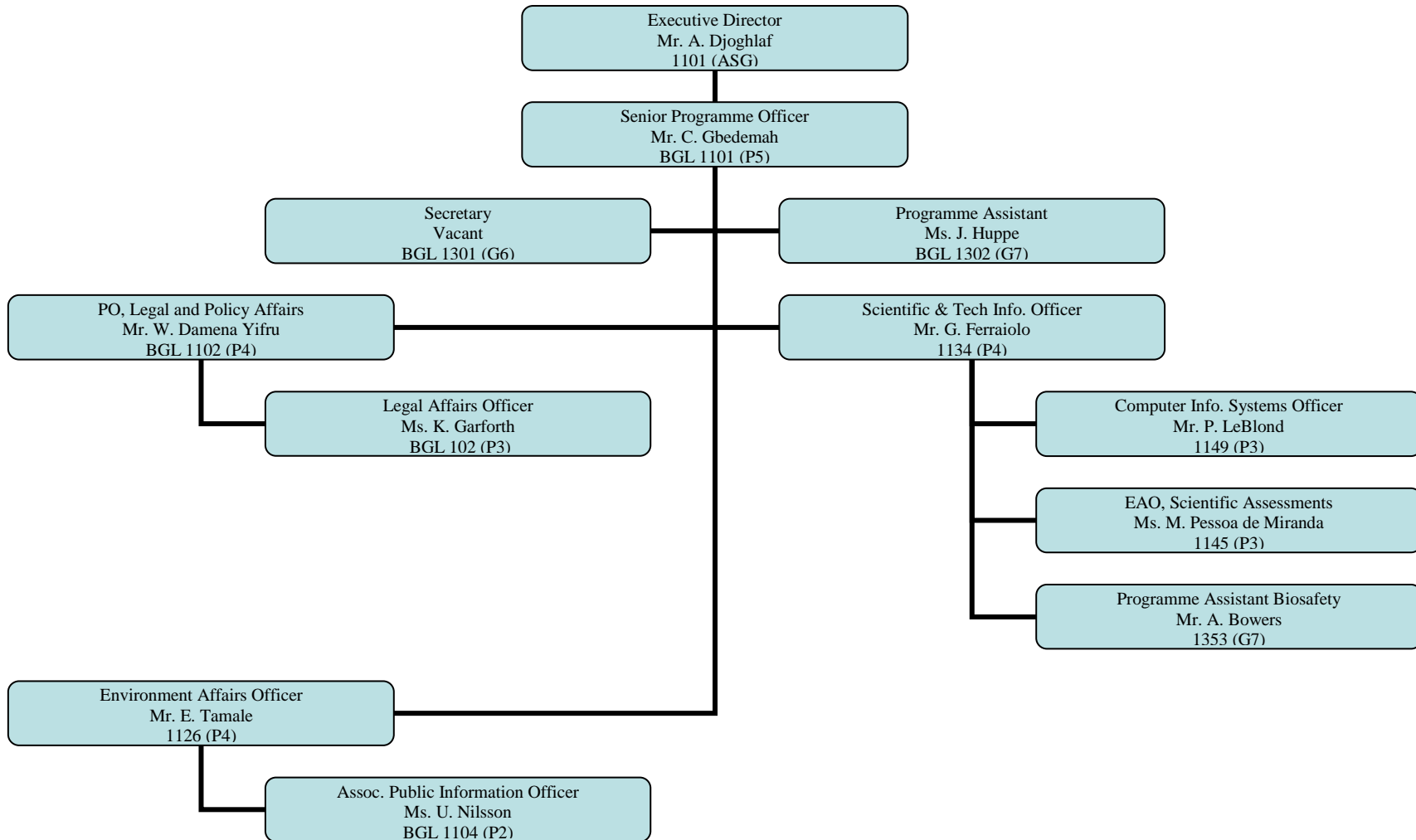
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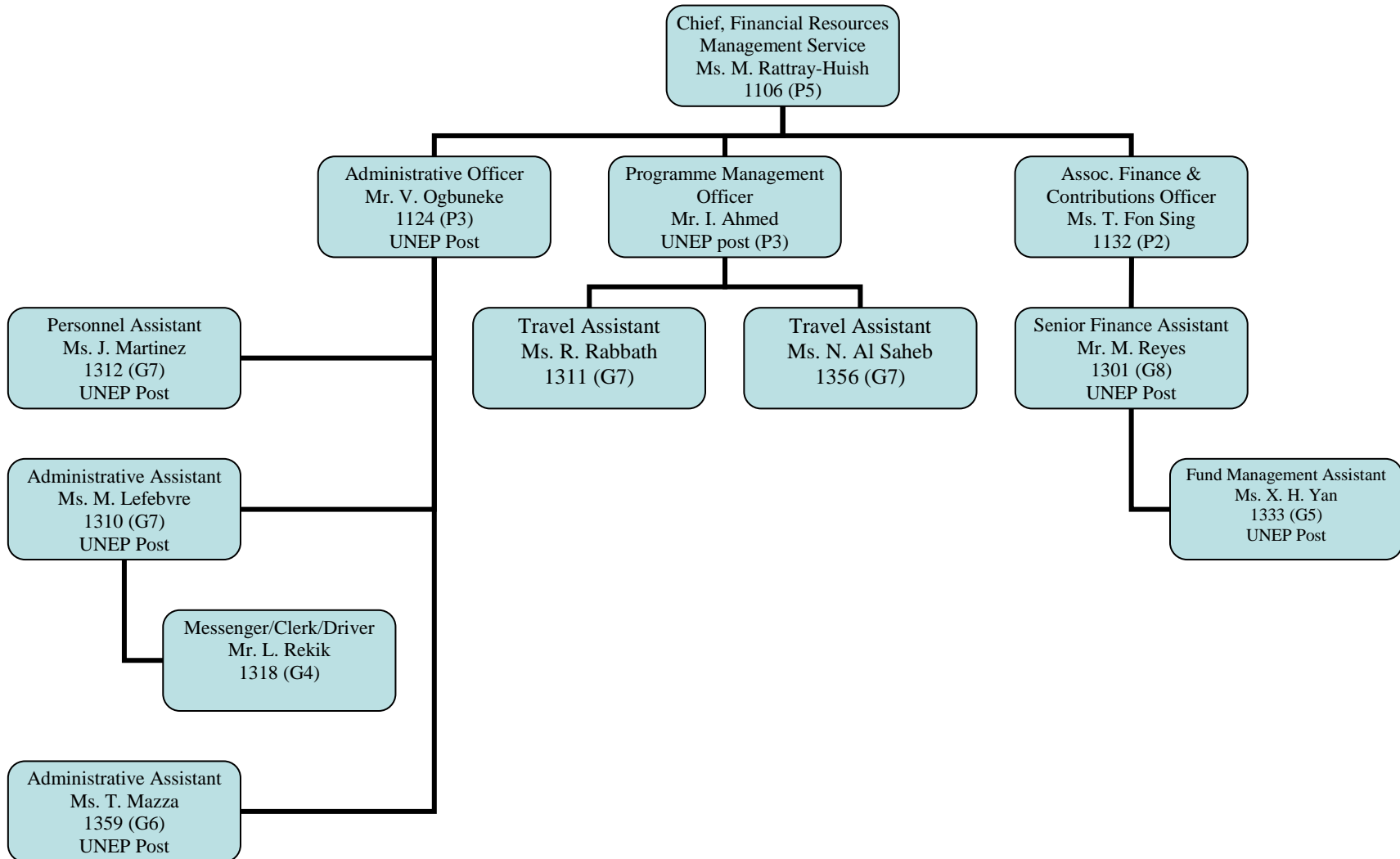
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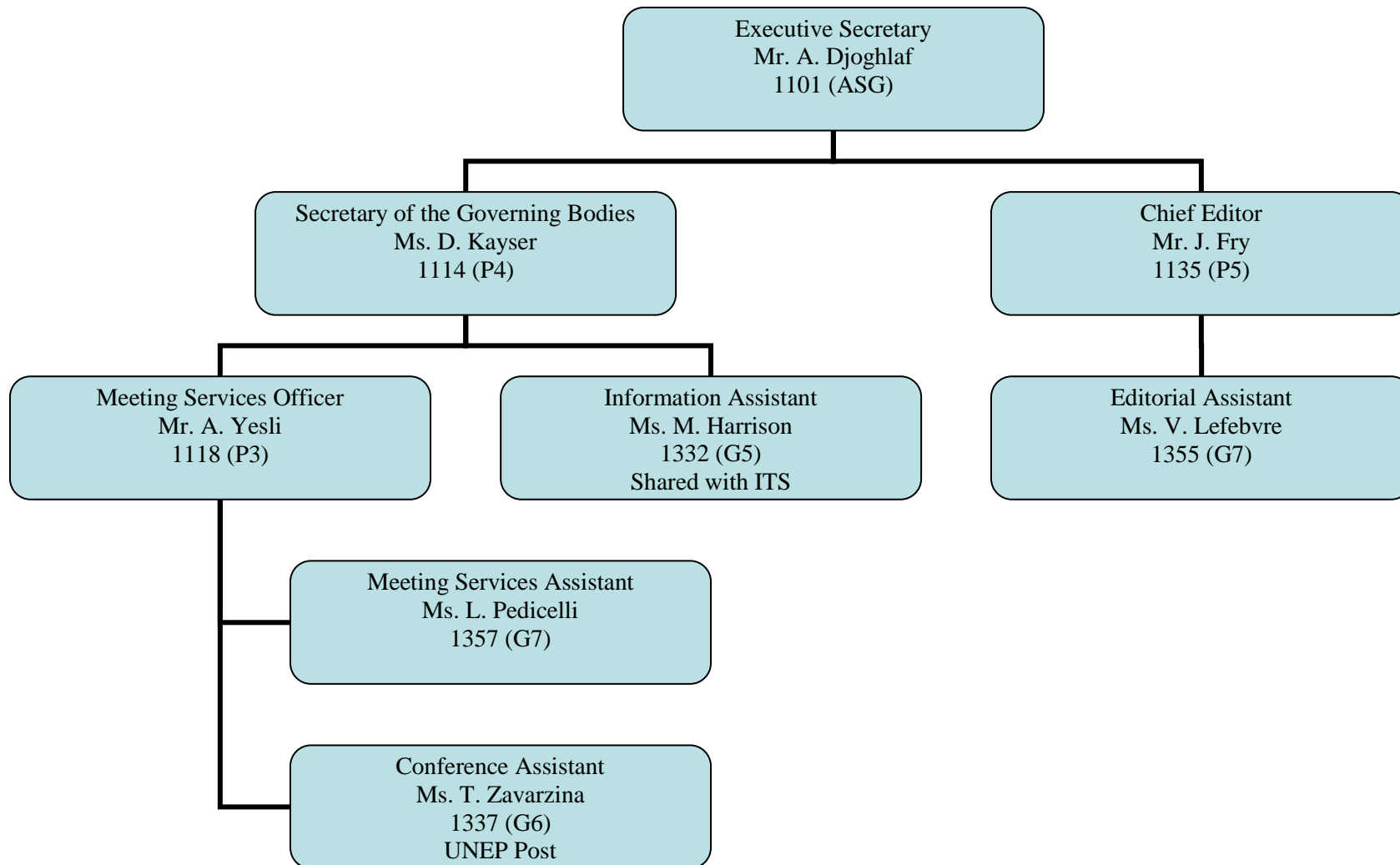
Biosafety Protocol



