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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 45<sup>th</sup> 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 April to 30 June 2009.

### I. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

#### MEETINGS

3. The Secretariat organized the following meetings:
4. The seventh meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing (WGABS-7) was held from 2 to 8 April 2009, at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris, France. Gathering more than 472 delegates, the meeting continued the negotiation of an international regime on access and benefit-sharing, focusing on operational text of the objective, scope, compliance, fair and equitable benefit sharing, and access. Prior to the WGABS-7, a meeting of the Interagency Task Force on Access and Benefit Sharing was held whereby members of the Task Force had an opportunity to share developments within their own processes of relevance to access and benefit-sharing. In the margins of the WGABS-7 meeting, an agreement was signed with the *Fundación para la Promoción del Conocimiento Indígena*, on behalf of the Indigenous Women's Biodiversity Network of the Latin American and Caribbean Region.
5. Immediately following the WGABS-7, the members of the Biodiversity-related Conventions Liaison Group (BLG) convened their seventh meeting on 9 April 2009 in Paris, which was hosted by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre. The meeting reviewed the implementation of decisions from previous BLG meetings and discussed outcome from recent meetings of the Conventions' respective governing/scientific bodies. The preparation for the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity, in particular the role of BLG, was discussed. Prior to the BLG meeting, the Director of UNEP-DEPI held a meeting with the BLG members to discuss the status of the preliminary IPBES Gap Analysis Report.
6. The second meeting of the *Ad hoc* Technical Expert Group on biodiversity and climate change was held on 18-22 April 2009 in Helsinki, Finland. The meeting agreed on: adaptation activities that make use of biodiversity and ecosystem services can, when integrated in an overall adaptation strategy, deliver a cost effective contribution to climate change adaptation and generate societal benefits; societal adaptation to the adverse impacts of climate change can have both positive and negative consequences for biodiversity and ecosystem services; the importance to integrate adaptation activities within the conservation sector; and that the value of ecosystems and the services they provide should be taken into account when making decisions about and providing appropriate incentives for societal adaptation to climate change.
7. The first meeting of the Ad hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety was held on 20-24 April 2009 in Montreal, Canada.

8. A meeting via teleconference was held on 28 April, with the participation of 16 representatives from the City of Curitiba, City of Montreal, IUCN, Aichi-Nagoya COP10 CBD Promotion Committee, ICLEI/LAB, ICLEI Africa, Singapore National Biodiversity Centre, UNEP-WCMC, ICLEI Japan, London School of Economics, City of Bonn, Environment Canada, and URBIO and, for the first time, from Environment Canada.

9. On 13-15 May 2009, an expert meeting focused on mainstreaming biodiversity in development cooperation was hosted by the Secretariat, with the participation of 45 international experts from bilateral/multilateral development agencies, a number of CBD Parties, as well as international NGOs.

10. On the occasion of the International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD) on 22 May, a special ceremony was organized at the Montreal Biosphere. The event gathered representatives from the diplomatic corps of Montreal, officials from the City of Montreal as well as universities and institutions located in Montreal. Biologist and filmmaker, Jean Lemire, attended the event, as well as representatives of the Youth Board for the Second International Youth Symposium for Biodiversity, who delivered a statement on Youth for Biodiversity. Presentations were made on Canada's Engagement Strategy for 2010, as well as on the 2010 International Year for Biodiversity were made. An outdoor photo exhibit on the invasive alien species, They're here!, was also organized by the Montreal Biosphere, which featured 40 giant photos of non-indigenous insects, fish and plants that impact our environment, society and economy.

11. A workshop on mainstreaming gender into NBSAPs, attended by 33 participants, was held on 12 May to validate the draft guidelines developed by the IUCN Senior gender Adviser's office to mainstream gender into the NBSAPs.

12. The Second European Workshop on NBSAPs and Mainstreaming of Biodiversity took place on 12-16 June 2009 in the Isle of Vilm, Germany.

13. The meeting of legal and technical experts on traditional knowledge was held on 16-19 June 2009 in Hyderabad, India. The meeting was opened by the Chief Minister of the State of Andhra Pradesh of India and by the Minister of Environment and Forests of India. The meeting provided concrete advice and recommendations on how to address traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources in the International Regime, and should greatly facilitate the negotiations at the next meeting of the ABS Working Group to take place in November 2009.

14. The Secretariat also organized the following meetings: Workshop for Least Developed Countries on the Fourth National Report (4-8 May 2009, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia); Online Forum on Paragraph 3 of Article 18 regarding the need for and modalities of developing standards for the Handling, Transport, Packaging and Identification of Living Modified Organisms (18 May - 5 June 2009, online); Liaison Group Meeting of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (26-28 May 2009, Dublin, Ireland).

#### **MUSEUM OF NATURE AND CULTURE**

15. On 15 April, the Secretariat received a beautiful painting from the Rwanda Environment Management Authority for inclusion to the CBD Museum of Nature and Culture. Established in 2006, the Museum now showcases 42 art works, comprised of paintings, sculptures, wood crafts, ceramics and tapestries.

## **REPRESENTATION**

16. Between April and June 2009, the Secretariat engaged and contributed to a number of important meetings which are of relevance to the work and objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Details can be seen in Annex I to this report.

### **MEMORANDA OF COOPERATION/UNDERSTANDING**

#### **CAFF**

17. A Memorandum of Cooperation was signed with the Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF). The agreement aims to build and share knowledge, raise awareness of the importance of arctic biodiversity, and enhance capacity for implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity in the Arctic Region.

#### **Census of Marine Life**

18. In June 2009, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity signed an agreement with the Census of Marine Life (CoML). The objective of the Memorandum of Cooperation is to establish a framework of collaboration, with a view to further common goals, including promoting and facilitating capacity-building in taxonomy and related technical and scientific cooperation and technology development to provide marine biodiversity observation information into the relevant process of the Convention.

#### **COHAB**

19. An agreement was signed with the Cooperation on Health and Biodiversity (COHAB) for the preparation of the health element of the Biodiversity for Development Toolkit series. The objective of the health toolkit is to assist the conservation of biodiversity and facilitate co-operation on biodiversity and development issues through “compiling good practices that support biodiversity conservation and poverty alleviation in a number of different development sectors”, and also provide “practical guidance for governments, development agencies, business, and non-governmental organizations working to ensure that biodiversity conservation and poverty reduction goals go hand in hand”.

### **MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

20. During the second quarter of 2009, the Executive Secretary held meetings with a number of senior representatives from Parties, other Governments, organizations and institutions, with a view to further strengthen collaboration as well as increase public awareness of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

21. The Secretariat welcomed the visit of a number of Government representatives, including: the new French Ambassador to Canada, the new Consul General of Japan in Montreal, the new Consul General of the Republic of Korea in Montreal, a delegation from the Government of Norway, and a number of new diplomats from the Government of Canada. Senior officials from organizations were also welcomed, including: the Lead Counsel of the ESSD and International Law Unit of The World Bank, a delegation from the United Nations University, and the Executive Director of the International Model Forest Network. Biologist and filmmaker Jean Lemire also visited the Secretariat and had an opportunity to meet with the CBD Executive Secretary and relevant Secretariat staff.

22. In the margins of the WGABS-7 meeting in Paris, the CBD Executive Secretary and relevant staff attended the first meeting of the EMG Issue Management Group on the 2010 and post-2010 biodiversity targets, which was held on 8 April. The Group was established to evaluate the potential of the UN-system to support member States in advancing towards these targets and to prepare its inputs to the UNGA special session on biodiversity in 2010 and at the tenth meeting of the CBD COP to be held in Nagoya, Japan.

23. The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) was represented at the eighth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, held on 20 April-1 May 2009 in New York, U.S.A. A high-level panel discussion on "Forests in a Changing Environment" was held on 21 April. The session was moderated by the Assistant Secretary-General, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, with the participation of the Executive Secretaries of the CBD and the UNCCD, and the Chair of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF). On 29 April, the CBD Secretariat organized a side event on the collaboration between UNFF and CBD. The Secretariat also took part in the Forest Dialogue on REDD, which took place on 25-26 April.

24. At the kind invitation of the Italian Minister of Environment, Land and Sea, the CBD Executive Secretary attended the G8 meeting of Environment Ministers, which was held on 22-24 April 2009 in Syracuse, Italy. The meeting focused on two main themes i.e. combating climate change and the protection of biodiversity. The CBD Executive Secretary took part and delivered a presentation at the Working Session 3 on "Biodiversity: a new perspective". The Environment Ministers adopted the "Syracuse Charter on Biodiversity", a policy statement designed to reinforce their commitment to biodiversity.

25. On 30 April, a DPI/NGO briefing on "Biodiversity - the basis for human well-being: Celebrating the International Year of Biodiversity in 2010" was held at the U.N. headquarters in New York. Gathering more than 120 representatives, the event provided an opportunity for the CBD Executive Secretary and relevant staff to inform participants on CBD implementation plan for the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity, as well as provide information on ways to engage the civil society organizations to contribute and take part in the celebrations.

26. At the kind invitation of the Dutch Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, in her capacity as Chair of the CSD-17, the CBD Executive Secretary attended the high level segment of the CSD-17 at the UN Headquarters in New York on 12-14 May 2009. The CBD Executive Secretary briefed the participants on the work of the Convention and recent activities of relevance to the CSD agenda, as well as highlighted preparations for the 2010 International Year for Biodiversity and the Biodiversity meetings to take place in Nagoya, Japan in October 2010. The Secretariat also took part in the Indigenous and Local Communities, Business and Biodiversity Consultation held on 12-13 May 2009 at the UN Headquarters. The CBD Executive Secretary delivered a statement at the event, while the CBD Programme Officer for traditional knowledge moderated the session. While in New York, the CBD Executive Secretary had an opportunity to meet with senior U.N. and government officials, including the new Administrator of UNDP, and a number of Ministers of Environment at the CSD meeting. On 15 May, the CBD Executive took part in meetings via teleconference, namely: meeting of the informal consultative group for IPBES-2 and the Countdown 2010 advisory board meeting.

27. Taking advantage of the presence of the three Executive Secretaries of the Rio Conventions in New York, the ninth meeting of the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions was held on 14 May 2009. The meeting took stock on activities agreed at the previous JLG meeting and to further define proposals for joint activities, in particular collaboration towards the International Year of Biodiversity in 2010. The three Executive Secretaries had a working lunch with the Director of the United Nations Forum on Forests.

28. In May 2009, at the kind invitation from the Ministry of the Environment of Japan, the CBD Executive Secretary took part in a number of meetings and events in Japan. On the occasion of the International Day for Biological Diversity, the CBD Executive Secretary was the keynote speaker at the International Day for Biological Diversity Symposium 2009 which took place at the United Nations University in Tokyo. The symposium was preceded by a Green Wave tree planting ceremony, with the participation of the Senior Vice-Minister of Environment, IUCN Chief Scientist, and more than 30 children. While in Japan, the CBD Executive Secretary had an opportunity to meet with the Minister of Environment, Vice Minister of Global Affairs, the Director General, and other directors in the Ministry of Environment. The CBD Executive Secretary also met with COP10 Ambassador and the Director General of Ministry Foreign Affairs. With Japanese government officials, preparations for IYB and the Nagoya Biodiversity meetings in 2010 were discussed. Meetings were also held with new Mayor of Nagoya, Japan Civil Society Network for CBD; Nippon Keidanren Committee for Nature Conservation, Secretary General of the Globe Commission on Land Use Change and Ecosystems, Chairman of the AEON Environmental Foundation, Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Nagoya, and senior officials of the Aichi Prefecture. The visit of the CBD Executive Secretary to Japan coincided with the visit of the CEO of Global Environment Facility, which provided an opportunity to discuss IYB celebrations at the fourth GEF Assembly to be held in Uruguay in May 2010.

29. At the initiative of the President of COP 9, the first Global Private Donor Forum on Biodiversity was held on 3 June 2009 in Berlin, Germany. The meeting focused on options and opportunities of private financial commitment for global biodiversity conservation. Participants included high-level government representatives, heads and senior staff of the United Nations and other organizations. The CBD Executive Secretary delivered a presentation and participated in discussions during the panel on “Nature conservation and climate protection for one world – synergies for sustainable development”. The Donor forum adopted the Berlin Declaration on Private Donorship. Meetings were held with representatives from the David Suzuki Foundation, JAF Foundation, Michael Succow Foundation and Nava Foundation. A meeting was also held with the Secretary of State of the German Federal Ministry of the Environment on IYB and the UNGA special session on biodiversity in 2010, including the designation of the ambassador for biodiversity.

30. At the kind invitation from the ICLEI Secretariat, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity participated in the Urban Nature Forum 2009, held from 12 to 13 June 2009 in Edmonton, Alberta, and in the first day of the 2009 ICLEI World Congress. The participants had an opportunity to share and exchange best practices, science and new directions in the field of urban biodiversity. The RCEN 2009 Annual Conference on Environment was held concurrently with the Urban Forum. A joint ICLEI and RCEN opening ceremony was organized with the CBD Executive Secretary delivering a keynote address.

31. The CBD Executive Secretary attended the first International Forum for Sustainable Asia and the Pacific (ISAP2009) on 27 June, and participated as a panellist in the session on “Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity – Challenges and International Cooperation”. The session was opened by the Director of the Biodiversity Policy Division, Nature Conservation Bureau at Japan’s Ministry of the Environment, and a keynote presentation on “Rebuilding the Relationship between Human and Nature in Asia and CBD Post 2010 Target” was delivered by the Vice Rector of the United Nations University. Participants at the ISAP2009 included front-line experts and representatives from businesses, international organisations, governments and NGOs in Asia, Europe and the U.S. The CBD Executive Secretary was also invited to attend the Asia-Europe Environment Forum (ENVforum) 7th Roundtable “The Accounting of Nature: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Asia and Europe” on 29 June, hosted by IGES with the support from the Government of Japan. The CBD Executive Secretary was one of the panellists in the session on “Asia and Europe – Policy challenges for conserving ecosystem services for promoting environmental integrity and human well-being?”. The roundtable provided an opportunity for multi-stakeholder dialogue from both Asia and Europe and provided useful inputs to relevant policy



processes in the domain of biodiversity and ecosystem services. While in Tokyo, meetings were held with senior staff at the Ministries of Environment and Foreign Affairs to discuss: preparations for the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity, the U.N. General Assembly special session on biodiversity in 2010, *The Green Wave* initiative and the Biodiversity meetings in Nagoya in 2010, among other issues.

32. A number of media-related events took place during the second quarter of 2009. In April, the CBD Executive Secretary was interviewed by *Radio des Nations Unies*. In May, in the margins of the CSD-17 meeting, the CBD Executive Secretary was interviewed by Madhyama Subramanian of the *Pioneers of the Planet*, which was featured on their Episode 2. An interview also took place with UNTV in the context of the upcoming Copenhagen climate change meeting in December 2009. On the occasion of the International Day for Biological Diversity, the CBD Executive Secretary was interviewed by Stephen Leahy from the *IPS News*. During the IBD celebrations in Japan, the CBD Executive Secretary was interviewed by: Nikkei Ecology, Nikkei local newspaper, Global Environment Forum, *Green TV*, NHK International, *Chunichi Shumbun* newspaper, *Eye Witness*, *Nagoya TV*, and *Kanazawa TV*. On 28 May, the CBD executive Secretary was interviewed by Louise Friend on biodiversity, agreement with Airbus, in particular on *The Green Wave* initiative. In June, on the occasion of World Environment Day, the CBD Executive Secretary was interviewed by *El Pais*, and he was interviewed by the Sustainability Science journal in Japan.

## II. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

### a. Personnel Arrangements

33. During the period April – June 2009, there were 29 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.

34. Under the Convention there were 23 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget. Additionally, 11 staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources.

35. During the period under review for the Biosafety Protocol there were 7 Professional staff members regularized on posts approved by the COP/MOP. There were 4 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget.

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

### b. Financial Arrangements

37. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 30 June 2009, of the total pledged contributions of US\$10,505,772 for 2009 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounted to US\$8,203,724 of which \$2,045,707 were 2009 pledges paid in 2008, and \$6,158,017 were pledges paid in 2009 for 2009 and future years. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

38. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 30 June 2009, the total pledged for 2009 amounts to US\$2,258,787 of which \$1,250,971 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2009 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$1,456,076. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

39. As at 30 June 2009, US\$280,494 has been pledged in 2009 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**). To date, US\$216,555 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2009 and prior years, to the BZ Trust Fund, amount to US\$218,710. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.