Resource Management



Conference Services



ANNEX IV
General Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities under the Convention on Biological Diversity (BE)

Status of Contribution as at 31 December 2008 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.07	Adjustments	Pledges for 2008		Collections in 2008 for prior years	Collections in 2008 for 2008 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2008 & prior years
Belgium			63,718	29/		54,379	9,339
Canada	127,202			10/	127,202		0
Canada			46,598	35/			46,598
CIFOR			2,000	23/		2,000	0
COMIFAC			13,928	26/		13,928	0
COMIFAC			32,383	2/			32,383
Czech Republic			36,928	33/		36,928	0
Denmark			19,405	41/		19,405	
EC	59,065			3/			59,065
EC	91,193			4/			91,193
EC	324,484			5/	249,725		74,759
EC			517,464	46/		445,682	71,782
France			129,366	37/		129,366	0
Fundacion Biodiversidad			908	15/		908	0
GEF			150,000	22/		150,000	0
Germany	30,000			1/	30,000		0
Germany			14,909	16/		14,909	0
Germany			819,689	21/		819,689	0
Germany			1,467,480	31/		1,467,480	0

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.07	Adjustments	Pledges for 2008		Collections in 2008 for prior years	Collections in 2008 for 2008 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2008 & prior years
Germany			49,215	34/		49,215	0
Germany			66,106	39/		66,106	0
Germany			49,806	40/		49,806	0
Germany			1,386,806	8/		58,549	1,328,257
Germany			142,487	9/		38,860	103,627
Ireland			77,620	43/		77,620	0
Italy	50,000			6/			50,000
Italy			18,111	12/		18,111	0
Italy			32,189	13/		32,189	0
Institute of Energy & Environment			14,080	17/		14,080	0
Japan			10,000	14/		10,000	0
Japan			176,796	32/		176,796	0
Nature Conservancy			6,000	20/		6,000	0
Netherlands			380,000	18/		380,000	0
Netherlands			231,828	19/		231,828	0
Norway	16,241			7/	16,241		(0)
Norway			74,902	11/		74,902	0
Norway			30,061	36/		30,061	0
Norway			22,831	42/		22,831	0
Spain	(924,556)		924,556	30/			0
Spain			355,535	27/		355,535	0
Spain			776,197	38/		776,197	0
Sweden			216,552	44/			216,552

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.07	Adjustments	Pledges for 2008		Collections in 2008 for prior years	Collections in 2008 for 2008 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2008 & prior years
Sweden			74,246	45/			74,246
UK			198,413	25/			198,413
UK			19,841	24/			19,841
UK			18,382	28/			18,382
Total	(226,372)		8,667,336		423,168	5,623,360	2,394,436