40. As at 30 June 2009, of the total pledged contributions of US\$1,959,191 for 2009 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$1,589,994, of which US\$831,158 was received in advance of 2009 and US\$758,836 has been received in 2009 for 2009 and future years. Details of the BG Trust Fund are contained in Annex VII.

41. As at 30 June 2009, three 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\$141,274 has been received in 2009 for 2009 and future years. Details of the BH Trust Fund are contained in Annex VIII.

42. As at 30 June 2009, no 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**). 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.

43. As at 30 June 2009, one pledge has been received for 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) in 2009. Norway pledged contribution of NOK 250,000 has been received. Details of the VB Trust Fund are contained in Annex X.

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

<b>SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MATTERS</b>
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#### **Decisions VII/4 and VIII/20 and IX 19: Biological Diversity of Inland Waters**

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

- a. Organized a meeting of experts back to back with the fifteenth meeting of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel of the Ramsar Convention, Gland, Switzerland, 03-06 April 2009, and completed a report assessing the status and trends of inland water biological diversity based on an analysis of available indicators and Ramsar Convention National Reports;
- b. Completed drafting several key sections of background information for the in-depth review to be undertaken at SBSTTA-14, including a summary of status and trends and drivers of change, CBD third national reports and activities of relevant NGOs;
- c. Attended an expert meeting on monitoring, indicators and reporting for the World Water Assessment Programme held at the Danish Hydrological Institute, Copenhagen, 01-02 June, 2009, to develop biodiversity relevant indicators for the fourth World Water Development Report;
- d. With the help of an intern completed a review of the activities of five major NGOs, including details of 50 case studies, as part of the information compiled for the in-depth review.

#### **Decisions VII/9 and IX/3: Global Strategy for Plant Conservation**

45. In response to decisions VII/9 and IX/3, the Secretariat:

- a. Completed editing and layout of the English version of the Plant Conservation Report and made it available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/publications/plant-conservation-report-en.pdf> as well as in print and started distributing the report;
- b. Initiated the translation of the Plant Conservation Report into the other official languages of the United Nations;
- c. Organized, in collaboration with the National Botanic Gardens of Ireland and with additional support from Botanic Gardens Conservation International and Royal Botanic Gardens Kew a third meeting of the Liaison Group of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (26 to 28 May 2009, Dublin, Ireland) and drafted a report of the meeting, including a draft updated Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, which is currently being reviewed by participants.

#### **Decision VII/12: Sustainable Use of Biodiversity**

46. In response to Decision VII/12, the Secretariat interacted with the Government of Japan and the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS) to identify key steps leading up to COP10 for developing an International SATOYAMA Initiative.

### **Decision VII/27: Mountain Biological Diversity**

47. In response to decision VII/27, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:
- a. Interacted extensively with the Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment coordinator, Mountain Partnership and Mountain Forum secretariats, the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development, the Mountain Research Initiative, and other relevant organizations, experts and other related Conventions for preparing the in-depth review of the implementation of the programme of work on mountain biological diversity for SBSTTA-14 and COP-10;
  - b. After analysing 96 third national reports and 15 voluntary reports received on implementation of mountain biological diversity programme of work, identified the key obstacles and challenges in implementing the programme of work. In collaboration with the Mountain Forum Secretariat an online survey was conducted seeking inputs on ways and means to address the identified obstacles including case studies and best practices;
  - c. Further work on the preparation of the draft background document on the in-depth review of the implementation of the programme of work on mountain biological diversity by SBSTTA-14 is under way.

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

48. In response to requests in Decisions VII/28, VIII/24 and IX/18, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:
- a. Held discussions with UNDP/GEF and UNEP on the modalities of funding the implementation of the programme of work on protected areas (PoWPA) in GEF 5;
  - b. Held discussions with WWF, Equilibrium Research, and the global coordinator of the UNDP/GEF project on supporting country action on the PoWPA, regarding development of a user-friendly and comprehensive website on protected areas and the development of streamlined reporting process on the implementation of the PoWPA;
  - c. Interacted with Governments of India, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, as well as the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, regarding organizing regional capacity-building and review workshops on the implementation of PoWPA in Asia & Pacific, Africa, GRULAC and CEE regions between October and November 2009;
  - d. Prepared draft host country agreements and notifications seeking nominations of country representatives in these regional workshops issued;
  - e. Interacted with IUCN-WCPA on the preparations and next steps for the in -depth review of the PoWPA by SBSTTA 14 including the PoWPA futures workshop;
  - f. Participated in the Authors' Workshop of Chapter 8 on Protected Areas of the TEEB D1 (The Economics of Environment and Biodiversity) organized by The Institute for European Environmental Policy and held on 3 April 2009 in Brussels and coordinated preparation of two sub-chapters of chapter 8 on protected areas chapter of the TEEB D1 report;
  - g. Participated in the Amazonian vision regional workshop in Colombia (Bogota, 24-29 May);

- h. Participated in, and delivered a keynote presentation at, the “Klagenfurt Days of Protected Areas” and participated in the meeting of the Advisory Board (of which SCBD is a member through Jo Mulongoy) to revise the programme for the next session, at the University of Klagenfurt and their MSc-Programme of Management of Protected Areas (24 to 26 June 2009) and strengthen collaboration with the Programme and members of the Board;
- i. The LifeWeb coordinator participated in the First Global Private Donor Forum on Biodiversity, Berlin, 3 June and in the inaugural meeting of the Advisory Group of the International Climate Initiative, Bonn 6-7 June.

**Decisions VIII/3 and IX/22: Global Taxonomy Initiative**

49. In response to Decisions VIII/3 and IX/22, the Secretariat:
- a. Took part in the ASEAN+3 Regional Workshop on Global Taxonomy Initiative (19-22 May 2009, at SEARCA Los Banos, Philippines) and conducted a needs assessment and networking in the region. A needs assessment report and project proposals were drafted in collaboration with ASEAN Center for Biodiversity;
  - b. Interacted with BioNET INTERNATIONAL and other relevant organizations to hold the Workshop on establishing Global Taxonomy Partnership and its Trust Fund (17-18 June 2009, at Muséum national d’histoire naturelle, Paris, France) and drafted a report.

**Decisions VIII/19 and IX/5: Forest Biodiversity**

50. In response to Decisions VIII/19 and IX/5, the Secretariat:
- a. Participated in the eighth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) in New York City, 20 April to 1 May, and the Executive Secretary delivered a keynote address to the Forum on 21 April;
  - b. Drafted a work plan with targeted joint activities between the UNFF Secretariat and the CBD Secretariat, as a basis for a report to SBSTTA-14;
  - c. Issued notification 2009-05-12 inviting National Focal Points to nominate experts for a Liaison Group Meeting on Bushmeat, to be held from 15-17 October in Buenos Aires, Argentina;
  - d. Issued notification 2009-06-01 inviting National Focal Points to nominate country experts on climate change and forest biodiversity, for a capacity building workshop to be held in Singapore City, Singapore, 2-5 September 2009;
  - e. Participated in two meetings of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), on 19 April and 23 April, in New York City;
  - f. Participated in a preparatory meeting for ‘Forest Day 3’, a joint CPF event to be held on 13 December 2009 during the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC in Copenhagen;
  - g. Disseminated a briefing note on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) and forest biodiversity to all members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF);
  - h. Participated in the Steering Committee Meeting of the Global Forest Expert Panel (GFEP) on 23 April 2009 (the GFEP is a joint CPF initiative to synthesize scientific and

technical knowledge on pertinent issues in forestry, led by the International Union of Forest Research Organizations - IUFRO);

- i. Participated in the Third Design Meeting of the World Bank Forest Investment Programme (FIP), Washington DC, 4-5 May 2009 (the FIP is a fund dedicated to support climate-related aspects of sustainable forest management, with an envisaged funding volume of 500 million USD), bringing COP-9 decisions on forest biodiversity (IX/5) and biodiversity and climate change (IX/16) related to REDD to the attention of participants;
- j. Participated in the 30th session of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific and Technical Advice (SBSTA) of the UNFCCC, 1-10 June, Bonn, Germany;
- k. Participated in the “Year of the Gorilla” symposium held at Frankfurt Zoo, 9-10 June 2009, as part of the “Year of the Gorilla” activities;
- l. Participated in the peer-review process of the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE), convened by the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis in Laxenburg, Vienna, from 11-12 June;
- m. Translated Technical Series document nr 33 “The Conservation and Sustainable Use of Wildlife-based Resources: The Bushmeat Crisis” into Spanish;
- n. Welcomed the Director of the International Model Forests Network (IMFN), Mr Peter Besseau, at the Secretariat for a one-day visit to discuss options for closer collaboration, on 29 June 2009. The IMFN is a global network of over 50 model forests in all UN regions, which are managed according to the Ecosystem Approach and Sustainable Forest Management.

#### **Decision VIII/28: Impact Assessment**

51. In response to Decision VIII/28, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:
  - a. Liaised with members of the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA) in view of a follow-up project to the project on “Capacity-building for Biodiversity and Impact Assessment (CBBIA);
  - b. Participated in the Annual Conference of the IAIA which was held from 17 to 22 May 2009 in Accra, Ghana, under the theme “Impact assessment and human well-being” and *inter alia* contributed to task team meeting on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and discussed SEA and Biodiversity activities with IAIA section head
  - c. Provided review comments on the TEEB D1 (The Economics of Environment and Biodiversity) chapter on impact assessment (Chapter 4);
  - d. With the help of an intern from McGill University (International Master in Environmental Assessment) analysed Strategic Environmental Assessments of biofuel production in Colombia and of the Corredor Norte in Bolivia for possible reference in Global Biodiversity Outlook.

#### **Decision IX/1: Agricultural Biodiversity**

52. In response to Decision IX/1, the Secretariat has carried out the following activities:
  - a. Liaised with FAO and the CGIAR on the implementation of the provisions from this decision;

- b. Undertook research regarding the applicability of the Addis Ababa Principles and Guidelines to the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity, with emphasis on policies, strategies, methodologies that are being used to ensure sustainable use, and other approaches and conceptual frameworks for sustainable use of agricultural biodiversity;
- c. Continued work on the preparation of the documentation on the in-depth review of the implementation of the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity by SBSTTA-14.

**Decision IX/2: Agricultural Biodiversity: Biofuels and Biodiversity**

53. In response to Decision IX/2, the Secretariat:
- a. Officially contacted Brazil and Thailand about the possibility of hosting regional workshops on ways and means to promote the sustainable production and use of biofuels for Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia and the Pacific, respectively;
  - b. Based on the submissions received, prepared a draft background document for the regional workshops;
  - c. Liaised with Germany regarding financial support for a third regional workshop, to be held in Africa;
  - d. Posted additional information on biofuels and biodiversity, including references to the submissions received, on the CBD website.

**Decision IX/4: Invasive Alien Species**

54. In response to Decision IX/4, the Secretariat:
- a. Initiated, on 26 April 2009, an e-Conference with the IAS Liaison Group composed of representatives from relevant organizations to exchange information on gaps and inconsistencies of the international regulatory frameworks on invasive alien species in preparation of documentation for SBSTTA-14;
  - b. Prepared and distributed, in collaboration with OMG, a booklet for International Day for Biological Diversity (<http://www.cbd.int/idb/2009/>) and other relevant materials for the celebration of IDB2009, including *Business 2010*, volume 4 issue 1, focusing on invasive alien species;
  - c. Facilitated the celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity at national, regional and organizational levels *inter alia* by disseminating of the publications mentioned in paragraph b. above and preparation of video messages of the Executive Secretary and others to improve public awareness on invasive alien species;
  - d. Participated at the International Day for Biological Diversity Symposium 2009 (22 May 2009, United Nations University, Tokyo Japan) on Invasive Alien Species and other relevant events commemorating the IDB 2009 in Japan;
  - e. Participated in the Ornamental Fish International Conference on invasive alien species (30 May 2009, at the International Convention & Exhibition Centre, Singapore) to strengthen the collaboration with pet industries and to collect information on best practices to prevent the risks associated with trading of pets, aquarium and terrarium species.

**Decision IX/7: Ecosystem Approach**

55. In response to paragraph 5(a) of Decision IX/7, the Secretariat prepared and disseminated the June 2009 issue of the Ecosystem Approach e-Newsletter, which is being issued on quarterly basis, to CBD national focal points, SBSTTA focal points, and other relevant organizations and experts. For the publication of the June issue, the Secretariat collaborated closely with experts from various Parties, as well as from UNEP and IUCN.

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

56. In response to Decision IX/9, the Secretariat:

- a. Held a meeting, on 13-14 May 2009 with representatives from Norway to plan for the sixth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity to be held in February 2010;
- b. Based on the submissions of views as well as meetings held to date, prepared a synthesis/analysis of issues relevant to the revision and updating of the Strategic Plan (UNEP/CBD/SP/PREP/1), which has been made available as a note by the Executive Secretary. The Secretariat issued notification 2009-064 to draw the attention of Parties and stakeholders to this document. It is envisaged that a revised draft including elements/proposals for a new strategic plan would be issued in October 2009;
- c. Prepared, in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Environment Management Group, a survey of existing targets and mandates relevant to the 2010 and biodiversity targets.

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

57. In response to Decision IX/10, the Secretariat:

- a. Continued to draft sections of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook 3 (GBO-3);
- b. Continued to collect case studies and other examples of activities designed to reduce the rate of biodiversity loss, including material drawn from country reports at the series of regional and subregional Capacity-Development Workshops on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity (see under decisions VIII/8 and IX/8);
- c. Advertised terms of reference for the services of a production company to help transform the draft of GBO-3 into a widely accessible format. The terms of reference contained provisions for, amongst other things, the preparation of the English version of the report, the adaptations of the report to the other United Nations Languages, typesetting, the preparation of graphics and the collection of photographs. Three applications were received and are currently being reviewed by the United Nations Office at Nairobi;
- d. Initiated development of an online case study database in order to share case studies and to encourage the submission of case studies;
- e. Prepared a bibliography of the scientific articles examined in the preparation of GBO-3 and made this available through the CBD website. Interested stakeholders have been encouraged to draw the Secretariat's attention to any relevant articles that have not yet been consulted;



- f. Began to analyse the fourth National Reports that have been received to date. Currently approximately 50 reports have been received and notes are being compiled for each report to facilitate the analysis of the information they contain;
- g. Participated in several teleconferences related to the preparation of the International Year on Biodiversity to ensure the consistency of the messages being promoted by the International Year and those contained in GBO-3;
- h. Continued to update the web pages on GBO-3;
- i. Contracted a consortium of experts led by DIVERSITAS-International and UNEP-WCMC to conduct an assessment on future biodiversity conditions. The first draft of this report has been prepared and is currently being reviewed by the Secretariat and other involved parties. As part of the preparation of this report the Secretariat will be participating in an expert meeting of key contributors to the report;
- j. Examined the draft indicator reports made available by the members of the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership;
- k. Held a meeting on the preparation of GBO-3 with key contributors. The purpose of the meeting was to gather inputs on the production schedule for GBO-3, the outline and narrative of the main report including gaps, the nature and production of ancillary products and the links to the International Year on Biodiversity. As a result of this consultation a detailed outline for the preparation of GBO-3 was prepared;
- l. Recruited an experienced environmental journalist for a period of two months to help prepare the first draft of GBO-3 in time for the start of the peer review process in August;
- m. Used the Expert Meeting on Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Development Cooperation (Montreal, 13-15 May 2009) to gather information, such as case studies, for possible use in GBO-3;
- n. Met with members from the United Nations University Institute for Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS) regarding the coordination and sharing of information on a project on assessing the implementation of CBD National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (Montreal, 25-29 May 2009);
- o. Held a teleconference with representatives of the Society for Ecological Restoration to determine possible contributions to GBO-3 and additional inputs into SBSTTA-14 and WGRI-3.