1/Germany pledged US\$ 100,000 towards GBO-3

2/COMIFAC pledged EUR 25,000 for the implementation of the CBD in Central Africa

3/EC pledged EUR 50,000 towards the Expert Workshop on Protected Areas, Curitiba, Brazil, 17-18 March 2006

4/EC pledged EUR 225,000 towards Various Approved Activities

5/EC pledged EUR 220,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2007/487777/SUB/E2

6/Italy pledged US\$ 50,000 towards the 2nd Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, 2006

7/Norway pledged US\$ 200,000 towards the Regional Consultation on ABS and Enhanced Mainstreaming of Biodiversity

8/Germany pledged EUR 1,070,614 towards the Global Life Web

9/Germany pledged EUR 110,000 towards the improvement of the CBD website content on Protected Areas

10/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 132,000 towards Various Approved Activities

11/Norway pledged NOK 400,000 towards the 6th Meeting of Access and Benefit Sharing, Geneva, Switzerland, 21-25 January 2008

12/Italy pledged EUR 14,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas Meeting and the SBSTTA 13 Meeting, Rome, Italy, February 2008

13/Italy pledged EUR 24,882 towards the GLIPSA Meeting

14/Japan pledged US\$ 10,000 towards GBO-3

15/Fundacion Biodiversidad pledged EUR 600 towards the Greening of CBD

16/Germany pledged EUR 9,452 towards the Project Proposal Green Wave

17/IEPF pledged Cdn\$ 15,679 towards the convening of the African Regional Preparatory Workshop on Access and Benefit Sharing, Geneva, Switzerland, 18-19 January 2008

18/Netherlands pledged US\$ 380,000 regarding Letter of Intent for the period 2007

19/Netherlands pledged EUR 146,979 being final payment regarding 2006 Letter of intent

20/Nature Conservancy pledged US\$ 6,000 towards the translation of Protected Areas Publications

21/Germany pledged EUR 525,441 towards the COP-9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008

- 22/GEF pledged US\$ 150,000 towards the development of South-South Plan of Action
- 23/CIFOR pledged US\$ 2,000 towards the printing of CBD Technical Series document on bushmeat, in French
- 24/UK pledged GBP 10,000 towards the AHTEG Climate Change and Biodiversity
- 25/UK pledged GBP 100,000 towards GBO-3
- 26/COMIFAC pledged EUR 10,000 for the Forest Biodiversity activities in Central Africa
- 27/Spain pledged EUR 258,270 for the programme of work on Article 8j and related provisions
- 28/UK pledged GBP 10,000 in support of the CBD Gender Plan of Action
- 29/Belgium pledged EUR 15,000 and the Flemish Government EUR 30,000, towards the AHTEG on Biodiversity and Climate Change
- 30/Spain pledged EUR 625,000 towards Additional Approved Activities
- 31/Germany pledged EUR 1,000,000 towards Poverty Alleviation
- 32/Japan pledged US\$ 176,796 towards the secondment of a JPO - Ms. Moriwake
- 33/Czech Republic pledged EUR 25,000 towards the Meetings: Access and Benefit Sharing in 2009 and Protected Areas in 2010
- 34/Germany pledged EUR 39,000 towards the COP-9 Bureau Meeting, Barcelona, Spain, 4 - 5 December 2008
- 35/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 50,000 for the AHTEG on Access and Benefit Sharing, Namibia, 2 - 5 December 2008
- 36/Norway pledged US\$ 30,091 towards the SBSTTA Bureau Meeting, Berlin, Germany, 26 - 27 November 2008
- 37/France pledged EUR 100,000 towards Biodiversity and Development
- 38/Spain pledged EUR 600,000 towards Additional Approved Activities
- 39/Germany pledged EUR 51,100 towards the ABS Expert Meeting and the ABS Co-Chairs Travel
- 40/Germany pledged EUR 38,500 towards the COP-9 Bureau Meeting, Berlin, Germany, 26 - 27 November 2008
- 41/Denmark pledged EUR 15,000 towards the AHTEG Climate Change
- 42/Norway pledged NOK 150,000 towards the African Regional Workshop on NBSAPs, Nairobi, Kenya, February 2009
- 43/Ireland pledged EUR 60,000 towards the Publication of Plant Conservation Report
- 44/Sweden pledged SEK 1,750,000 towards the ABS-7
- 45/Sweden pledged SEK 600,000 towards the Expert Group on Traditional Knowledge associated with genetic resources
- 46/EC pledged EUR 400,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2008/514760/SUB/E2

ANNEX V

General Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Process of the Convention on Biological Diversity (BZ)

Status as at 31 December 2008 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.07	Adjustments		Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior years	Collections in 2008 for 2008 & fut yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2008 & prior years
Canada			9/	170,307		170,307	0
Denmark	27,076		2/				27,076
Denmark			6/	84,383		84,383	0
EC	32,425		3/				32,425
EC	530,973		4/		435,703		95,270
Finland			10/	26,480		26,480	0
Germany			12/	202,492		202,492	0
Iceland			13/	1,000		1,000	0
Ireland			8/	77,500		77,500	0
Norway	4,060		5/		4,060		0
Norway			7/	172,456		172,456	0
Spain	(258,876)		1/	258,876			0
Spain			14/	517,464		517,464	0
Sweden			11/	99,364		99,364	0
Total	335,659	0		1,610,322	439,763	1,351,446	154,771

1/Spain pledged EUR 175,000 towards the participation of Delegates in COP 9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008

2/Denmark pledged DKK 150,000 towards the SBSTTA 12 Meeting and the 2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Paris, France, 2-13 July 2007

3/EC pledged EUR 80,000 towards the participants costs to the Article 8(j), the ABS and the 2nd Ad-Hoc Working Group on Protected Areas Meetings

4/EC pledged EUR 360,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2007/487777/SUB/E2

5/Norway pledged US\$ 50,000 towards the participation of Delegates from Developing Countries

6/Denmark pledged DKK 400,000 towards the participation of Developing Countries in COP 9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008

7/Norway pledged NOK 900,000 towards the participation of Developing Country Parties and Parties with economies in transition for CBD Meetings

8/Ireland pledged EUR 50,000 towards the participation of Developing Country Parties in COP 9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008

9/Canada pledged CAD 170,000 towards the participation of Delegates to COP 9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008

10/Finland pledged EUR 17,000 towards the participation of Developing Country Parties in COP 9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008

11/Sweden pledged SEK 600,000 towards the COP 9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008

12/Germany pledged EUR 130,000 towards the High Level Segment of COP-9

13/Iceland pledged US\$ 1,000 towards the participation of Parties in ABS-7, Paris, France, 2 - 8 April 2009

14/Spain pledged EUR 400,000 towards the 7th Meeting on Access and Benefit-Sharing, Paris, France, 2-8 April 2009

ANNEX VI
General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (BY)

As at 31 December 2008

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Afghanistan	211	220		211	651	0	(431)	(431)
Albania	0	550			550	0	0	0
Algeria		8,363	8,363		22,968	0	(22,968)	(22,968)
Angola		110	2,068			0	(1,958)	(1,958)
Antigua & Barbuda		330	330			0	0	0
Argentina	0	105,194			105,194	0	0	0
Armenia	0	220			220	0	0	0
Australia		175,177	175,177		231,038	0	(231,038)	(231,038)
Austria		94,521	94,521		114,679	0	(114,679)	(114,679)
Azerbaijan	0	550			550	0	0	0
Bahamas		1,430	1,430		2,069	0	(2,069)	(2,069)
Bahrain		3,301	3,301		8,917	0	(8,917)	(8,917)
Bangladesh	0	852			1,777	0	(925)	(925)
Barbados		1,100	1,100		1,164	0	(1,164)	(1,164)
Belarus	33,081	1,981		4,000		29,081	1,981	31,062
Belgium	112,643	117,628		112,643	117,628	0	0	0
Belize	105	110				105	110	215
Benin		220	283		207	0	(270)	(270)
Bhutan		110	110		270	0	(270)	(270)
Bolivia	1,678	990			990	1,678	0	1,678
Bosnia & Herzegovina		330	330			0	0	0
Botswana		1,320	3,904		1,199	0	(3,783)	(3,783)
Brazil	85,881	167,584		85,881	140,259	(0)	27,325	27,325
Brunei Darussalam	0	1,615			1,615	0	0	0
Bulgaria	0	1,871			1,871	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	1,146	220		713		433	220	653

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Burundi	896	110				896	110	1,006
Cambodia		220	220		329	0	(329)	(329)
Cameroon		880	506			0	374	374
Canada	0	309,530			694,421	0	(384,891)	(384,891)
Cape Verde	3,746	110				3,746	110	3,856
Central African Rep.	111	110				111	110	221
Chad		110	2			0	108	108
Chile	0	24,538			24,538	0	0	0
China	0	225,903			225,903	0	0	0
Colombia		17,056	391		16,665	0	0	0
Comoros	3,004	110				3,004	110	3,114
Congo	123	110				123	110	233
Congo Dem.Rep	5,808	330				5,808	330	6,138
Cook Islands	308	110		308	110	0	0	0
Costa Rica	10,325	3,301		8,574		1,751	3,301	5,052
Cote d'Ivoire	1,047	1,100				1,047	1,100	2,147
Croatia	0	4,071			4,071	0	0	0
Cuba	33,896	4,732		4,700		29,196	4,732	33,928
Cyprus	0	4,291			4,291	0	0	0
Czech Republic		20,137	20,137		75,930	0	(75,930)	(75,930)
Denmark		79,006	78,976			0	30	30
Djibouti	406	110				406	110	516
Dominica	339	110				339	110	449
Dominica Rep.	3,688	3,851		3,688	3,831	0	20	20
Ecuador	0	2,091			2,091	0	0	0
EEC	0	213,048			213,008	0	40	40
Egypt	0	13,204			26,408	0	(13,204)	(13,204)
El Salvador	0	2,421				0	2,421	2,421
Equatorial Guinea	400	220				400	220	620
Eritrea		110	362		48	0	(300)	(300)
Estonia		1,320	1,320		2,069	0	(2,069)	(2,069)
Ethiopia		440	440		388	0	(388)	(388)

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Fiji		440	3,944			0	(3,504)	(3,504)
Finland		58,649	58,649		72,919	0	(72,919)	(72,919)
France	0	663,515			663,515	0	0	0
Gabon		990	24,379			0	(23,389)	(23,389)
Gambia		110	442			0	(332)	(332)
Georgia	2,084	330		2,084	718	(0)	(388)	(388)
Germany	0	953,129			953,129	0	0	0
Ghana	2,189	440				2,189	440	2,629
Greece	0	58,319			58,319	0	0	0
Grenada	105	110		105	110	0	0	0
Guatemala	0	3,301				0	3,301	3,301
Guinea	1,221	330				1,221	330	1,551
Guinea-Bissau	2,525	110				2,525	110	2,635
Guyana		110	429			0	(319)	(319)
Haiti	316	330				316	330	646
Honduras	3,087	550		3,087	526	0	24	24
Hungary	0	13,865			45,411	0	(31,546)	(31,546)
Iceland		3,741	3,699		4,826	0	(4,784)	(4,784)
India	0	46,325			46,325	0	0	0
Indonesia		15,625	15,625		20,815	0	(20,815)	(20,815)
Iran	48,464	17,276				48,464	17,276	65,740
Ireland		38,513	38,513		57,507	0	(57,507)	(57,507)
Israel		51,387	51,387			0	0	0
Italy		537,525	537,525		656,645	0	(656,645)	(656,645)
Jamaica		880	880			0	0	0
Japan	0	1,874,818			1,874,818	0	0	0
Jordan	1,088	1,210		1,088	1,210	0	0	0
Kazakhstan	5,475	2,751		2,634	2,751	2,841	0	2,841
Kenya		990	990			0	0	0
Kiribati		110	88		268	0	(246)	(246)
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	1,115	1,100				1,115	1,100	2,215
Korea, Rep. of	0	197,624			78,604	0	119,020	119,020

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Kuwait	0	17,826			17,826	0	0	0
Kyrgyzstan		110	110		485	0	(485)	(485)
Lao PDR		110	110		270	0	(270)	(270)
Latvia		1,651	1,651		2,327	0	(2,327)	(2,327)
Lebanon	6,216	2,641				6,216	2,641	8,857
Lesotho		110	111			0	(1)	(1)
Liberia	841	110		841	110	0	0	0
Libya	44,303	14,525				44,303	14,525	58,828
Liechtenstein	0	550			550	0	0	0
Lithuania		2,641	2,641			0	0	0
Luxembourg	0	8,473			8,473	0	0	0
Macedonia, FYR		660	660			0	0	0
Madagascar		330	361		510	0	(541)	(541)
Malawi		110	110			0	0	0
Malaysia		22,337	22,337		24,550	0	(24,550)	(24,550)
Maldives		110	110			0	0	0
Mali		220	238			0	(18)	(18)
Malta	0	1,541			1,541	0	0	0
Marshall Island	105	110				105	110	215
Mauritania	1,835	110				1,835	110	1,945
Mauritius	0	1,210			1,210	0	0	0
Mexico	13,674	207,197			207,197	13,674	0	13,674
Micronesia, Fed. States	105	110				105	110	215
Moldova, Rep. of	0	110			110	0	0	0
Monaco		330	330			0	0	0
Mongolia		110	110		270	0	(270)	(270)
Montenegro	165	110		165	110	0	0	0
Morocco	4,952	5,172				4,952	5,172	10,124
Mozambique		110	110		270	0	(270)	(270)
Myanmar	1,624	852		1,624	374	0	478	478
Namibia	632	660		632	1,436	0	(776)	(776)
Nauru	3,124	110				3,124	110	3,234