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

58. In response to Decision IX/15, the Secretariat:
- a. Participated on 15 May 2009 in a conference call of the Consultative Group to prepare the second Ad hoc Intergovernmental and Multi-Stakeholder Meeting on an Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystems Services (IPBES) scheduled to be held in October 2009;
  - b. Participated in a workshop on a “Network of Knowledge on Biodiversity: a contribution from Europe”, organized by the European Platform for Biodiversity Research Strategy (EPBRS, 6 May 2009, Brussels) to examine and test ways to identify, formulate and

exchange policy-relevant scientific knowledge on biodiversity as a contribution to the strengthening of the science-policy interface;

- c. Participated in a conference call of the steering committee for the Group on Earth Observations-Biodiversity Observation Network (GEO-BON), held on 18 June 2009;
- d. Contributed to the study on biodiversity futures prepared by DIVERSITAS-International and UNEP-WCMC, which reviews models, scenarios and assessments, including those carried out in follow-up to the MA, for GBO-3.

**Decision IX/16: Biodiversity and Climate Change**

59. In response to Decision IX/16 the following activities were carried out:

- a. The second meeting of the Second Ad hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Biodiversity and Climate Change was held the 18 to 22 April, 2009 in Helsinki, Finland;
- b. The findings of the second meeting of the AHTEG were communicated to the thirtieth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific and Technical Advice of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) under agenda item 3 on the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change. The main messages from the second meeting of the AHTEG were distributed to participants to the meeting;
- c. A side event on the findings of the second meeting of the AHTEG was held at the margins of the UNFCCC Bonn meetings on 2 June 2009;
- d. The compilation report of the findings of the first and second meeting of the second AHTEG was circulated for peer review through notification 2009-059;
- e. The ninth meeting of the Joint Liaison Group (JLG) of the Rio Conventions was held the 14 May, 2009 in New York at the margins of the High Level Segment of the Commission on Sustainable Development;
- f. A preliminary report of the JLG was communicated to the thirtieth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific and Technical Advice of the UNFCCC under agenda item 10 on cooperation with other relevant international organizations;
- g. Biodiversity-relevant inputs were provided to Sectoral Meeting on Climate Change in the context of Sustainable Development convened by the League of Arab States (LAS) and the United Nations Environment Programme;
- h. The Secretariat participated in the special Task Team meeting to improve Rio markers' data quality (7 May 2009, OECD, Paris). The objectives of this first meeting of the Joint Task Team were (i) to discuss and approve the TORs for the Joint ENVIRONET / WP-STAT Task Team; (ii) to examine whether and how the Rio Markers could be improved; and (iii) to discuss how to track aid flows related to climate change adaptation. I was also asked to make a statement on how SCBD uses the Rio Markers and how they can be improved;
- i. A work plan for updating the website on ecosystem-based adaptation was developed and case studies gathered.

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

60. In response to Decision IX/17, the following activities were carried out:
- a. A first draft of the document on drought and biodiversity was transmitted to the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction for comments;
  - b. The literature review for the toolkit on pastoralism, biodiversity and poverty alleviation was submitted to the steering committee;
  - c. A statement was issued by the Executive Secretary on the occasion of the World Day to Combat Desertification;
  - d. The second meeting of the Inter-agency Task Force on Harmonized Reporting convened by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) was attended;
  - e. A meeting was held with the UNCCD with regards to priority activities for collaboration based on the joint activities identified by the Conference of the Parties to the CBD.

**Decision IX/20: Marine and Coastal Biological Diversity**

61. In response to Decision IX/20:
- a. A consultancy was commissioned, in close consultation with UNEP and FAO, with funds provided by the Government of Spain and UNEP, for 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. FAO also initiated, in close consultation with SCBD and UNEP, a complementary project on impacts of destructive fishing activities (para 2 of decision IX/20). The Secretariat, in consultation with FAO, reviewed working definitions for the study as well as extended outline for the report, submitted by a consultant;
  - b. The Secretariat attended the 32nd meeting of the Scientific Group under the London Convention and the 3rd meeting of the Scientific Group under the London Protocol (Rome, Italy, from 25 May to 29 May 2009), providing technical inputs, collecting information and collaborating with relevant organizations and partners. The Secretariat reviewed an initial draft report, submitted by UNEP-WCMC, on compiling and synthesizing relevant scientific information on potential impacts of direct human-induced ocean fertilization on marine biodiversity (para 3 of decision IX/20);
  - c. The Secretariat reviewed an initial draft report, submitted by UNEP-WCMC, on compiling and synthesizing relevant scientific information on potential impacts of ocean acidification on marine biodiversity (para 4 of decision IX/20);
  - d. On 22 April 2009 the Secretariat issued notification 2009-040 inviting Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations to submit nominations for the expert workshop on scientific and technical aspects relevant to environmental impact assessment in marine areas beyond national jurisdiction, to be held in Manila, Philippines, from 18 to 20 November 2009 (para 10 of decision IX/20);
  - e. The Secretariat, in consultation with the COP Bureau, finalized the selection of experts for the expert workshop on scientific and technical guidance on the use of biogeographic classification systems and identification of marine areas beyond national jurisdiction in need of protection (Ottawa, Canada, 29 September – 2 October, 2009), and issued

invitation letters to the selected experts. In coordination with the host Government, the Secretariat initiated logistic and travel arrangements and continued to compile relevant documents and information for the expert workshop (para 19 of decision IX/20).

- f. The Secretariat published a brochure on the scientific criteria and guidance (decision IX/20, annexes I and II), with the funding provided by the Government of Portugal, and disseminated it to CBD national focal points and relevant organizations;
- g. The Secretariat reviewed the initial draft report submitted by a consultant on compiling and synthesizing background information for the in-depth review of progress made in the implementation of the programme of work on marine and coastal biodiversity;
- h. The Secretariat initiated the project on Biodiversity for Development: good practice toolkit on sustainable fisheries, in collaboration with experts of FAO, UNEP, IUCN, the International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF), and other relevant experts;
- i. The Secretariat celebrated the first World Ocean Day on 8 June 2009, contributing to the exhibition at UN Headquarters, in collaboration with the UN-Ocean Coordination Mechanism, and disseminated the message of the Executive Secretary;
- j. The Secretariat provided through teleconference a presentation, to the Steering Committee Meeting of the Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts and Islands, held on 16 June 2009 in New York, USA.

**Decision IX/27: Cooperation among Multilateral Environmental Agreements and other Organizations**

62. In accordance with the provisions of Decision IX/27 the Secretariat:

- a. Organized, in collaboration with the World Heritage Centre, the seventh meeting of the Biodiversity Liaison Group (Paris, 9 April 2009) and prepared the meeting report (<http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/blg/blg-07/official/blg-07-02-en.doc>);
- b. Initiated preparations for the third meeting of the Chairs of Scientific Advisory Bodies of Biodiversity-related Conventions;
- c. Updated the web pages on cooperation.

**Decision IX/28: Promoting engagement of cities and local authorities**

63. In accordance with Decisions IX/27 and IX/28, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:

- a. Organized two teleconferences of the Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity on 28 April 2009 and 3 June 2009, in which 19 and 18 participants took part. The teleconferences provided opportunities for partners to discuss preparations for activities such as International Day for Biodiversity (IDB) 22 May, the ICLEI World Congress and Urban Nature Forum 12-18 June 2009, and the Curitiba meeting to be held in Brazil in November 2009. The participants also exchanged in preparation for the summit on cities and local authorities that will take place during COP10 in Nagoya, Japan and discussed the testing of the Singapore Index on Cities' Biodiversity. On 28 April, a representative of Environment Canada was invited to share views on examples of collaboration between all levels of governments and on 3 June, representatives of the

Norwegian Directorate for Nature Management were invited to present the Nordic Project as a best practice on how parties could be further involved and take part in Decision IX/28;

- b. Coordinated cities and local authorities' inputs to IDB celebrations. IDB was celebrated by cities and local authorities around the world and summaries of their activities were provided to the Secretariat (available on IDB web pages (<http://www.cbd.int/idb/2009/about/celebration/global-partnership.shtml>)). A video addressing the cities and local authorities was also prepared by the Executive Secretary for the occasion;
- c. Co-organized, with ICLEI and its Local Action on Biodiversity project, the Urban Nature Forum from June 12 to 14 at the University of Alberta, where the ICLEI President opened the event and introduced Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif as the keynote speaker, and during which the Secretariat made two presentations;
- d. Took part in the ICLEI World Congress in Edmonton's Congress Center (15 to 18 June) and the annual General Assembly of the Canadian Environmental Network (12 June 2009);
- e. Facilitated the first face-to-face meeting of the Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity held since its launch in Barcelona in October 2008, with ICLEI-LAB, the cities of Montreal, Durban, Cape Town and Nagoya, IUCN/Countdown 2010, SCBD, UN-HABITAT, UNEP, UNESCO, and Environment Canada (14 June 2009).
- f. Worked with Singapore in view of testing the Singapore Index on Cities' Biodiversity. A draft User's Manual for the Singapore Index was prepared and is being circulated for cities and local authorities to provide feedback to adapt the index at the local level. Fifteen cities have accepted to test the Index in the year to come, including Montreal, Bonn, Curitiba, Singapore and Nagoya and possibly China and Australia, as well as the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity via the Working Group on Environmentally Sustainable Cities (AWGESC). The Stockholm Resilience Center is also working with Singapore on developing synergies to further develop the Singapore CBI;
- g. Continued to work with the ICLEI/LAB in defining the terms of collaboration in order to prepare a series of publications on Cities and Biodiversity. The outline of the publication by ICLEI/LAB on how cities and local authorities can collaborate to protect urban biodiversity was presented at Urban Nature in Edmonton and will be launched at COP10. The complementary publication, on how various levels of governments and institutions can collaborate in view of supporting the work of cities and local authorities in protecting biodiversity, will be developed in parallel. A proposal is currently being drafted in view of mobilizing resources;
- h. Visited the Aichi-Nagoya COP10 CBD Promotion Committee and discussed the preparation of the summit on cities and biodiversity to take place on 24-26 October 2010 during COP10 (title of the event to be determined). The Executive Secretary also met with the City of Nagoya's new mayor, Mr. Takashi Kawamura and expressed his gratitude to Aichi prefecture and the City of Nagoya for their welcome (24 May 2009);
- i. Updated the web pages on Cities and Local Authorities.

**Decision IX/29: Operations of the Convention**

64. In accordance with the provisions on the process for identifying new and emerging issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity the Secretariat Updated the web page on emerging issues by adding the new proposals received in response to the notification 2008/159 at <http://www.cbd.int/convention/emerging.shtml>.

<b>SOCIAL ECONOMIC AND LEGAL MATTERS</b>
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**Decision VIII/14: Biological Diversity and Tourism**

65. Following the first and second workshops on *Indigenous Communities, Tourism and Biodiversity: New Information and Web Based Technologies* that took place in November 2007 in Quebec, Canada, and in November 2008 in Apia, Samoa, respectively, the Secretariat launched the first *Indigenous Tourism and Biodiversity Website Award* during the first quarter, which showcases best practices in web-based technologies helping indigenous people manage tourism in a biodiversity-friendly way. An article summarizing the Award was published in Pachamama, volume3 issue 3 May 2009, available at: <http://www.cbd.int/traditional/pachamama/pachamama-03-03-en.pdf>. The third workshop of the series is being organized in partnership with the Government of Ecuador, and will focus on Latin America and the Caribbean forest ecosystems, and is planned to take place in Ecuador in December 2009.

**Decision IX/6: Incentive measures**

66. In the period under review, the Secretariat initiated preparations for the international expert workshop on the on the removal and mitigation of perverse, and the promotion of positive, incentive measures, as requested in paragraph 6 of decision IX/6, including by sending a notification to National Focal Points and relevant international organizations and stakeholders inviting the nomination of experts.

67. The Secretariat participated in the coordinator's workshop for the report for policy makers of the 'The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity' Initiative (TEEB). The workshop took place from 26-28 May 2009 in Brussels, Belgium. The meeting reviewed the zero draft chapters of the report and took a number of decisions for the finalization of the report, which shall be released in September 2009.

68. The Secretariat also participated in the second meeting of the technical advisory committee of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) report on the economics of biodiversity and ecosystems, held from 3-4 June 2009 in Panama. The objective of the planned report is to make the economic case of ecosystems and biodiversity to governments in the region and to promote the integration of the values of ecosystem and biodiversity into decision making, with the ultimate goal of promoting the sustainable management of ecosystems. Overall guidance in the preparation of the report will be provided by a high-level Political Commission for Biodiversity, Finance and Development, in which the Secretariat is also represented. The meeting reviewed the structure and key messages of report's individual chapters, and decided on the further work towards the first draft of the report, as well as the related stakeholder consultations.

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

69. During this period, the following activities were carried out with a view to implementing COP Decision IX/12:

70. The Secretariat serviced the seventh meeting of the Working Group on ABS, held at UNESCO, in Paris, from 2 to 8 April 2009, including:

- logistical arrangements
- preparation and revision of documentation throughout the meeting
- acting as Secretary of the plenary and contact groups
- providing guidance to co-chairs of WG-ABS as well as co-chairs of the Contact Groups
- coordination of side-events
- organization and facilitation of CBD side-events

71. The Secretariat participated in the 3rd session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, held from 1 to 5 June 2009 in Tunis, Tunisia.

72. The Secretariat carried out preparations and serviced the Expert Group on Traditional Knowledge associated with Genetic Resources, held from 16 to 19 June 2009, in Hyderabad, India. The following activities were carried out:

- Preparation of documentation for the meeting
- Coordination with host Government regarding the organization of the meeting and logistical arrangements.
- Servicing of the meeting in Hyderabad
- Preparation of the report of the meeting

73. The Secretariat participated in the meeting of the CEPA Task Force on ABS, held in Bonn on 18-19 June 2009.

74. The Secretariat participated in a Pan African Workshop on ABS and Forests held from 22 to 25 June 2009 in Nairobi, Kenya. The workshop was organized by the GTZ under the auspices of the ABS Capacity Development Initiative for Africa and was co-hosted by ICRAF, KFS and UNEP.

75. The Secretariat also participated in consultations with the German Presidency and the Co-chairs of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing in Bonn, Germany.

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

76. During this period, the Secretariat continued with preparations, including documentation and notifications, for facilitation of the sixth meeting of the Working Group on Article 8(j) to be held 2-6 November 2009.

77. The Secretariat also facilitated, at the request of a private sector stakeholder, the ILCs, Business and Biodiversity Consultation on 12-13 May 2009, at United Nations Headquarters in partnership with the Aromatic, Flavorings and Cosmetic Industry and NGO Tribal Link. The meeting brought together seventeen CEOs of this industrial sector for a frank discussion with indigenous and local communities entrepreneurs with a view to respecting both the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples as well as other internationally agreed to standards.

78. In May, the Secretariat also participated in and presented at the UNPFII 8<sup>th</sup> session, and in particular, the facilitated two side events, including a side event for the International Day on Biodiversity 22 May 2009 (18-22 May) and an update of the IR on ABS.

79. The 8<sup>th</sup> session of the UNPFII provided a new direction for the Forum as it enters a new two year cycle of monitoring followed by recommendations. At this session the focus was on monitoring and a new method of work was implemented, which requires an in-depth dialogue with six agencies. The SCBD will nominate for 2010, which will give the Secretariat an opportunity to discuss the elaboration and negotiation of the International regime, as well as the outcomes of the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the WG 8(j), including the multi-year programme of work.

80. The 8<sup>th</sup> session also provided an opportunity for daily IASG meetings which assisted in furthering collaborations with UNESCO on biological and cultural diversity, as well as products and events for 2010, the International Year of Biodiversity.

81. The 8<sup>th</sup> session of the UNPFII also provided a chance to publicise the Secretariat's work on CEPA and 8(j) plans for education and awareness products for next year, in a well attended side event to celebrate the International Day of Biodiversity and also on opportunity to meet with partners, including UNESCO, IFAD, FAO, WIPO and the Tebtebba Foundation and the Indigenous working group on CEPA., to discuss collaborations for 2010 which include showcasing the products for community education and public awareness at high profile events during 2010.

82. Separate meetings were also held with UNESCO, IFAD, FAO and the Indigenous working group on indicators to discuss taking the 8(j) indicator work forward in time for the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

83. In July, the Secretariat assisted in the preparation and facilitation of an initiative of the German Government referred to as the "International Vilm workshop on matters related to traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources and the abs-regime, Isle of Vilm, Germany, July 6-10, 2009. The meeting's report is anticipated to provide advice and textual suggestions for the upcoming negotiations at the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Working Group on ABS, in particular, concerning traditional knowledge.

## OUTREACH AND MAJOR GROUPS

### Children and Youth

84. The uptake and results this quarter indicate that *The Green Wave* has been successfully established as an effective platform to support national efforts to involve and communicate with children and youth on biodiversity, and to involve them in a worldwide initiative. In June 2009, the Secretary-General of the United Nations issued a message thanking the many partners that have launched and supported *The Green Wave* making possible this valuable effort to teach young people about the importance of biodiversity.

85. On 22 May 2009, one year after its launch, around 600 groups of children and youth from schools and clubs in 73 countries participated in *The Green Wave* to celebrate the International Day for Biological Diversity. It is estimated that some 20,000 people participated in these events and that over 5,000 trees were planted. Information is still being received from participants on events in several countries. During official mission to Japan, the Executive Secretary joined the Vice Minister for Environment in a *Green Wave* ceremony in Tokyo on 22 May and the following day took part in another *Green Wave* ceremony in Ishikawa with the Governor and kindergarten children.

86. In some countries, programmes and activities have been carried out over a longer period. In Algeria, for example the Ministry of Environment has established a national programme supporting the *Green Wave* where more than 300,000 school-children from nearly 4000 schools have been involved in



planting more than 300,000 trees to combat desert encroachment and protect watersheds. This is being registered with the UNEP-led Billion Tree Campaign.

87. The strong participation and local uptake reflects efforts taken by the Secretariat to promote the initiative since its launch in 2008. In 2009, a partnership was established with the Small Grants Programme (SGP) of the Global Environment Facility. Working in more than 120 developing countries worldwide, the SGP helps community groups, indigenous peoples and national NGOs implement projects to promote conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. SGP national coordinators, coordinating committees, associated offices of the UN Development Programme, and SGP grantee organizations helped support participation among schools.

88. On 5 June 2009, World Environment Day, the company Airbus and the National Geographic Society launched a supportive campaign designed to further promote *The Green Wave*. This contributes to fulfillment of the memorandum of understanding established between the Secretariat and Airbus in July 2008, with the objective “to contribute to raising public awareness on the importance of biodiversity and engaging children and youth in the global biodiversity agenda”, and specifically to “collaborate for the success of *The Green Wave*”. In several countries local and national businesses contributed sponsorship to participating schools and groups – for example provision of seedlings and tee-shirts. Further information on the Green Wave is available on the website, <http://greenwave.cbd.int>.

#### **Decision IX/26: Promoting Business Engagement**

89. In the reporting period, three main activities were advanced by the Secretariat to engage business stakeholders. Contacting potential partners for producing regional CBD Guides on Sustainable Use for Business stakeholders; holding steering committee meetings for organizing the third Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge meeting and publishing the Biodiversity 2010 newsletter in a new format. The funding for all the three activities has been provided by the Dutch Government.

90. **CBD Guide on Sustainable Use Business** : The Secretariat prepared a draft of the Guide which can be used by regional, national and sectoral business associations to write a guide specifically for their members. The draft guide is to be shared with experts for their comments before being finalized and posted on the CBD website.

91. **Third Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge Meeting** : The conference will be hosted by the Government of Indonesia in Jakarta and is tentatively scheduled from 30 November to 3 December 2009. Possible topics for the meeting include:

- a. The conference agenda is based on COP decisions and the general recommendations from the two previous Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge meetings (London, 20-21 January 2005, and São Paulo, 3-5 November 2005);
- b. In particular, the second meeting called for a subsequent meeting to offer “an explicit segment on markets for ecosystem services”, as well as “consider ways to address, within the Convention process, the development of market-based financial mechanisms for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and ways of strengthening national policy frameworks to support the creation of markets for ecosystem services”;
- c. The official document sent from the Secretariat of the CBD to the ninth Conference of the Parties to the CBD, described this upcoming third meeting as one that will “*help further develop concrete steps for companies to address the 2010 biodiversity target, taking into account the outcomes of COP 9. Such a meeting could assist in the review of several cross-cutting tools, such as offsets, reporting, bench marking, as well as current developments in sectors such as the financial services, cosmetics and functional foods.*”

- d. In decision IX/26, Parties welcomed the “support for the organization of a third informal Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge” meeting, to further develop ideas that could be best pursued through the Convention or in support of its objectives, for engaging business in biodiversity issues, as a means of working towards the 2010 target.”
- e. Regardless of which topics are selected for the focus of discussions and exchanges at the meeting, the following are a list of key meeting objectives:

- Priority Area 1: Scaling-up and the CBD Framework

1. While there are several cases where biodiversity considerations have been successfully integrated into business activities, unfortunately these are not yet the norm.
  - 1.1. Identify how the CBD Framework has supported these initiatives as well as ways in which the CBD is lacking.
  - 1.2. Identify mechanisms that currently exist that do/would support mainstreaming (policy, market, other).
  - 1.3. Identify mechanisms that are still needed to support mainstreaming (policy, market, other) and how the CBD could facilitate their creation.
2. Present successful cases of business integration of biodiversity from various sectors and opportunities for scaling-up
  - 2.1. Highlight mechanisms that facilitated success
  - 2.2. Discuss challenges faced
  - 2.3. Identify opportunities for scaling-up past successes
3. Various business and biodiversity partnerships already exist:
  - 3.1. Identify opportunities for new partnerships between the business community and biodiversity organizations that would provide additional support for mainstreaming.

- Priority Area 2: Moving beyond the 2010 Biodiversity Target

As the world considers a post-2010 target: Identify what the business community can do now to ensure it is well positioned to tackle the post-2010 target that will be formulated.

- Meeting format

1. The conference will consist of a series of thematic sessions bracketed by introductory and concluding plenary sessions
2. The conference is to be organized by various partners who host/sponsor agreed sessions at the conference by identifying a facilitator
  - a. Sessions could be divided by sector
  - b. Each of these sessions use formats most appropriate for advancing their discussions, such as panels, roundtable, presentations, games etc.
  - c. The output from each session/panel is expected to identify ways and means to advance and scale-up their agreed programmes
3. The concluding plenary session discusses the output from each session to put it together into a work programme implemented by all partners as well as recommendations to COP10 through the Working Group on the Review of Implementation (May 2010).

- Participants  
A mix of participants will bring a diverse set of knowledge, experience, and skills to the table and enable a valuable exchange of ideas. It is hoped that this will facilitate the formulation recommendations for concrete actions relevant to as many business stakeholders as possible.
  - Large companies
  - Small and medium enterprises
  - Indigenous and local community initiatives
  - Civil society
  - Government
  - CBD National Focal Points

92. An edition of the Business.2010 magazine with a special focus on the theme of the International Day for Biological Diversity, invasive alien species, was published is available on line at <http://www.cbd.int/business/newsletter.shtml>. Prior to publication, work was carried out to re-design the format of the publication.

**Decision IX/32: Programme of Work for Communication, Education and Public Awareness**

93. Implementation of the Priority Activities for the Programme of work on CEPA (Decision VIII/6 and IX/32)

- a. Priority Activity 5: Toolkits ~ Thanks to the financial support of the governments of France and Spain, and the assistance of the CEC of IUCN and the Autonomous University of Madrid, the Secretariat launched the French and Spanish translations of the CEPA toolkit at the World Environmental Education Congress on 12 May 2009.
- b. Priority Activity 8: The International Day for Biological Diversity ~ The International Day for Biological Diversity was celebrated around the world on 22 May 2009 under the theme of Biodiversity and Invasive Alien Species. Information materials including a poster, booklet and bookmark were produced and distributed around the world. 30 countries and 20 organizations from around the world reported celebrations. High level events were held in Nairobi, where UNEP organized an extensive programme of activities, including the translation of the information booklet in Swahili, and the creation of a number of posters. The Executive Secretary marked the day at a special symposium at UNU in Japan. An event was held in Montreal with the participation of the Biosphere and Environment Canada, which featured the participation of science communicator Jean Lemire, a delegation of youth activists and others. Green Wave events to celebrate the International Day for Biological Diversity were carried out by around 600 groups of children and youth from schools and clubs in 73 countries (see below).
- c. Priority Activity 10: Education ~ In response to the request by the Parties in decision IX/32 to enhance the visibility and presence of biodiversity in the DESD process, the Secretariat participated in the UNESCO mid-term conference of the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development. With the financial assistance of the government of the Netherlands, a workshop was co-organized with UNESCO with the expertise of partners from ICLEI, the CEC of IUCN and others. The recommendations were integrated into the final conference declaration and into other reporting documents. The Secretariat also participated in other biodiversity workshops at the conference

94. The Secretariat participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> World Environmental Education Congress from the 10 to 13 May 2009. The Congress brought together over 2000 environmental educators from around the world to discuss the political and transformational significance of environmental education. The Executive Secretary was the co-president of the conference, along with a representative of UNEP. The Secretariat had a kiosk for information materials which provided an important presence and raised our profile with educators. Along with the CEC of IUCN, the Secretariat co-organised a workshop on the use of the CEPA toolkit for education and learning. Finally, the Secretariat sponsored the closing reception for the conference and launched a declaration for biodiversity and for the IYB.

95. The Secretariat participated in the 4th Conference of Regional Centres of Expertise (RCEs) which took place in Montreal on 14 and 15 May 2009. An initiative of UNU, there are now 62 RCEs around the world which are focusing on issues in sustainability including climate change, water and biodiversity. The secretariat was represented at the opening plenary on a panel that dealt with sustainable development challenges and the ways that Education for Sustainable Development could be mobilised to deal these. The Secretariat participated in the biodiversity focus group later in the conference, where the IYB was presented as an opportunity for the RCEs to present their activities relating to biodiversity and to mobilise for greater action. The RCEs were interested in the Green Wave, in the various activities during the IYB, with COP-10 being of particular importance to them.

#### **Decision IX/33: Preparations for the International Year of Biodiversity**

96. The Implementation Plan was updated and shared with top level partner organizations, such as UNEP, UNDP, GEF, UNESCO and others. The Secretariat participated in a meeting of the Shanghai 2010 organizing committee, where the potential for participation of the SCBD at the 2010 Shanghai Expo was suggested. The GEF developed and received approval for its own suite of activities for the IYB.

97. UNESCO has advanced further on its plans for a scientific conference and high level launch for the IYB, and has secured the participation of high level persons for the conference.

98. UNDP has developed its plans for the IYB, including the awarding of the Equator Initiative Prize in 2010. Germany has agreed to open the IYB at an event in Berlin in January 2010. The branding, messaging and logo for the IYB is nearing completion, with a final round of consultations with the presidency. Release is scheduled for the summer of 2009.

99. Science communicator and educator Jean Lemire has announced that he will hold a biodiversity voyage in 2010 to 2012, and is coordinating themes and destinations with the Secretariat.

#### **CEPA and ABS**

100. As a follow-up to the regional workshop on CEPA and ABS, held in Nairobi in early March, the Secretariat participated as a member of the CEPA ABS task force for the ABS Capacity-building initiative for Africa, at its first meeting held in Bonn 18 and 19 June 2009. The TF was mandated to identify concrete information products and activities that could be implemented in the short and medium term that would support COP decisions on CEPA and ABS and contribute to capacity-building. The group was asked to outline these in detail and to identify sources of funds and timelines.

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104. As a result of the meeting, the following products were identified as priorities:

- a. An information kit that would contain straight-forward descriptions of the issues involved in ABS
- b. An ABS CEPA toolkit which would contain templates, checklists and strategies for the purpose of building national implementation and capacity.
- c. A toolkit for the organizing of multi-stakeholder dialogues on ABS
- d. A campaign of informal dialogue with participants in the ABS negotiating process.
- e. An ABS-CEPA library or clearing house, which would be an online database containing links to information products on ABS.
- f. A basket of visual tools (videos, images, etc) on ABS that could be used in addition to the above tools.
- g. A campaign of outreach to business, which would seek to outline the business case for ABS. This would link in to the existing CBD business initiative where possible.
- h. A media campaign on ABS. This would link to the CBD media training events planned in fall 2009 in Montreal and Indonesia

## IMPLEMENTATION AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

### **Decisions VIII/8 and IX/8: National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans**

105. The Second Workshop for Europe on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and Mainstreaming of Biodiversity was held from 12 to 16 June 2009 in the Isle of Vilm, Germany, again with the generous support of the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation and the International Academy of Nature Conservation. A total of 18 countries attended the workshop.

106. The workshop not only provided an opportunity for participating countries to exchange experiences and lessons learned in the development and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans and mainstreaming of biodiversity into relevant sectors, but also introduced important tools in this regard, such as promoting awareness of ecosystem services, resilience thinking, strategic environmental assessments, stakeholder engagement and involvement, and strategic communication.

107. Participants also had plenary discussions and group exercises (using cases provided by participants) on these tools to better understand and master them. In addition, a field trip to the Rügen Biosphere Programme was arranged for participants to know how biodiversity is mainstreamed into economic and regional development planning. All the participants considered this workshop very successful.

108. The Secretariat is continuing work to compile case studies, tools and guidance arising from the regional capacity development workshops. The Secretariat is cooperating with the United Nations University-Institute of Advanced Studies project on NBSAPs and with various scientific programmes to improve the evidence-base for implementation of the Convention.

#### **Decision VIII/14: National reporting and the next Global Biodiversity Outlook**

109. As of end of June 2009 a total of 55 fourth national reports had been received, most of which had been posted on the Convention website at <http://www.cbd.int/reports/search/?type=nr-04>.

110. A reminder was sent in mid April 2009 to those Parties that had not submitted the fourth national reports. Two communiqués were issued respectively on 1 April (the first jointly by COP 9 President and the Executive Secretary), and on 21 May, congratulating those countries having submitted the reports and urging all others to follow suit, while highlighting the importance of the reports to the successes of the International Year of Biodiversity and COP 10 in 2010.

111. A capacity development workshop was organized for a total of 22 least developed countries from 4 to 8 May 2009 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to facilitate their preparation and finalization of the fourth national reports. The workshop was held with the financial support from the Government of Norway and UNEP DGEF, and the logistical support of the Ethiopian Institute of Biodiversity Conservation and UNEP Addis Ababa Office. The workshop was considered very helpful to the participating countries for finalizing their fourth national reports. The final report of this workshop (both English and French versions) is now available on the Convention website at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=4NRCBW-LDC-01>.

112. The preparation of the fourth national reports of South American countries was facilitated through the Countdown 2010 workshop held in Lima, Peru, 19-21 May 2009, and of some European countries through the second European workshop on national biodiversity strategies and action plans and mainstreaming of biodiversity (12-16 June 2009, Isle of Vilm, Germany). Sessions of those workshops were devoted to introduction of the guidelines and relevant tools for preparation of the fourth national report and presentations by a few participating countries' experiences in this regard.

113. In the past three months the Secretariat had been contacting many countries through various means, including emails and phone calls, to facilitate the submission of the fourth national reports.

114. Together with UNEP and other partners, the Secretariat had been facilitating the approval of Phase III of a medium-sized project for funding the preparation of the fourth national report. The GEF Secretariat has in principle confirmed this phase. A notification has been sent to a total of 55 eligible countries, urging them to send requests for funds and initiate a process to prepare the fourth national report as early as possible.

115. The portal devoted to the 2010 target assessment and the preparation of the fourth national report is being further developed to provide more assistance to countries.

116. The Secretariat had contributed to a sub-regional workshop organized by the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity for harmonizing national reporting among biodiversity-related conventions (15-17 April 2009, Hanoi, Vietnam).

**Decision IX/9: Revision and updating of the Strategic Plan of the Convention**

117. To facilitate inputs from Parties and Observers to the process of revising and updating the Strategic Plan of the Convention, the Secretariat prepared a discussion document, based on the submissions received so far from as well as on a number of workshops and consultations held to date (including those referred to in the next paragraphs). The document is available at: <http://www.cbd.int/sp/>. The secretariat also issued Notification 2009-064 (10 June 2009), inviting Parties and relevant organizations to submit views, or further views, on the Updated and Revised Strategic Plan for the Convention after 2010 at their earliest convenience and no later than 31 August 2009.