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Nepal	332	440				332	440	772
Netherlands	0	185,960			185,960	0	0	0
New Zealand		24,318	24,318		33,098	0	(33,098)	(33,098)
Nicaragua	105	110				105	110	215
Niger	2,860	110				2,860	110	2,970
Nigeria		4,622	4,622			0	0	0
Niue	222	110				222	110	332
Norway	0	74,714			74,714	0	0	0
Oman		7,703	7,703		9,438	0	(9,438)	(9,438)
Pakistan		6,052	5,687			0	365	365
Palau		110	102			0	8	8
Panama	1,485	2,091			2,091	1,485	0	1,485
Papua New Guinea	316	330				316	330	646
Paraguay	12,782	1,320				12,782	1,320	14,102
Peru	59,961	10,123				59,961	10,123	70,084
Philippines	22,635	10,453		22,635	1,784	(0)	8,669	8,669
Poland		50,726	50,726			0	0	0
Portugal		51,717	1,026		50,691	0	0	0
Qatar		7,042	7,042			0	0	0
Romania		6,602	6,602			0	0	0
Russian Federation	0	121,039			121,039	0	0	0
Rwanda		110	110			0	0	0
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	2,175	110				2,175	110	2,285
Samoa	130	110				130	110	240
San Marino	0	330			330	0	0	0
Sao Tome Principe	677	110				677	110	787
Saudi Arabia	0	78,455				0	78,455	78,455
Senegal		550	2,973			0	(2,423)	(2,423)
Serbia		2,091	2,091			0	0	0
Seychelles		220	285			0	(65)	(65)
Sierra Leone	402	110				402	110	512
Singapore		42,694	42,694		44,843	0	(44,843)	(44,843)

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Slovak		5,612	5,612		8,145	0	(8,145)	(8,145)
Slovenia		9,023	9,023			0	0	0
Solomon Is.		110	110			0	0	0
South Africa		32,130	32,130			0	0	0
Spain	0	277,290			277,290	0	0	0
Sri Lanka	1,791	1,871			1,871	1,791	0	1,791
St. Lucia		220	215			0	5	5
St.Kitts &Nevis		110	110			0	0	0
Sudan	7,569	852				7,569	852	8,421
Suriname		110	1,597			0	(1,487)	(1,487)
Swaziland	211	220				211	220	431
Sweden	0	109,816			109,816	0	0	0
Switzerland		131,713	131,713		157,189	0	(157,189)	(157,189)
Syria	0	4,181			4,181	0	0	0
Tajikistan		110	447		100	0	(437)	(437)
Thailand	0	22,997			22,997	0	0	0
Togo		110	92			0	18	18
Tonga		110	100			0	10	10
Trinidad & Tobago	0	2,421			2,421	0	0	0
Tunisia		3,521	3,521			0	0	0
Turkey	0	40,933			40,933	0	0	0
Turkmenistan	527	550		527		0	550	550
Tuvalu		110	503			0	(393)	(393)
U. K.	0	674,189			674,189	0	0	0
Uganda		660	1,262		2,087	0	(2,689)	(2,689)
Ukraine	4,136	4,291		4,136	4,291	0	0	0
Un.Rep. of Tanzania		660	17,487			0	(16,827)	(16,827)
United Arab Emirates	70	25,858			25,833	70	25	95
Uruguay	5,058	5,282		5,058	5,282	0	0	0
Uzbekistan	11,959	1,541			1,541	11,959	0	11,959
Vanuatu	105	110		105	110	0	0	0
Venezuela		18,816	17,731			0	1,085	1,085

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Viet Nam		2,311	2,311			0	0	0
Yemen	7,684	660				7,684	660	8,344
Zambia		220	966			0	(746)	(746)
Zimbabwe	2,162	770		2,162	1,214	0	(444)	(444)
Sub Total	589,442	8,523,616	1,539,721	267,601	8,717,430	321,841	(1,733,535)	(1,411,694)

Additional Contributions								
Canada	0	660,620			660,620	0	0	0
Quebec	0	208,080			208,080	0	0	0
Grand Total	589,442	9,392,316	1,539,721	267,601	9,586,130	321,841	(1,733,535)	(1,411,694)

ANNEX VII
General Trust Fund for the Core Budget of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

As at 31 December 2008

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
	US\$	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Albania	176	133		176	133	0	0	0
Algeria		1,991	1,991		2,357	0	(2,357)	(2,357)
Antigua and Barbuda	105	79				105	79	184
Armenia	70	52		70		0	52	52
Austria		22,498	22,498		24,589	0	(24,589)	(24,589)
Azerbaijan	407	135				407	135	542
Bahamas	455	340		455	784	0	(444)	(444)
Bangladesh	591	165				591	165	756
Barbados		262	262		544	0	(544)	(544)
Belarus	0	471			471	0	0	0
Belgium	25,974	27,998		25,712	27,998	262	0	262
Belize	35	26				35	26	61
Benin	0	54			82	0	(28)	(28)
Bhutan		26	26		30	0	(30)	(30)
Bolivia	315	236				315	236	551
Botswana		314	314		338	0	(338)	(338)
Brazil	0	39,889				0	39,889	39,889
Bulgaria	0	445			445	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	70	52		70	405	0	(353)	(353)
Cambodia		52	52		28	0	(28)	(28)
Cameroon	790	210				790	210	1,000
Cape Verde	61	28				61	28	89
Chad*	0	28				0	28	28
China	0	55,884			55,884	0	0	0

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	US\$	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Colombia		4,060	129		3,931	0	0	0
Congo	57	28				57	28	85
Costa Rica	702	827				702	827	1,529
Croatia	0	969			969	0	0	0
Cuba	4,246	1,126				4,246	1,126	5,372
Cyprus	0	1,021			1,021	0	0	0
Czech Republic		4,793	4,793		7,804	0	(7,804)	(7,804)
Democratic Republic Of Congo	247	81				247	81	328
Denmark	25,107	18,805				25,107	18,805	43,912
Djibouti	98	26				98	26	124
Dominica	98	26				98	26	124
Dominican Republic	15	969		15	969	0	0	0
Ecuador	0	498			498	0	0	0
Egypt	773	314		773	668	0	(354)	(354)
El Salvador	0	576				0	576	576
Eritrea	83	27		83	55	0	(28)	(28)
Estonia		314	314		444	0	(444)	(444)
Ethiopia		105	105		201	0	(201)	(201)
European Community	0	41,155			41,120	0	35	35
Fiji	140	105				140	105	245
Finland		13,960	13,960		15,637	0	(15,637)	(15,637)
France	0	157,932			157,932	0	0	0
Gabon	135	248				135	248	383
Gambia	98	26		98	56	0	(30)	(30)
Germany		226,866	226,866		237,717	0	(237,717)	(237,717)
Ghana	395	105				395	105	500
Greece	0	13,881			13,881	0	0	0
Grenada	98	26				98	26	124