118. The Secretariat also participated in the following meetings and workshops, with introductory statements and presentations on the process of updating the Strategic Plan:

- a. A panel discussion on the post 2010 Target for the European Union was held as part of the European Commission's Conference (Athens, 27-28 April 2009);
- b. Consultations organized by IUCN Countdown 2010, in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and other Pan-European partners (Athens, 28-29 April 2009), and South America (Lima, 19-20 May 2009);
- c. A discussion held with least developed countries from Africa participating in a Workshop of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the fourth national reports;
- d. Discussions on the links between an updated Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC) and the Convention's Strategic Plan post-2010 during the third meeting of the Liaison Group on the GSPC (Dublin, 26-28 May 2009).
- e. The Second Workshop for Europe on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and Mainstreaming of Biodiversity was held from 12 to 16 June 2009 in the Isle of Vilm, Germany

119. In addition, the G8 Environment Ministers, together with the Ministers of Australia, Brazil, China, the Czech Republic and Sweden, as the respective current and upcoming Presidencies of the European Union, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, South Africa, and participating international organizations, meeting in Syracuse, Italy, adopted the "*Carta di Siracusa*" on Biodiversity which recognizes the importance of the 2010 Target, and the urgent need to support and strengthen the international process for the identification of an ambitious and achievable post-2010 common framework on biodiversity.

120. Finally, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties has considered the preparation of the updated Strategic Plan at its meeting in Nairobi (February 2009) and at its meeting in Paris (April 2009).

121. Further consultations are planned or envisaged as follows:

- a. A workshop to review the use and effectiveness of the indicators agreed in decisions VII/15 and VIII/30 (Reading, 6-8 July 2009);

- b. A workshop for Asia (November/December 2009), sponsored by Japan;
- c. Further regional consultative and capacity-development workshops on the updating of the Strategic Plan in the second half of 2009, organized jointly by the Secretariat, UNEP, IUCN Countdown 2010 and other partner organization. Efforts are underway to secure resources for workshops in Africa, Central America, the Caribbean, as well as in the Pacific;
- d. A series of regional workshops organized by Botanic Gardens Conservation International on the proposed updated Global Strategy for Plant Conservation;
- e. The DIVERSITAS Open Science Conference in October 2010 which will provide additional scientific inputs to the process;
- f. A regionally-balanced global expert workshop to develop ideas for a framework of targets and related parts is being considered;
- g. The Trondheim Biodiversity Conference (1-5 February 2010) will provide a further opportunity for informal discussions on the process;
- h. The COP Bureau will regularly consider progress and provide guidance to the Secretariat, as necessary.

**Decision IX/24: Gender Plan of Action**

122. A one day workshop was held on 12 May 2009 to validate the draft guidelines developed by the IUCN Senior Gender Adviser's office to mainstream gender into the NBSAPs. Thirty-three participants attended the workshop, including SCBD staff, IUCN and the UNDP Energy and Environment Group gender focal point. While not all staff within the SCBD work directly with NBSAPs, their input was welcome because many staff work with guidelines and toolkits.

123. As part of the implementation of the CBD Gender Plan of Action, staff are requested to mainstream a gender perspective into their respective programmes of work. The objectives of the workshop were:

- a. To validate the draft guidelines developed to mainstream gender into the NBSAPs
- b. To build understanding on the goals of gender mainstreaming into the NBSAPs and the CBD's related mandate
- c. To raise awareness on gender mainstreaming in current NBSAPs
- d. To determine next steps

124. Throughout the day, there were many suggestions for next steps. Suggestions focused on conducting additional research, assessing the validity of the analyses, identifying linkages with other gender analysis tools and biodiversity analysis tools. In terms of completing the guidelines, IUCN will rewrite the guidelines based the workshop results and suggestions sent to the CBD gender focal point via email. It is hoped that the revised guidelines will be circulated to NFPs for comments by the end of September.



125. The CBD Gender Focal Point participated in the Global Gender Climate Alliance training of trainers on gender and climate change from May 28 – 30 to contribute substantively from a CBD perspective to the discussions and its training of delegates on May 31.

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

126. During the second quarter of 2009, activities related to the Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM) can be summarized as follows:

*A. Website Maintenance and Development:*

- a. Implementation proceeded in the development of several important web portals: International Day for Biodiversity (IDB 2009), Fourth National Reports, Protected Areas, LifeWeb, and GreenWave.
- b. Design discussions took place to prepare the future web portal on the International Year on Biodiversity (IYB 2010).
- c. Work started to extend the features of the current case study submission system for the Third Global Biodiversity Outlook (GBO3) in order to accommodate additional case-studies, such as those for biodiversity for development and poverty alleviation.
- d. The CBD website was updated and maintained on an ongoing basis, with an effort to keep translations in Spanish and French up-to-date.
- e. Design specifications were prepared for a web-based system to facilitate the process of reviewing web pages and managing their ongoing translation.

*B. Knowledge and Information Management:*

- a. Preliminary findings of the consultancy on knowledge and information management were reviewed and discussed.
- b. Technical work started on the design of a smart knowledge base search engine which can pre-process and merge search results from Google and the CBD database.
- c. Some existing information types and classifications were reviewed to improve consistency in terminology.
- d. Support for geo-location features was implemented in the CBD database, including a global reference to cities from the UN location codes database (UN/LOCODE).
- e. A data accuracy check was initiated to establish a master list of organizations and to ensure that the database of related websites is up-to-date.

*C. Cooperation and the Clearing-House Mechanism Network:*

- a. Some research was carried out on popular Web 2.0 services, as well as their related formats, protocols and standards, to assess how they could facilitate information exchange within the CHM network.
- b. A review of national CHM websites was initiated and a draft questionnaire was prepared with a view to learning more about them and seeing how they could be further developed.

**Decisions IX/11 and IX/31: Financial Resources and the Financial Mechanism, and the Guide to the Financial Mechanism**

127. Strategy for resource mobilization, the programme:
- a. Actively cooperated on the development related to the Rio Markers towards improving the quality of reporting. The first meeting of the Joint OECD ENVIRONET/WP-STAT Task Team was held on 7 May 2009;
  - b. Made preparations for an international workshop on innovative financial mechanisms;
  - c. Followed up on the appointment of resource mobilization focal points. 32 Parties have so far appointed such focal points, including: Albania, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Belize, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, European Community, Gambia, Germany, India, Israel, Liberia, Maldives, Mauritania, Myanmar, New Zealand, Niger, Niue, Norway, Qatar, Solomon Islands, Switzerland, Tajikistan, The Netherland, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom;
  - d. Participated in the interviews by the Joint Inspection Unit on the Global Mechanism of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification on 17 June.
128. Financial mechanism, the programme:
- a. Facilitated the GEF evaluation office/OPS4 Study Visit on 27 May 2009;
  - b. Participated in the GEFOP teleconference on 14 May 2009;
  - c. Provided information inputs to the GEF Council pre-sessional document on relations with Conventions;
  - d. Attended the thirty-fifth meeting of the GEF Council and the second meeting of the GEF Trust Fund replenishment;
  - e. A notification was circulated on outcomes of the thirty-fifth meeting of the GEF Council from 22-24 June.

**Biodiversity for Development Initiative**

**A. Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Development**

129. The second quarter of 2009 was essentially dedicated to the organization and the hosting of the expert meeting on biodiversity Mainstreaming in Development Cooperation which took place 13 to 15 May at the Secretariat's premises in Montreal. The meeting gathered 45 representatives from development cooperation agencies, development banks, United Nations agencies and international non-governmental organizations involved in development to exchange on the best means to integrate biodiversity in the development cooperation agenda

130. The meeting was structured in three main sessions. An update session summarizing the state of affairs introduced available tools and approaches for biodiversity mainstreaming. This was followed by an exchange of experiences and lessons learned from developing countries and development cooperation

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agencies. Participants went on to examine different considerations for future action. Participants identified obstacles and challenges to biodiversity mainstreaming and reviewed mainstreaming approaches, tools and instruments available at different levels within partner countries and donors' internal processes. Participants also proposed considerations for a more effective inclusion of biodiversity in development cooperation processes. The end of May and a part of June were dedicated to finalize the meeting report which can be found with other related documents from: <http://www.cbd.int/development/emmbdc-01.shtml>.

131. From 19 to 26 May, the French programme officer of the unit was on a mission in Douala, Cameroon and Libreville, Gabon. This mission had 2 objectives:

- To participate in a meeting organized by IUCN for seeking ways and means to support GTBAC activities (the COMIFAC working group on biodiversity in Central Africa) up to Nagoya and beyond.
- To assess the possibility of organizing a Pan African Conference on Biodiversity for Poverty Alleviation and Development which will be hosted by the Government of Gabon next February.

132. Other activities done during this quarter comprise the release of the fourth issue of the Biodiversity for Development news letter (April 2009), the development of a common webportal with NBSAPs and GBO 3 teams for submitting external case studies, the completion of the Biodiversity for Development webpage structure that should be fully operational in July.

## **B. UNDP-SCBD MOU on mainstreaming biodiversity in development**

133. In the context of the UNDP and CBD MOU on mainstreaming biodiversity into development, the main quarterly results were the following:

- A partnership was established with GEF-SGP and Equator Initiative with the initial scope of work defined to document community level experiences with biodiversity dependent development processes. Initial exchanges were also held with the Japanese government as potential additional partner and collaboration on a Satoyama-like Initiative.
- Substantive input to design of workshop programme, preparatory materials, delivery of key interventions, facilitation of group discussions and preparation of the report of the expert meeting on Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Development Cooperation.
- SCBD joined the UNDP-UNPEI-IIED-OECD partnership for producing an “environmental mainstreaming sourcebook” with the purpose of collating guidance and case experiences.
- Discussions were held with PEI on collaboration for supporting national level and sector development processes and strategic use of NBSAPs.
- Concept note approved and detailed annotated outline prepared for an awareness and advocacy booklet on biodiversity for development for the IYD/ IYB. The annotated outline was shared and discussed with the internal advisory group of SCBD programme officers.
- Comments and suggestions provided for the strategic plan, COP 10 agenda, and case study web access platforms.
- Contribution to interagency IMG survey design and response on UNDP targets contributing to 2010 targets.
- Various UNDP experiences shared with SCBD e.g.: use of knowledge management, input to E&E net, South-south cooperation.

### C. German Financial Resources Management

134. During the second quarter 2009, the German Programme Officer was dedicated essentially to the following tasks:

- a. Finalization of the Biodiversity for Development Initiative's work plan and allocation of the German Funds in close collaboration with the involved task team coordinated by the head of the ITS. The work plan came up with the following products:
  - i. Nine Tools for Parties to Mainstream Biodiversity
  - ii. On-line publication highlighting contribution of three CBD objectives to poverty eradication (evidence)
  - iii. Technical series: Interdependence between biodiversity and development
  - iv. Information materials for the International Day and Year Biodiversity 2010
  - v. Multi-agency Source book on environment mainstreaming (Replaces Community mapping project)
  - vi. Contributions to GBO3, Strategic Plan and other CBD publications through case studies on biodiversity and development / poverty alleviation
  - vii. Regional and global initiatives with development cooperation agencies, regional bodies and qualified participation in international events (incl. UNGA),
  - viii. Preparation of a Draft Decision for COP 10 and a CBD-comprehensive framework for poverty alleviation
  - ix. COP 10 side event in Nagoya
- b. Elaboration of outlines and product descriptions for different publications and products included in the mentioned work plan;
- c. Elaboration of TORs and recruitment of a consultant to elaborate a cross-sectoral toolkit on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Good and Services for actors involved in planning processes at the national level;
- d. Mission in Libreville, Gabon to assess the organizing of a Pan African Conference on Biodiversity for Poverty Alleviation and Development which will be hosted by the Government of Gabon next February 2010;
- e. Mission in Gaborone, Botswana to elaborate a working agenda for collaboration with SADC to operationalize and strengthen the implementation of its Regional Biodiversity Strategy.

**BIOSAFETY**

**THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY**

**IV. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES  
SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE PROTOCOL**

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

135. In accordance with Programme Element 1 of the annex to decision BS-II/2 and the recommendations of the BCH-IAC meeting held in November 2008, the common formats for the registration of records in the BCH, continue to be updated and will be re-launched before the end of the next quarter.

136. During this reporting period, a new tutorial on the use of the BCH has been produced to facilitate the use of the new common formats for the submission of information to the BCH. The tutorial is composed of four modules that provide guidance on the basic features of the different BCH sections. Upon completion of the introduction of the new common formats, a fifth module, on 'Registering Information', will also be produced.

137. In the on-going process of developing a new Roster of Biosafety Experts, in accordance with decision BS-IV/4, the curriculum vitae of 60 experts have been submitted to date by Parties or other Governments and are available through the BCH: <https://bch.cbd.int/database/experts/>.

138. The BCH continues to expand, especially with respect to the capacity-building databases including (i) public awareness projects/opportunities, (ii) the biosafety-related organizations directory and (iii) the Biosafety Information Resource Center (BIRC) which contains biosafety-related publications and information resources mainly made up of guidance materials on risk assessment.

139. The BIRC records are in the process of being revised and reclassified with the view to readjust the BCH virtual library to enable it correspond with the new BIRC common format.

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

140. In response to the offer made by UNEP to undertake an expert review of capacity-building activities under GEF funding, in collaboration with GEF, its agencies and the Executive Secretary, the Secretariat is collaborating with UNEP to identify a consultant and initiate the process to assess the effectiveness of various approaches to capacity-building and capturing the lessons learned.

**Decision BS-IV/11: Risk Assessment and Risk Management**

141. The first meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety was held from 20 to 24 April 2009 in Montreal, Canada. In pursuance of the terms of reference as contained in the Annex to decision BS-IV/11, the Group discussed the development of guidance documents with the view to further support countries in conducting risk assessment of living modified organisms (LMOs) in the context of the Protocol. The

participants produced a draft text for a roadmap on the steps in risk assessment and established four sub-working groups to further undertake the development of the roadmap and guidance documents on specific aspects of risk assessment and risk management prior to the Group's second meeting, scheduled to be held in April 2010 in Ljubljana, Slovenia. The report of the meeting is available on the Secretariat's web page at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/bs/bsarm-01/official/bsarm-01-03-en.pdf>.

142. A new series of discussion groups were launched by the Secretariat during June/July period; the Open-ended Online Expert Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management. This forum has the objective of assisting the AHTEG Sub-working Groups in the development of guidance documents.

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

143. The Secretariat continued to advance the implementation of the outreach strategy (2008-2012) to promote public awareness, education and participation. Some of the activities undertaken include: redesigning and updating of the Protocol website (there has been 14,901 visits to the website during the period under review); preparation and dissemination of outreach materials; dissemination of news articles on biosafety; and efforts publicizing online conferences recently conducted and encouraging stakeholders to participate in those virtual conferences.

144. During the period under review, the Secretariat staff made a presentation about the status of implementation of the Biosafety Protocol at an event of an international legal symposium on "Treaty Regimes in Practice: Domestic Implementation of International Law on Sustainable Development", organized by the Montreal-based Centre for International Sustainable Development Law, at McGill University.

#### **Decisions BS-IV/8, BS-IV/9 and BS-IV/10: Handling, transport, packaging and identification of living modified organisms – paragraph 3 of Article 18**

145. The Secretariat organised an Online Forum on Standards for LMO Shipments (Article 18.3) that was held from 18 May to 5 June 2009. The objectives of the Online Forum were to: (i) identify the relevant standards with regard to handling, transport, packaging and identification of living modified organisms; (ii) identify where gaps exist; and (iii) suggest possible modalities to fill the gaps. To this end, participants discussed guiding questions that were organized into four themes. The Forum also consisted of an 'ask an expert' component whereby experts from different relevant international organizations were available online to answer questions from participants. The following organizations were represented by experts: the Codex Alimentarius Commission, the International Plant Protection Convention, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, the World Trade Organization, the World Customs Organization and the World Organisation for Animal Health. A total of 104 messages were posted and are archived in the Biosafety Clearing-House at: [http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/forum\\_art18.shtml](http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/forum_art18.shtml). The Secretariat will prepare a summary of the outcome of the Forum, reflecting the full range of views expressed, for the consideration of COP-MOP 5 in accordance with paragraph 4 of decision BS-IV/10.

#### **Decision BS-IV/15: Assessment and Review**

146. The process for the hiring of a consultant to undertake the development of a sound methodological approach to contribute to an effective second assessment and review of the Protocol, its annexes, procedures and mechanisms has been finalised.