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	US\$	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Guatemala		788	788			0	0	0
Guinea		64				0	64	64
Guyana		14				0	14	14
Hungary	0	3,300			10,081	0	(6,781)	(6,781)
India		11,026	11,006			0	20	20
Indonesia	0	3,751			7,942	0	(4,191)	(4,191)
Iran	15,504	4,112				15,504	4,112	19,616
Ireland		9,167	9,167		12,349	0	(12,349)	(12,349)
Italy	0	127,943			268,748	0	(140,805)	(140,805)
Japan	0	362,164			362,164	0	0	0
Jordan	378	288		378	288	0	0	0
Kazakhstan*		43					43	43
Kenya	315	236		315	236	0	0	0
Kiribati	0	26			56	0	(30)	(30)
Korea, Democratic Republic	988	262				988	262	1,250
Korea, Republic of	0	47,020			107,584	0	(60,564)	(60,564)
Kyrgyzstan		28	28		28	0	(28)	(28)
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	0	165				0	165	165
Latvia		393	393		499	0	(499)	(499)
Lesotho		26	63			0	(37)	(37)
Liberia	98	26		98	26	0	0	0
Libya	9,576	3,457				9,576	3,457	13,033
Lithuania		629	629			0	0	0
Luxembourg	0	2,017			2,017	0	0	0
Macedonia, FYR		163	163			0	0	0
Madagascar		79	81		53	0	(55)	(55)
Malaysia		5,317	5,307		5,274	0	(5,264)	(5,264)
Maldives		26	26		28	0	(28)	(28)

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	US\$	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Mali	8	52				8	52	60
Malta	371	386		371	386	0	0	0
Marshall Islands	98	26				98	26	124
Mauritania	69	26				69	26	95
Mauritius	21	288		21	613	0	(325)	(325)
Mexico		49,318	49,318		55,574	0	(55,574)	(55,574)
Mongolia	35	26				35	26	61
Montenegro	52	28				52	28	80
Mozambique	0	26			54	0	(28)	(28)
Myanmar		166				0	166	166
Namibia	167	160		167	160	0	0	0
Nauru	98	26				98	26	124
Netherlands		44,263	44,263			0	0	0
New Zealand	7,801	5,915				7,801	5,915	13,716
Nicaragua		26	26			0	0	0
Niger	98	26				98	26	124
Nigeria	0	1,100			286	0	814	814
Niue	63	26		63	7	0	19	19
Norway	20,006	17,784		20,006	19,808	0	(2,024)	(2,024)
Oman		1,833	1,833			0	0	0
Palau	98	26				98	26	124
Panama	1,876	498		1,876	124	0	374	374
Papua New Guinea	187	83				187	83	270
Paraguay	1,185	314				1,185	314	1,499
Peru	9,085	2,410				9,085	2,410	11,495
Philippines	3,377	2,618				3,377	2,618	5,995
Poland	22	12,074			12,074	22	0	22
Portugal	0	12,310				0	12,310	12,310
Qatar	1,270	1,764		1,270	7,146	0	(5,382)	(5,382)

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	US\$	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Republic of Moldova	35	26		35	26	0	0	0
Romania		1,571	1,571			0	0	0
Rwanda		26	26		28	0	(28)	(28)
Saint Kitts and Nevis		26	28		26	0	(28)	(28)
Saint Lucia		54	71			0	(17)	(17)
Saint Vincent & Gren.	98	26				98	26	124
Samoa	0	26				0	26	26
Saudi Arabia	3,778	19,361		3,778	40,497	0	(21,136)	(21,136)
Senegal	340	131				340	131	471
Serbia		526	526			0	0	0
Seychelles		52	52		55	0	(55)	(55)
Slovakia		1,336	1,336		1,748	0	(1,748)	(1,748)
Slovenia		2,148	2,148		2,663	0	(2,663)	(2,663)
Solomon Islands	98	26				98	26	124
South Africa	0	7,648			7,648	0	0	0
Spain	0	66,001			66,001	0	0	0
Sri Lanka		445	445		888	0	(888)	(888)
Sudan	452	165				452	165	617
Suriname		14			44	0	(30)	(30)
Swaziland		55	55			0	0	0
Sweden	566	26,139		566	26,139	(0)	0	(0)
Switzerland		31,351	31,351		33,682	0	(33,682)	(33,682)
Syria	0	995			995	0	0	0
Tajikistan	98	26				98	26	124
Thailand	0	5,786			5,786	0	0	0
Togo	98	26				98	26	124
Tonga	0	26				0	26	26
Trinidad and Tobago		576	576			0	0	0
Tunisia	0	838			838	0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
	US\$	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Turkey	0	9,743			9,743	0	0	0
Turkmenistan		15				0	15	15
Uganda		157	86		761	0	(690)	(690)
Ukraine	1,364	1,021		1,364	1,021	0	0	0
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0	160,472			344,649	0	(184,177)	(184,177)
United Republic of Tanzania	25	157				25	157	182
Venezuela	16,886	4,479		16,886	4,479	0	0	0
Viet Nam	734	550		734	1,216	0	(666)	(666)
Yemen	353	166				353	166	519
Zambia		52	435		52	0	(435)	(435)
Zimbabwe	257	187		257	187	0	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	159,369	1,718,790	433,107	75,637	2,019,768	83,732	(734,085)	(650,353)

Additional Contributions								
Canada	0	171,700			171,700		0	0
Grand Total	159,369	1,890,490	433,107	75,637	2,191,468	83,732	(734,085)	(650,353)

* New Party effective 7 December 2008

ANNEX VIII
Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in Support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (BH)

Status as at 31 December 2008 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.07	Adjustments	Pledges for 2008		Collections in 2008 for prior years	Collections in 2008 for 2008 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2008 & prior years
EC	8,106			1/			8,106
EC	58,997			2/	48,412		10,585
EC			129,366	12/		111,421	17,945
France			22,189	13/		22,189	0
Germany			25,873	6/		25,873	(0)
Germany			233,214	9/		233,214	0
ICGEB			21,866	4/		21,866	(0)
Netherlands			45,000	8/			45,000
Netherlands			200,000	10/		200,000	0
Netherlands			150,000	14/			150,000
Norway	14,051			3/	14,051		0
Norway			9,581	5/		9,581	0
Spain			32,383	7/		32,383	0
Switzerland			5,000	11/		5,000	0
Total	81,154	0	874,472		62,463	661,527	231,636

1/EC pledged EUR 20,000 in Support to the Biosafety Clearing House

2/EC pledged EUR 40,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2007/487777/SUB/E2

3/Norway pledged US\$ 173,000 towards the Capacity Building and Outreach for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

4/ICGEB pledged EUR 15,000 towards the Biosafety Meeting, New Delhi, India, February 2008

5/Norway pledged NOK 50,000 towards the 4th Coordination Meeting, New Delhi, India

6/Germany pledged EUR 20,000 towards the 5th AHTEG on Liability & Redress, Cartagena, Colombia, 12-19 March 2008

- 7/Spain pledged EUR 25,000 towards the Capacity Building/Risk Assessment workshops
- 8/Netherlands pledged US\$ 45,000 towards the participation of Developing Countries in the Meeting of the Friends of the Co-Chairs on Liability & Redress
- 9/Germany pledged EUR 149,496 towards the COP/MOP 4 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 12-16 May 2008
- 10/Netherlands pledged US\$ 200,000 regarding Letter of Intent for the period 2007
- 11/Switzerland pledged US\$ 5,000 towards the Biosafety Clearing House External Security Audit
- 12/EC pledged EUR 100,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2008/514760/SUB/E2
- 13/France pledged EUR 15,000 towards the Fifth Meeting on Liability and Redress, Cartagena, Colombia, 12-19 March 2008
- 14/Netherlands pledged US\$ 150,000 regarding Letter of Intent for the period 2007

ANNEX IX**Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (BI)**

Status as at 31 December 2008 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.07	Adjustments	Pledges for 2008		Collections in 2008 for prior years	Collections in 2008 for 2008 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2008 & prior years
EC	11,813			1/			11,813
EC	40,530			2/			40,530
Finland			7,731	5/		7,731	0
Finland			15,462	8/		15,462	0
Norway			28,743	3/		28,743	(0)
Norway			76,647	6/		76,647	0
Spain			97,150	4/		97,150	0
Sweden			58,016	7/		58,016	0
Total	52,343	0	283,749		0	283,749	52,343

1/EC pledged EUR 50,000 towards the Second Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Montreal, Canada, 20-24 February 2006

2/EC pledged EUR 100,000 towards the participation Costs to the 3rd and the 4th Meetings on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol

3/Norway pledged NOK 150,000 towards the Fifth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Cartagena, Colombia, 12-19 March 2008

4/Spain pledged EUR 75,000 towards the 5th Meeting on Liability and Redress and the COP/MOP4 Meeting

5/Finland pledged EUR 5,000 towards the Fifth Meeting on Liability and Redress, Cartagena, Colombia, 12-19 March 2008

6/Norway pledged NOK 400,000 towards the participation Costs of the Cartagena Protocol Meetings

7/Sweden pledged SEK 350,000 towards the Fifth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Liability and Redress under the Biosafety Protocol, Cartagena, Colombia, 12-19 March 2008

8/Finland pledged EUR 10,000 towards the COP/MOP4 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 12-16 May 2008

ANNEX X

General Trust Fund for Voluntary Contributions to Facilitate the Participation of Indigenous and Local Communities in the Work of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Status as at 31 December 2008 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.07	Adjustments	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior years	Collections in 2008 for 2008 & fut yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2008 & prior years
Austria			8/ 20,216		20,216	0
Austria			9/ 12,937		12,937	0
Canada	41,235		3/	41,235		0
Canada			4/ 30,054		30,054	0
EC	10,132		1/			10,132
Finland			5/ 12,461		12,461	0
Germany			6/ 50,551		50,551	0
Norway	4,060		2/	4,060		0
Spain			7/ 332,765		332,765	0
Total	55,427	0	458,984	45,295	458,984	10,132

1/EC pledged EUR 25,000

2/Norway pledged US\$ 50,000

3/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 40,000 towards the 5th Meeting Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions

4/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 30,000 towards the participation of Delegates to COP 9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008

5/Finland pledged EUR 8,000 towards the participation of Delegates to COP 9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008

6/Germany pledged EUR 32,404 towards the COP 9 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 19-30 May 2008

7/Spain pledged EUR 241,730 for the programme of work on Article 8j and related provisions

8/Austria pledged EUR 15,000 towards the participation of Delegates to ABS Expert Group Meeting on Concepts, Terms, Working Definitions and Sectoral Approaches, Windhoek, Namibia, 2 - 5 December 2008

9/Austria pledged EUR 10,000 towards the participation of Delegates to ABS Expert Group Meeting, Tokyo, Japan, 27-30 January 2009

ANNEX XI
List of Meetings Organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
(As at 31 December 2008)

2007

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
22 - 25 January 2007	Meeting of the Group of Technical Experts on an Internationally Recognized Certificate of Origin/Source/Legal Provenance	Lima, Peru
19 - 23 February 2007	Third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of Protocol	Montreal, Canada
1 - 2 March 2007	Fourth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	Lusaka, Zambia
5 - 7 March 2007	Third meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Protocol	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
19 - 20 March 2007	Roundtable on the Interlinkages between Biodiversity and Climate Change	Montreal, Canada
26 - 28 March 2007	Mayors' Meeting on the Contribution of Cities to the Achievement of the 2010 Biodiversity Target	Curitiba, Brazil
2 - 4 April 2007	South and West Asia Sub-Regional Workshop on the review of, and Capacity-Building for, the implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas	Dehradun, India
16 - 18 April 2007	Second International Meeting of Academic Institutions and Organizations Involved in Biosafety Education and Training	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
30 April - 3 May 2007	Advisory Group for the Programme of Work on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions	Montreal, Canada
28 May - 1 June 2007	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Forest Biodiversity	FAO, Rome, Italy
1 July 2007	Capacity-Building Workshop for SBSTTA-12 Participants	Museum d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France
1 July 2007	First Meeting of the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of Biodiversity-Related Conventions	Paris, France
1 July 2007	Meeting of the SBSTTA Bureau	Paris, France

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
2-6 July 2007	Twelfth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-12)	Paris, France
7 July 2007	Meeting of the Clearing-House Mechanism Informal Advisory Committee	UNESCO, Paris, France
7 July 2007	Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA-IAC)	Paris, France
8 July 2007	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Paris, France
8 July 2007	Capacity-building Workshop for National Focal Points (CBW WGRI-2)	Paris, France
9-13 July 2007	Second Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI-2)	Paris, France
13-16 August 2007	Anglophone Africa sub-regional workshop on the review of, and capacity-building for, the implementation of the CBD programme of work on Protected Areas	Cape Town, South Africa
23-25 August 2007	African Regional Workshop on Capacity-Building and Exchange of Experiences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
10-12 September 2007	Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Technology Transfer and Scientific and Technological Cooperation	Geneva, Switzerland
17 - 19 September 2007	Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues	Montreal, Canada
19-21 September 2007	Indigenous and Local Communities Experts for the International Indigenous Expert Consultation on Access and Benefit-sharing	Montreal, Canada
2 - 4 October 2007	Expert Workshop on ecological criteria and biogeographic classification systems for marine areas in need of protection	S.Miguel Island, Azores, Portugal
4 - 5 October 2007	Third meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House	Montreal, Canada
5 October 2007	Atelier de renforcement des capacités préparatoire aux négociations sur l'APA pour les pays francophones	Montreal, Canada
5 - 6 October 2007	Capacity-building Workshop and Briefing of African Delegates Prior to the ABSWG-5 Meeting	Montreal, Canada
7 October 2007	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Montreal, Canada