**Status of Ratification or Accession to the Protocol**

147. As of 30 June 2009, 156 have acceded to or ratified the Protocol. The list of these Parties is available on the website: <http://www.cbd.int/biosafety/signinglist.shtml>.

**ANNEXES**

**ANNEX I  
Meetings**

**April - June 2009**

30 Mar-3 Apr 2009	Participate in the 15 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the Scientific and Technical Review Panel of the Ramsar Convention- Gland, Switzerland
2-3 April 2009	Take part in the Authors Workshop of Chapter 8 on Protected Areas of D1: The Economics of Environment and Biodiversity for Policy Makers Report - Brussels, Belgium
7 April 2009	Participate in the preparations of the Second <i>Ad hoc</i> Intergovernmental and Multi-stakeholder Meeting on an Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services - Paris, France
7 April 2009	Take part in the IPBES Meeting on Gap Analysis Report - Paris, France
8 April 2009	Participate in the first meeting of the EMG Issue Management Group on the 2010 biodiversity target process - Paris, France
9 April 2009	Attend the seventh meeting of the Biodiversity-related Conventions Liaison Group - Paris, France
15 April 2009	Participate in the Meeting of the Governing Councils/Executive Boards of UN agencies - New York, U.S.A.
15-17 April 2009	Attend the workshop to finalize China's biodiversity strategy and action plan - Beijing, China
16 April 2009	Visit of Mr. Mohammed A. Bekhechi, Lead Counsel, ESSD and International Law Unit, The World Bank
16-17 April 2009	Attend the meeting of the GEF Technical Advisory Group - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
17 April 2009	Visit of Mr. Hiroaki Isobe, new Consul General of Japan in Montreal
22-24 April 2009	Participate in the G8 meeting of Environment Ministers - Syracuse, Italy
23 April 2009	Visit of the new Canadian diplomats to the Secretariat and briefing on the Convention and the Protocol
24 April 2009	Deliver a presentation on business and biodiversity at the Conference on Biodiversity and Ethics in the Cosmetics Sector - Munich, Germany
25 April 2009	Attend the Board meeting of the Union for Ethical Biotech - Munich, Germany
27-28 April 2009	Deliver a presentation on mainstreaming and business and biodiversity at the High Level Biodiversity Protection – Beyond 2010 Conference - Athens, Greece
20 Apr–1 May 2009	Attend the eighth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests - New York, U.S.A, also took part in The Forest Dialogue on REDD
21 April 2009	Participate in the High Level panel discussion on “Forests in a Changing Environment”, in the margins of the UNFF-8 - New York, U.S.A.
30 April 2009	Attended the DPI/NGO briefing on IYB 2010 - New York, U.S.A.
1 May 2009	Meeting via teleconference with the two ABS Co-Chairs
4 May 2009	Attend the <i>Conférence de M. Lakhdar Brahimi, ancien Secrétaire général adjoint des Nations Unies: Double défi pour l'ONU: le maintien de la paix et la responsabilité de protéger</i> - UQAM, Montreal, Canada
4-5 May 2009	Participate in the GBO3 biodiversity futures workshop - Cambridge, U.K.
5 May 2009	Attend the Design Meeting of the World Bank Forest Investment Programme



	and meet with US Forest Service/Climate Change specialist - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
6 May 2009	Take part in the Workshop on a Network of Knowledge on Biodiversity: a contribution from Europe - Brussels, Belgium
6-7 May 2009	Take part in the GHG inventory on-line training session
7 May 2009	Participate in the special Task Team meeting established to improve Rio markers' data quality - Paris, France
10-11 May 2009	Take part in the Diversitas Scientific Committee meeting - Paris, France
10-13 May 2009	Participated in the 5 <sup>th</sup> World Environmental Education Congress – Palais des Congrès, Montreal, Canada
12 May 2009	Meet with the new Director of the United Nations Division on Sustainable Development, in the margins of the CSD-17 meeting - New York, U.S.A.
12 May 2009	Meet with the new Administrator of the UNDP, in the margins of the CSD-17 meeting - New York, U.S.A.
12 May 2009	Meet with the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management, in the margins of the CSD-17 meeting - New York, U.S.A.
12 May 2009	Meet with the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, in the margins of the CSD-17 meeting - New York, U.S.A.
12-13 May 2009	Participated in the Indigenous and Local Communities, Business and Biodiversity Consultation, in the margins of CSD-17 meeting - New York, U.S.A.
12-14 May 2009	Held bilateral meetings with a number of Ministers of Environment and senior government officials attending the CSD-17 meeting - New York, U.S.A.
12-14 May 2009	Participate in the high-level segment of the CSD-17 and related Ministerial roundtables - New York, U.S.A.
12-14 May 2009	Interview by UNTV and by the Stakeholder Forum on “Pioneers for the Planet”, and also on cities and biodiversity, in the margins of the CSD-17 meeting - New York, U.S.A.
12-16 May 2009	Participate in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> European NBSAP/mainstreaming capacity development workshop - Isle of Vilm, Germany
14 May 2009	Take part and chair the ninth meeting of the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions - New York, U.S.A. (working lunch was also held with the UNFF Director and the three Executive Secretaries of the Rio Conventions)
14 May 2009	Participate via teleconference in the Executive GEFOP meeting
14-15 May 2009	Participated in the 4 <sup>th</sup> International Regional Centre of Expertise Conference - Biosphere, Montreal
15 May 2009	Participate via teleconference in the informal consultative group for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services meeting
15 May 2009	Took part via teleconference in the Countdown 2010 11 <sup>th</sup> Advisory Board Meeting
15 May 2009	Visit of the Norwegian delegation
18-21 May 2009	Attend the ASEAN regional workshop on global taxonomy initiative - Manila, Philippines
18-22 May 2009	Participate in Training course “Women Preparing for Leadership” - Nairobi, Kenya
19-21 May 2009	Participate in communications aspect of workshop – Global Biodiversity Outlook 3 – CBD Secretariat, Montreal
20 May 2009	Deliver a lecture at the OFI Conference on Invasive Alien Species - Singapore City, Singapore

20 May 2009	UNEP expert of the day on “Outreach activities at the Convention on Biological Diversity”
22 May 2009	Attend the International Day for Biological Diversity celebrations at the United Nations University - Tokyo, Japan
22 May 2009	Meet with senior officials from the Ministries of Environment and Foreign Affairs of Japan - Tokyo, Japan
23 May 2009	Attend the Green Wave ceremony and special event at the Kanazawa University - Kanazawa, Japan
25 May 2009	Attend the meeting with scientists and civil society organized by the National Institute for Environmental Studies - Nagoya, Japan
25-26 May 2009	Meet with relevant staff from the Ministry of Environment of Gabon and the CBD NFP - Libreville, Gabon
25-29 May 2009	Attend the 32 <sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Scientific Group under the London Convention and the 3 <sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Scientific Group under the London Protocol - Rome, Italy
26-28 May 2009	Attend The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity meeting - Brussels, Belgium
26-29 May 2009	Visit of representatives from the United Nations University
27 May 2009	Meet with relevant staff from IUCN - Johannesburg, South Africa
27-28 May 2009	Attend a workshop on regional opportunities for the conservation of the Amazon biome, as well as held meeting on upcoming regional POWPA workshops - Bogota, Colombia
27-29 May 2009	Informal meeting with officials from the Ministry of Environment, other relevant Ministries of Japanese Government and stakeholders - Tokyo, Japan
28 May 2009	Participate via teleconference in the jury for the Young Reporters for the Environment and selected articles and photos
29 May 2009	Visit of the new Consul General of Korea and Ambassador on the Council of ICAO
29 May-1 Jun 2009	Meet and hold working sessions with relevant SADC staff - Gaborone, Botswana
29-31 May 2009	Participate in the “ <i>Rendez-vous Horticole</i> ” at the Montreal Botanical Gardens
1-3 June 2009	Attend the World Water Assessment Programme Expert Group meeting on Indicators Monitoring and Databases - Copenhagen, Denmark
1-5 June 2009	Take part in the third session of the Governing Body of the ITPGRFA - Tunis, Tunisia
1-9 June 2009	Participate in the thirtieth session of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Body - Bonn, Germany
3 June 2009	Meet with the Sustainable Development staff of SITQ - Montreal, Canada
3 June 2009	Take part in the First Global Private Donor Forum on Biodiversity and meet with COP President - Berlin, Germany
3-4 June 2009	Attend the UNDP first Technical Advisory Committee meeting - Panama City, Panama
4 June 2009	Deliver presentation and take part in the panel discussion at Darwin’s legacy in a changing world: biodiversity, climate and evolution” seminar at McGill University - Montreal, Canada
4 June 2009	Meet with staff from the BMU-Germany - Bonn, Germany
4-5 June 2009	Attend the meeting of the experts in preparation for the biodiversity future study for the GBO-3 - London, U.K.
4-5 June 2009	Hold meetings with staff from German Federal Ministry of the Environment and the LifeWeb Project Coordinator - Bonn, Germany
5 June 2009	Publication of interview with <i>El Pais</i> , on the occasion of World Environment Day

5 June 2009	Meet with staff from GTZ - Bonn, Germany
6-7 June 2009	Take part in the International Climate Initiative Advisory Committee Meeting - Bonn, Germany
8 June, 2009	Attend the Scientific Advisory Committee of Ouranos - Montreal Canada
8-11 June 2009	Forum économique internationale des Amériques/Conférence de Montréal - Montreal, Canada
10 June 2009	Attend BMU meeting "Year of the Gorilla" Symposium - Frankfurt, Germany
11-12 June 2009	Attend review meeting of the Ministerial Conference for the protection of Forests in Europe - Vienna, Austria
12-14 June 2009	Attend and deliver a keynote address at the 2009 RCEN Annual General Assembly: Cities and Biodiversity - Edmonton, Alberta
12-13 June 2009	Participate and deliver a keynote address at the ICLEI's Urban Nature Forum 2009: International Forum on Local Governance & Biodiversity Conservation - Edmonton, Alberta
14-18 June 2009	Take part in the ICLEI World Congress 2009 - Edmonton, Alberta
17 June 2009	Meet with BMU-Germany staff on preparations for the IYB - Bonn, Germany
17-18 June 2009	Take part in the Workshop on establishing the Global Taxonomy Partnership and its Special Trust Fund - MNHN, Paris, France (also take part in the Steering Committee meetings held before and after the workshop)
18-19 June 2009	Meeting of ABS-CEPA task force - Bonn, Germany
19 June 2009	Take part in a teleconference with the Canadian G8 Sherpa - Montreal, Canada
21-24 June 2009	Attend and make presentation at the International Symposium on Genetic Bio-control of Invasive Fish - Minneapolis, U.S.A.
21-26 June 2009	Participate in the 35 <sup>th</sup> GEF Consultation, Council and replenishment meetings - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
22 June 2009	Hold consultations on ABS with the Co-chairs of the Working Group on ABS and the German Presidency - Bonn, Germany
22 June 2009	Meeting with staff from UNESCO - Paris, France
22-25 June 2009	Attend the Pan-African Workshop on ABS and Forests - Nairobi, Kenya
24 June 2009	Attend the Countdown 2010 Assembly - Brussels, Belgium
24-26 June 2009	Participate in the Klagenfurt Days of Protected Areas and the meeting of the Advisory Board - University of Klagenfurt, Austria
27 June 2009	Take part in the panel on biodiversity at the IGES – International Forum for Sustainable Asia - Hayama, Japan
29 June 2009	Attend and take part in the opening session of the Asia-Europe Biodiversity Roundtable - Hayama, Japan (also hold bilateral meetings in preparation for Nagoya Biodiversity meetings and IYB)
29 June – 2 July 2009	Attend the workshop regarding CBD Azores Criteria Project - Duke University, Durham, N.C., U.S.A
30 June-3 July 2009	Attend and take part as a resource person in the Regional Technical Workshop on the Clearing House Mechanism, organized by the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity - Bogor, Indonesia

## 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 27 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There was 1 Professional vacant post for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, 5 professional posts and 11 General Service posts were funded from other sources. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigramme (Appendix 1 and Annex II respectively).

#### II Contributions and Funds

2. During the second quarter of 2009, five new pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were recorded. Finland pledged EUR196,500 for the Gender Issues and Desertification Activities, Germany pledged US\$80,000 towards the Forest Biodiversity and Climate Workshop, Netherlands pledged US\$493,827 towards the 2009 work plan for activities under the Letter of Intent, Norway pledged NOK530,000 for the support of Expert and Regional Meetings and Instituto do Mar, Portugal, pledged US\$5,997 towards the production of Azores Brochure.

3. For 2009 a total of US\$2,258,787 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund, of which US\$1,250,971 or 55% has been collected as at 30 June 2009. 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 2009 is US\$10,505,772. Of this amount, US\$7,138,366 or 68% has been received as at 30 June 2009. A total of US\$1,065,358 has also been collected in 2009 as advance payments for 2010 and future years. Additionally, US\$1,061,200 has been pledged as additional contributions to the BY Trust Fund for 2009. US\$24,892 has also been collected in 2009 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VI.

5. As at 30 June 2009, US\$280,494 has been pledged for 2009 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the Participation of Parties in the Convention process (**BZ Trust Fund**). Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

6. As at 30 June 2009, contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in 2009 amounted to US\$216,555 or 77% of the total pledged for 2009. A total of US\$218,710 remains outstanding for the BZ Trust Fund for 2009 and prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

7. As at 30 June 2009, a total of seventy-six (76) countries have paid US\$1,562,935 to the **BG Trust Fund**, representing 80% of pledges for 2009. A total of US\$27,059 has also been collected in 2009 as advance payments for 2010 and future years. US\$76,828 has also been collected in 2009 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BG Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VII.

8. As at 30 June 2009, three 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 2009. To date, US\$141,274 has been received in 2009 for 2009 and future years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BH Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VIII.

9. As at 30 June 2009, no 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**). 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-9 approved a budget of US\$11,391,900 for the BY Trust Fund for 2009. As at 30 June 2009, a total of US\$4,806,530 was spent or committed. This represents 42.2% of the approved amount.

11. COP/MOP-4 approved a budget of US\$2,611,800 for the BG Trust Fund for 2009. As at 30 June 2009, a total of US\$1,006,200 has so far been spent or committed. This represents 38.5% of the approved amount.

#### Reimbursement for Services provided to the Secretariat

12. The following sixteen 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-6); Finance Assistant (G-5); Personnel Assistant (G-7); Conference Assistant (G-6) Administrative Assistant (G-7) Administrative Assistant (G-6); Administrative Assistant- conferences (G-6) two (2) Travel Assistants (G-7); and Messenger/Clerk/Drive (G-4).

**Appendix I**  
**Staffing table of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity**

**April - June 2009**

<b>Post #</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Staff member</b>
1101	ASG	Executive Secretary (OES)	Mr. A. Djoghlafl
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)	Mr. N. Pratt
1117	P3	Programme Officer (OMG)	Post vacant
1118	P3	Meetings Services Officer (RMCS)	Mr. A. Yesli
1119	P3	Information Officer (OMG)	Ms. 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)
BGL 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
BGL 1134	P4	PO, Scientific, Technical Information (Biosafety)	Mr. G. Ferraiolo

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
1135	P5	Chief, Conference Services (RMCS)	Mr. J. Fry
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
BGL 1151	P3	Computer Information Systems Officer, (Biosafety)	Mr. P. LeBlond
1123	P3	Programme Management Officer (RMCS)	Mr. I. Ahmed (Post funded by UNEP)
1147	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 (Post funded by UNEP)
1312	G7	Personnel Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. J. Martinez (Post funded by UNEP)
1313	G6	Secretary - (STTM)	Ms. V. Allain
1314	G6	Secretary - (ITS)	Ms. F. Blot
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

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
1318	G4	Messenger/Clerk (RMCS)	Mr. L. Rekik (Post funded by UNEP)
1319	G7	Programme Assistant, (SEL)	Ms. S. Gautreau
BGL 1302	G6	Secretary (Biosafety)	Ms. P. Scarone
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)
1335	G6	Administrative Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. I. Keira (Post funded by UNEP)
1336	G6	Finance Assistant (RMCS)	Ms. C. Conlon (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
BGL 1309	G7	Computer Assistant – (Biosafety)	Mr. S. Bilodeau
BGL 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 (Post funded by UNEP)
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
Alberto Vega	Spanish/German	Government of Germany	15.11.08
Noriko Moriwake	Japan	Government of Japan	01.11.08
Chikara Hombo	Japan	Government of Japan	31.01.09
Susanne Heitmuller	Germany	Government of Germany	01.03.09
Viviana Figueroa	Argentina	Government of Spain	06.05.09
Jason Spensley	UK	Government of Germany	29.05.09

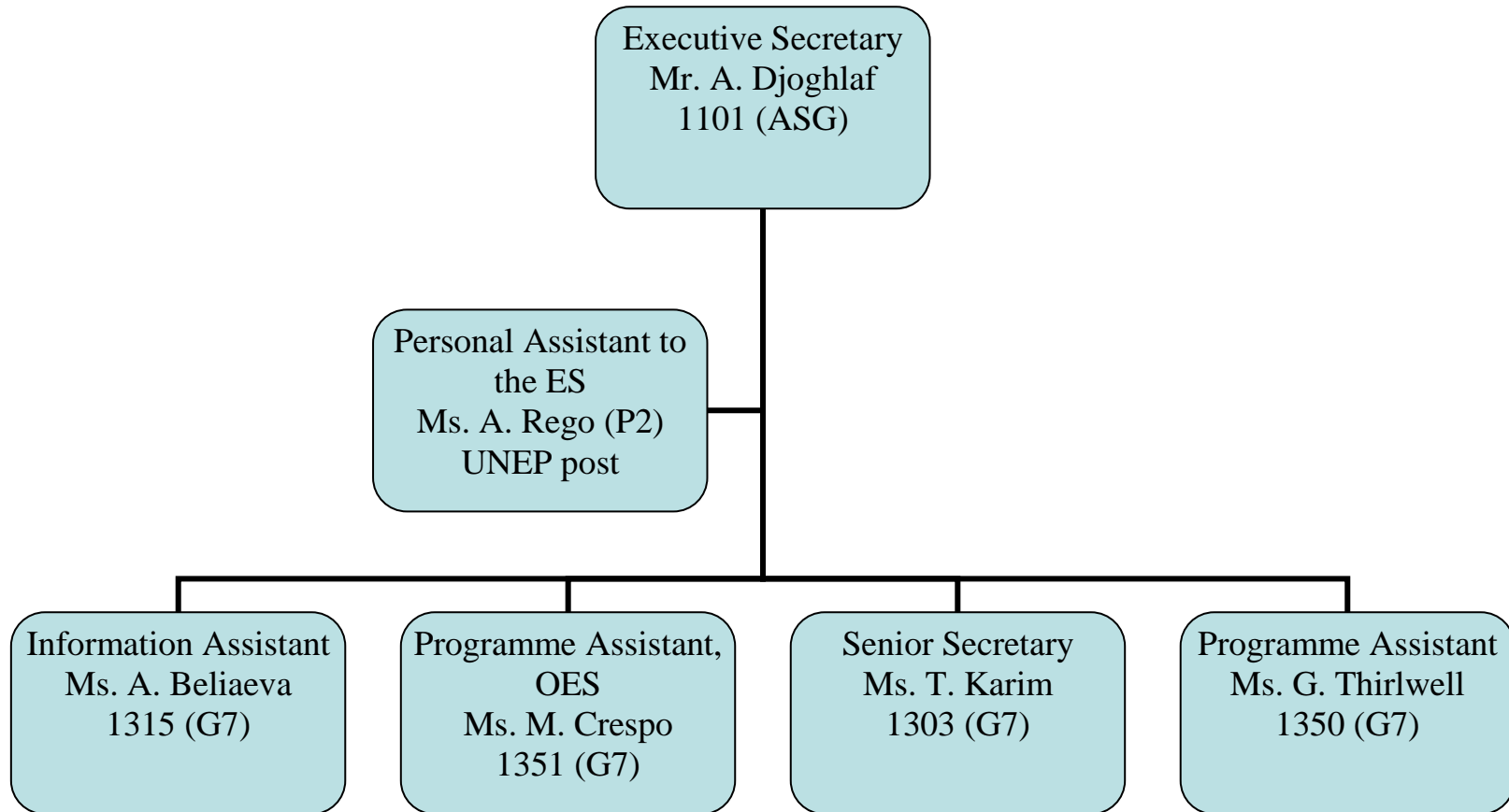


**Interns working at SCBD from April to June 2009**

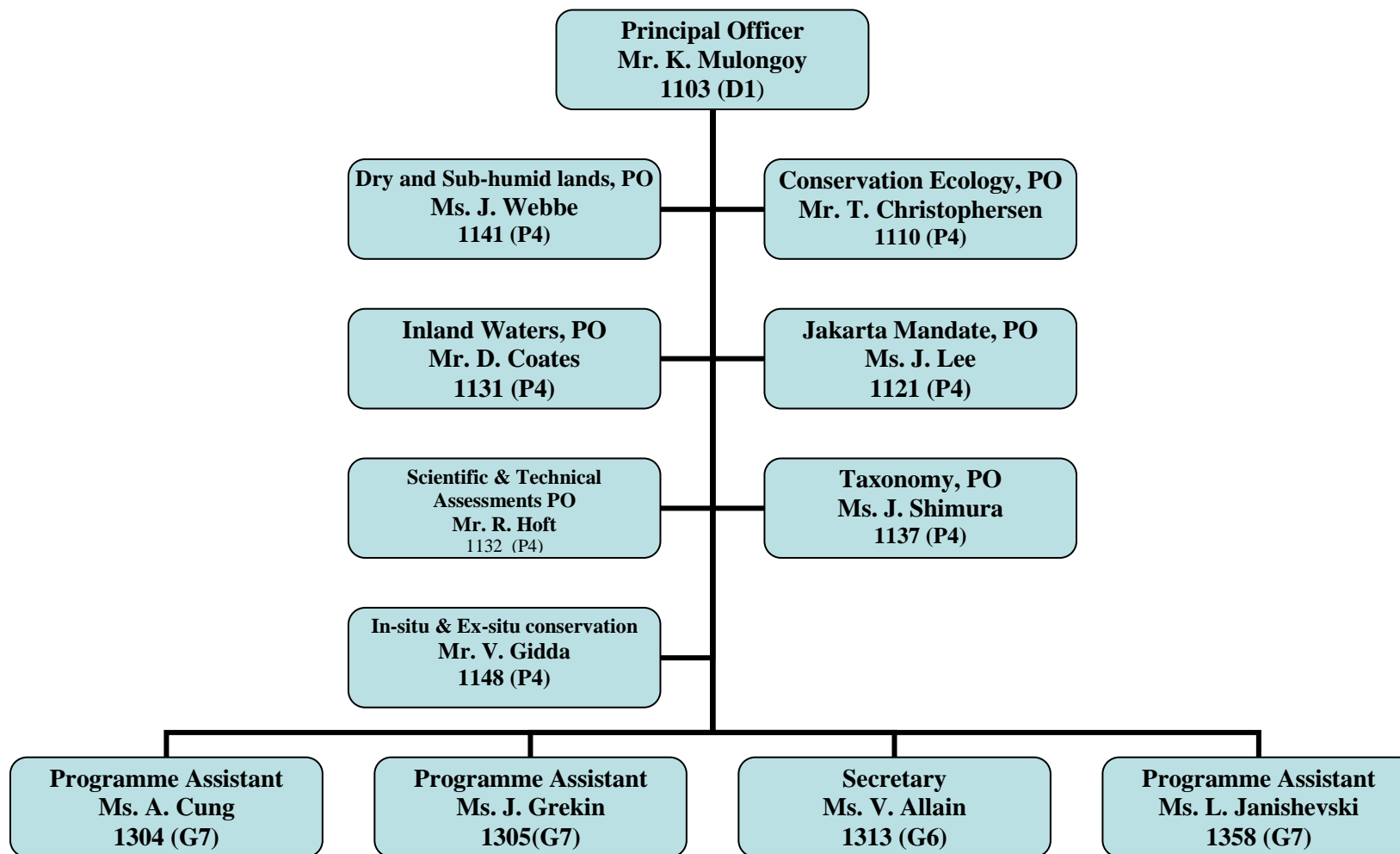
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Abike Yacoubou	Benin	Université Paris	Biosafety.	26.01.09	27.07.09
Kendra Pierre-Louis	USA	School of International Training, Vermont	Biosafety	05.01.09	04.07.09
Beatriz Osorio	Peru	McGill University	Inland Waters	02.03.09	30.05.09
Chloé Houdy	France	Paul Cézanne University	Biodiv. Climate Change and Inland Waters	01.04.09	30.09.09
Alexander Kenny	Canada	Université de Montreal	Perverse incentives/subsidies	23.04.09	22.07.09
Claudia Kis Madrid	Mexico	McGill University	GBO-3	22.04.09	07.08.09
Thierry Lefebvre	French	University of Montpellier	Ecosystems based adaptation	27.04.09	01.09.09
Marie-Eve Deshaies	Canada	University of Sherbrooke	Ecosystems health and natural disasters	01.05.09	31.07.09
Frederic Perron-Welch	Canada	Dalhousie University	Biosafety Clearing House	01.05.09	31.07.09
Guy Lifshitz	Israel	McGill University	CHM	19.05.09	18.09.09
Nicolas Michel-Imbert	France	HEC Montreal	CHM	01.06.09	31.08.09
Steve Blumenfeld	USA	Yale University	Inland Waters	30.05.09	01.08.09
Ahmed Abdullah	Tanzania	Yale University	Strategic Planning	30.05.09	01.08.09
Carmen Lu	Australia	Yale University	Forests	30.05.09	01.08.09

**ANNEX III**  
**Organizational Chart of the CBD Secretariat**

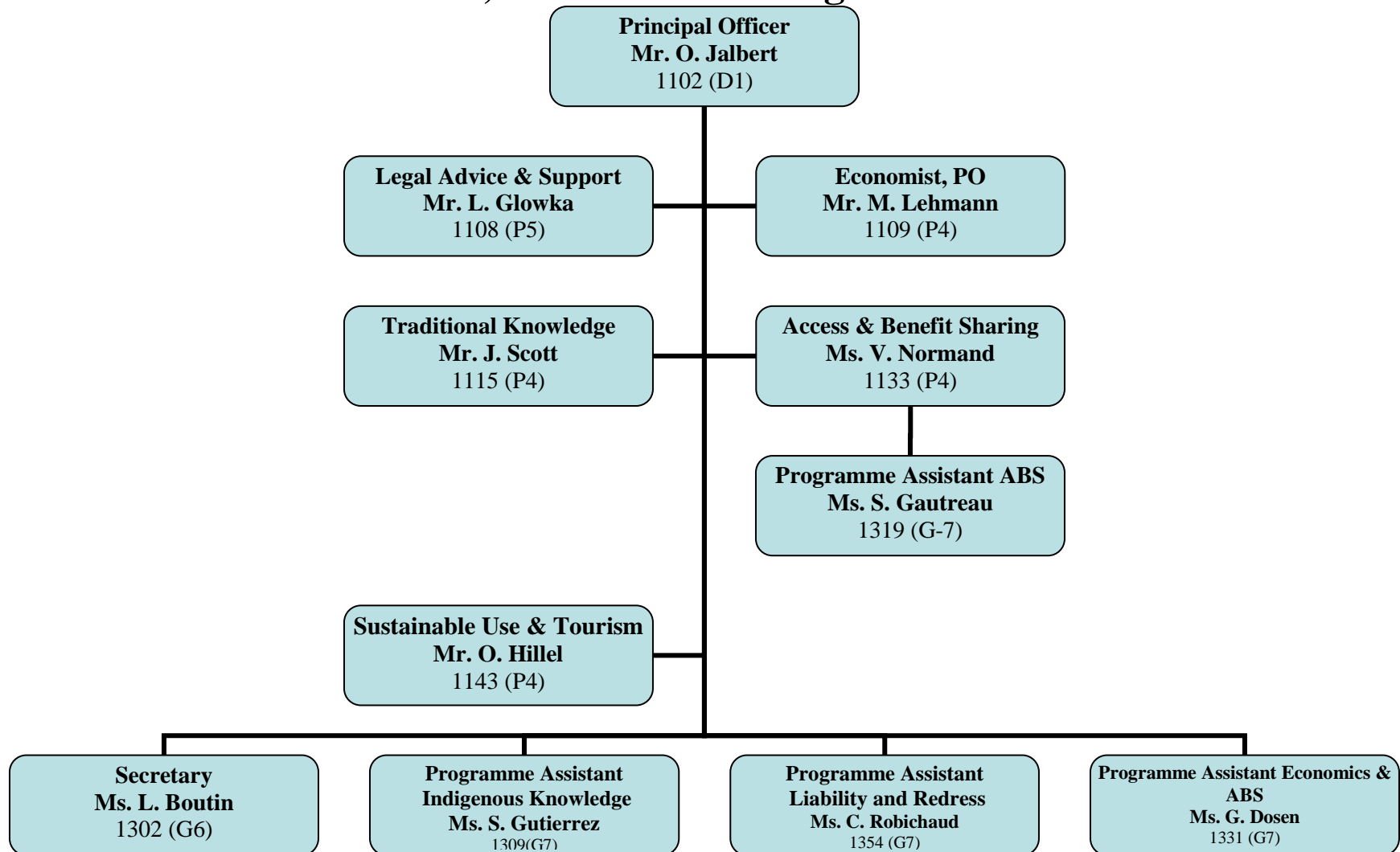
**Office of the Executive Secretary**



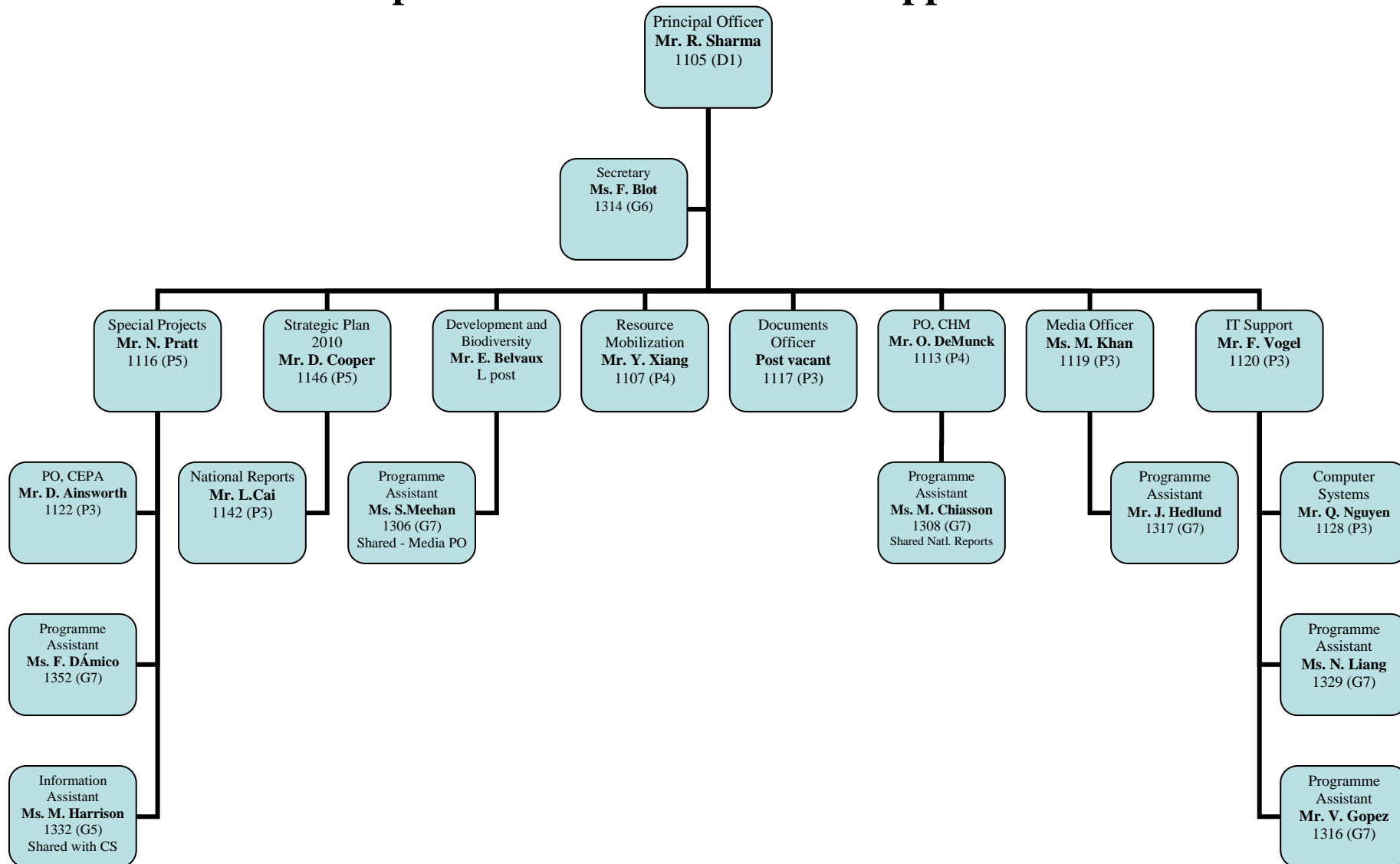
## Scientific, Technical & Technological Matters