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
8 - 12 October 2007	Fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing	Montreal, Canada
13 October 2007	Informal Consultations on the Development of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization in Support of Implementation of the Convention	Montreal, Canada
14 October 2007	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Montreal, Canada
15 - 19 October 2007	Fifth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions	Montreal, Canada
17 October 2007	Second Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Consortium of Scientific Partners and Institutions	Paris, France
22 - 26 October 2007	Fourth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Protocol	Montreal, Canada
19 - 21 November 2007	Arctic Region Workshop on Indigenous Communities, Tourism and Biodiversity: New Information and Web-based Technologies	Quebec City, Canada
21 - 23 November 2007	Fourth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Protocol	Montreal, Canada
26-28 November 2007	Central and Eastern Europe Regional Workshop on Capacity-Building and Exchange of Experiences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms	Chisinau, Republic of Moldova
10 - 12 December 2007	Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Workshop on Capacity-Building and Exchange of Experiences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of LMOs	Bridgetown, Barbados

2008

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
7 - 10 January 2008	Workshop to strengthen national and regional capacities in the sub-region of Francophone Africa with a view to promoting and facilitating the implementation of the Programme of work on Protected Areas	Libreville, Gabon
14 - 18 January 2008	Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for South, Southeast and East Asia	Singapore City, Singapore

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
16 - 18 January 2008	Workshop on the Elaboration of a Gender Plan of Action for the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Secretariat	Chavannes-de-Bogis, Switzerland
18 - 19 January 2008	Capacity-building Workshop and Briefing of African Delegates Prior to the ABSWG-6 Meeting	Geneva, Switzerland
20 January 2008	Second meeting of the Informal Consultations on the Development of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization	Geneva, Switzerland
20 January 2008	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Geneva, Switzerland
21 - 25 January 2008	Sixth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (WG ABS 6)	Geneva, Switzerland
26 January 2008	Informal consultations on the suggested draft budget for the CBD for the 2009-2010 biennium	Geneva, Switzerland
26 January 2008	Meeting of the SBSTTA Bureau	Geneva, Switzerland
28 - 29 January 2008	Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA IAC)	Bonn, Germany
4 - 8 February 2008	Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Southern and Eastern Africa	Rustenburg, South Africa
10 February 2008	Meeting of the COP Bureau	FAO, Rome, Italy
11 - 13 February 2008	Fourth Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing or Funding Biosafety Capacity-Building Activities	New Delhi, India
11 - 15 February 2008	Second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas (WGPA 2)	FAO, Rome, Italy
14 - 15 February 2008	Fifth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	New Delhi, India
16 February 2008	Third meeting of the Informal Consultations on the Development of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization	Rome, Italy
16 February 2008	Workshop on the development of national/regional biodiversity-related targets and indicators and their integration in national biodiversity strategies and action plans	Rome, Italy
17 February 2008	Meeting of the SBSTTA Bureau	Rome, Italy
18 - 22 February 2008	Thirteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 13)	FAO, Rome, Italy

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
12 - 19 March 2008	Fifth meeting of the Open-Ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Protocol	Cartagena, Colombia
17 - 19 March 2008	Priority Activity 10 of the Programme of Work on Communication, Education and Public Awareness: Expert Workshop on Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Education	Paris, France
25 - 28 March 2008	Opportunities and challenges of responses to climate change for Indigenous and Local Communities, their Traditional Knowledge and Biological Diversity	Helsinki, Finland
26 - 27 March 2008	Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Central America	Mexico City, Mexico
31 March - 3 April 2008	Workshop for Portuguese-Speaking Countries on Training and Implementation of Methodologies for Conservation of Biodiversity and Management of Protected Areas	Maputo, Mozambique
31 March - 4 April 2008	Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for South America	Rio Branco, Acre, Brazil
7 - 9 April 2008	Asia Sub-Regional Workshop on Capacity-Building and Exchange of Experiences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
26 - 30 April 2008	Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Europe	Vilm, Germany
7 - 9 May 2008	Meeting of the Friends of the Co-Chairs of the fifth meeting of the Open-Ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Bonn, Germany
9 - 10 May 2008	Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) Training Workshop	Bonn, Germany

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
10 - 11 May 2008	Africa Union Preparatory Meeting of African Delegates to the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, COP-MOP 4	Bonn, Germany
11 May 2008	Meeting of the COP-MOP Bureau	Bonn, Germany
12 - 16 May 2008	Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP 4)	Bonn, Germany
17 May 2008	Capacity building Workshop for Women on CBD processes in preparation for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Bonn, Germany
17 - 18 May 2008	Asia and the Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Bonn, Germany
17 - 18 May 2008	Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Bonn, Germany
17 - 18 May 2008	African Regional Preparatory Meeting for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Bonn, Germany
18 May 2008	Meeting of the Clearing-House Mechanism Informal Advisory Committee (CHM-IAC)	Bonn, Germany
18 May 2008	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Bonn, Germany
19 - 30 May 2008	Ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 9)	Bonn, Germany
24 May 2008	Open-ended Workshop of the Informal Advisory Committee (IAC) for Communication, Education and Public Awareness	Bonn, Germany
25 - 26 May 2008	Biodiversity Training Workshop for Journalists attending COP 9	Bonn, Germany
28-30 May 2008	High Level Segment of COP-9	Bonn, Germany
11 June 2008	Business & Biodiversity Conference	Montreal, Canada
22 - 25 September 2008	Capacity-building Workshop for Central Africa on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and Mainstreaming of Biodiversity	Limbé, Cameroon

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
23 - 25 September 2008	Latin American Sub-Regional Workshop on Protected Areas	City of Salinas, Ecuador
29 September - 3 October 2008	Capacity-building Workshop for Western Africa, Comoros and Djibouti on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and Mainstreaming of Biodiversity	Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
21 October 2008	Third Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Consortium of Scientific Partners	Brussels, Belgium
1 - 4 November 2008	Expert Workshop on Integrating Protected Areas into wider Land- and Seascapes	Isle of Vilm, Germany
3 - 5 November 2008	Pacific Region Workshop on Indigenous Communities, Tourism and Biodiversity: New Information and Web-based Technologies	Apia, Samoa
3 - 6 November 2008	Workshop on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) for the Caribbean region	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
3 - 7 November 2008	Capacity-building Workshop for the Caribbean region for National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), Mainstreaming of Biodiversity and the Integration of Climate Change	Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago
6 - 7 November 2008	Expert Meeting on South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development	Montreal, Canada
12 - 14 November 2008	Global Indigenous Peoples' consultation on potential impacts of "Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD)" on Indigenous and Local Communities	Baguio, Philippines
17 - 18 November 2008	Fourth meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House	Montreal, Canada
17 - 21 November 2008	First meeting of the Second Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change	London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
19 - 21 November 2008	Fifth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
26 - 27 November 2008	Meeting of the SBSTTA Bureau	Berlin, Germany
26 - 27 November 2008	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Berlin, Germany
27 November 2008	Joint meeting of the COP and SBSTTA Bureaus	Berlin, Germany
28 November 2008	Meeting of the COP-MOP Bureau	Berlin, Germany

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
2 - 4 December 2008	Capacity-building workshop for the South, East and South East Asia on preparation of the fourth national reports	Tsukuba, Japan
2 - 5 December 2008	Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Concepts, Terms, Working Definitions and Sectoral Approaches	Windhoek, Namibia
14 - 18 December 2008	Capacity Development Workshop for the Arab states on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAP), and the Mainstreaming of Biodiversity	Cairo, Egypt