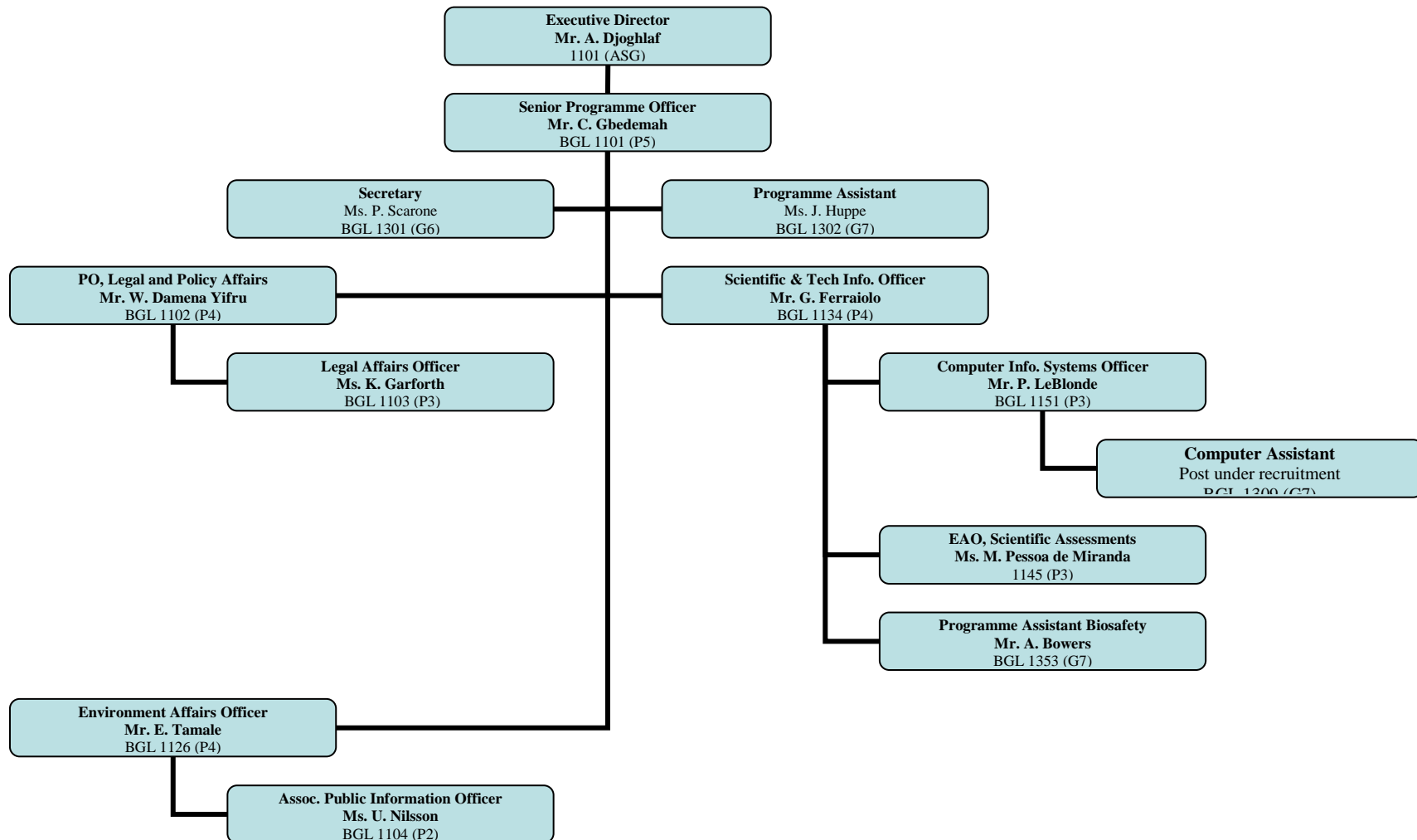
## Social, Economic and Legal Matters



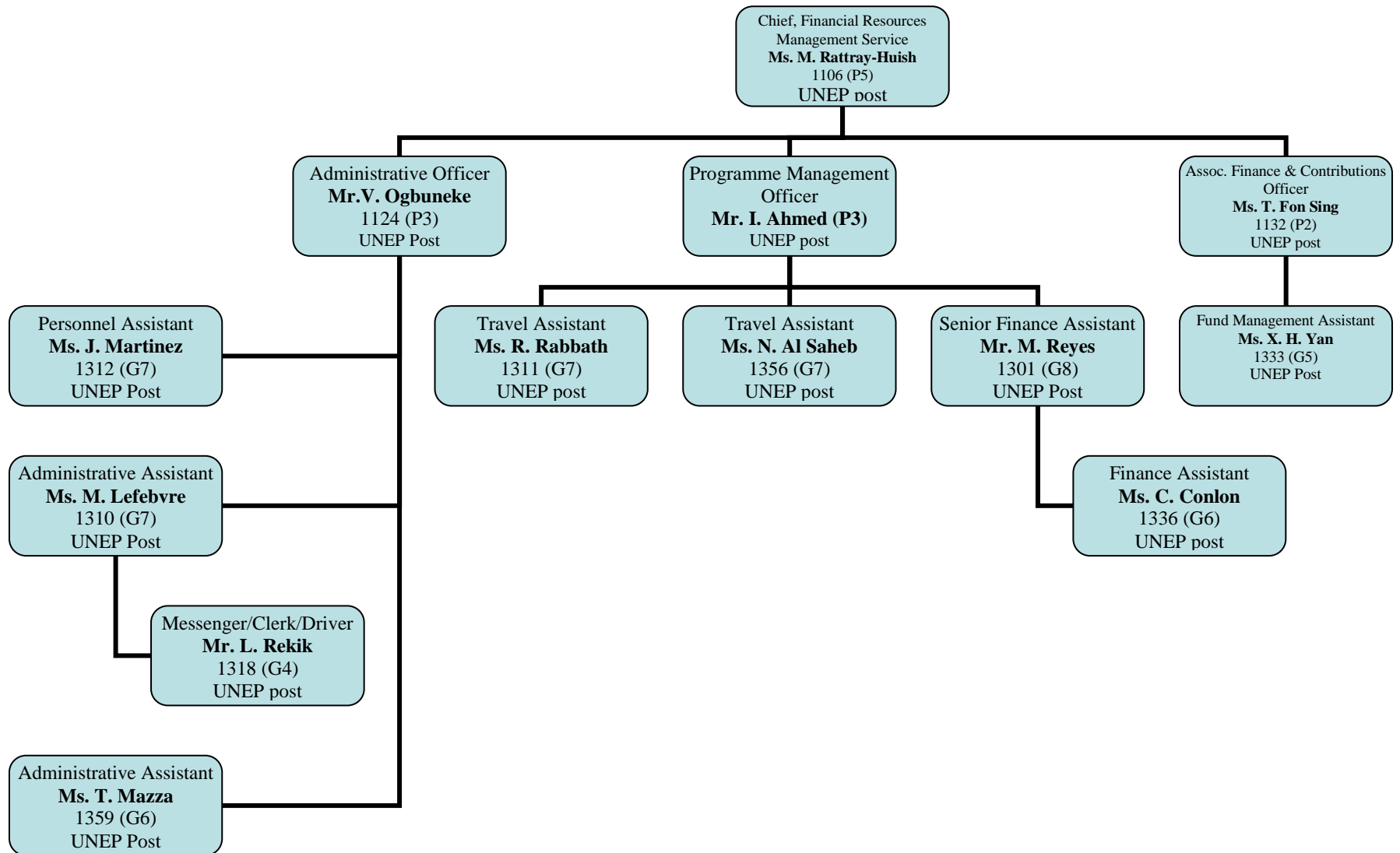
# Implementation & Technical Support



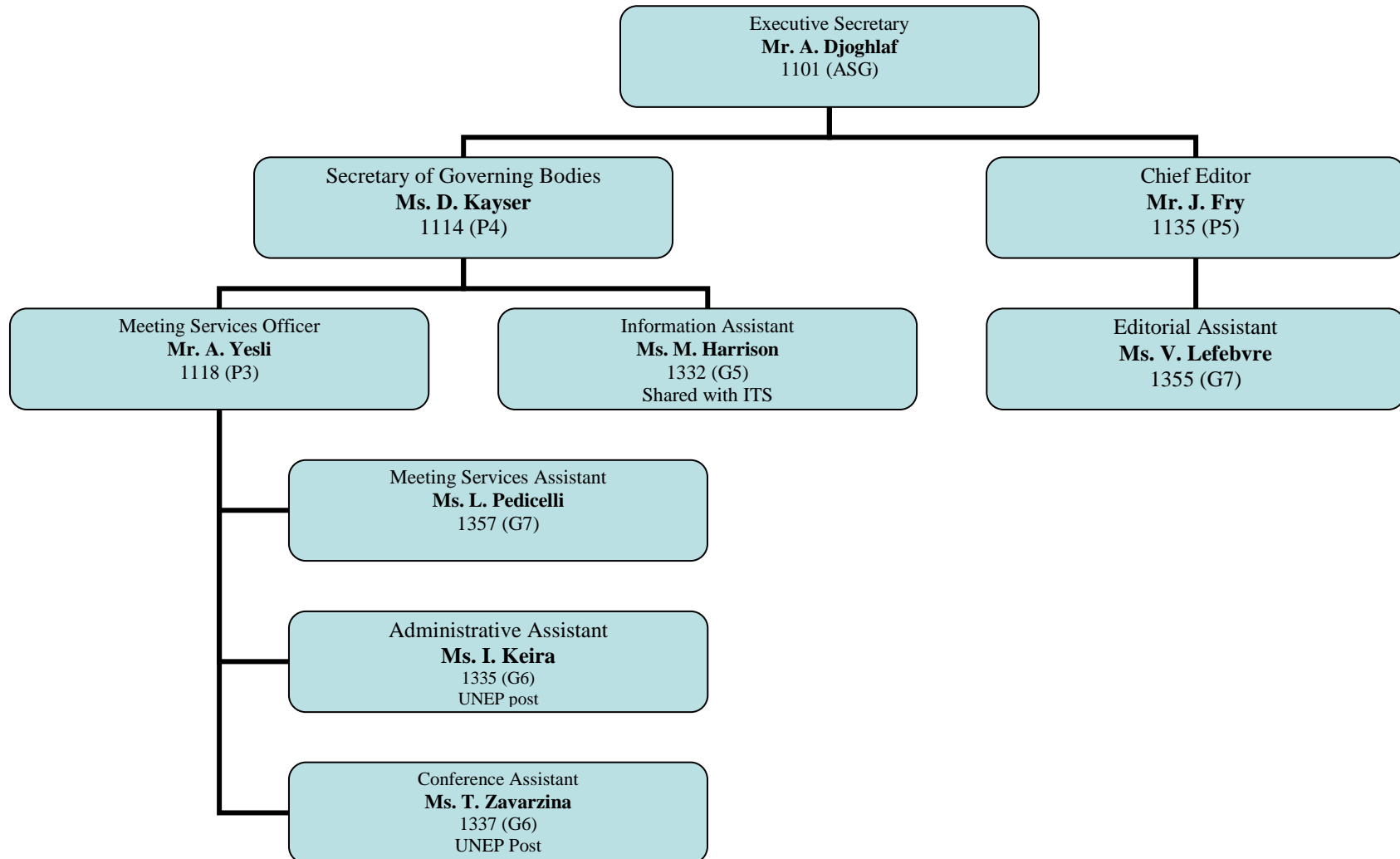
# Biosafety Protocol



# 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 30 June 2009 (in United States dollars)**

<b>COUNTRIES</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.08</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Pledges for 2009</b>		<b>Collections in 2009 for prior years</b>	<b>Collections in 2009 for 2009 &amp; futures yrs</b>	<b>Unpaid pledges for 2009 &amp; prior years</b>
Belgium	3,836			1/			3,836
Belgium			38,363	13/		38,363	
Canada	63,661			2/	63,661		0
Canada			30,000	14/			30,000
Canada			81,104	15/		81,104	0
CIFOR			4,000	16/		4,000	0
COMIFAC	32,383			3/	16,469		15,914
EC	59,065			4/			59,065
EC	91,193			5/			91,193
EC	74,759			6/			74,759
EC	103,493			7/			103,493
Finland			38,363	9/		26,350	12,013
Finland			258,893	25/		258,893	0
Germany	104,987			8/	104,987		0
Germany			525,979	17/		255,754	270,224
Germany			60,647	18/		60,647	0
Germany			235,755	19/		120,000	115,755
Germany			138,558	20/		138,558	0
Germany			80,000	28/			80,000
Instituto do Mar			5,997	29/			5,997

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.08	Adjustments	Pledges for 2009		Collections in 2009 for prior years	Collections in 2009 for 2009 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2009 & prior years
Japan			114,203	21/		114,203	0
Japan			50,000	22/		50,000	0
Japan			20,000	23/		20,000	0
Kew Gardens			3,158	24/		3,158	0
Netherlands			493,827	27/			493,827
Norway			79,940	26/		79,940	0
UK	200,000			10/	100,000		100,000
UK	15,606			11/	15,606		0
UK	14,468			12/	14,468		0
<b>Total</b>	<b>763,451</b>		<b>2,258,787</b>		<b>315,191</b>	<b>1,250,971</b>	<b>1,456,076</b>

1/Belgium pledged EUR 15,000 and the Flemish Government EUR 30,000, towards the AHTEG on Biodiversity and Climate Change

2/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 79,500 for the AHTEG on Access and Benefit Sharing, Namibia, 2 - 5 December 2008

3/COMIFAC pledged EUR 25,000 towards the Poverty Alleviation Project

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

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

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

7/EC pledged EUR 400,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2008/514760/SUB/E2

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

9/Finland pledged EUR 30,000 towards the 2nd Meeting of the AHTEG on Biodiversity and Climate Change, Helsinki, Finland, 18-22 April 2009

10/UK pledged US\$ 200,000 towards GBO-3

11/UK pledged GBP 10,000 towards the AHTEG Climate Change and Biodiversity

12/UK pledged GBP 10,000 in support of the CBD Gender Plan of Action

13/Belgium pledged EUR 30,000 towards the Global Life Web Project

14/Canada pledged US\$ 30,000 towards the Marine Expert Meeting on Ecologically and Biologically Significant Areas

15/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 100,000 for the 2010 Target, NBSAPs and IYB

16/CIFOR pledged US\$ 4,000 towards the printing of the CBD Technical Series # 33 on Bushmeat , in English and Spanish

17/Germany pledged EUR 397,640 towards the Life Web Initiative, for 2009

18/Germany pledged EUR 46,213 towards the COP Bureau Meeting, Nairobi, Kenya, 13 February 2009

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.08		Adjustments	Pledges for 2009		Collections in 2009 for prior years	Collections in 2009 for 2009 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2009 & prior years
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19/Germany pledged US\$ 235,755 for an SCBD Liaison Officer, for 2009

20/Germany pledged EUR 108,352 towards the High Level Working Group Meeting on 2010 Biodiversity Target and Post 2010 Target, Bonn, Germany, 9 -10 March 2009

21/City of Nagoya, Japan pledged US\$ 114,203 towards the secondment of Mr. Chikara Hombo

22/Japan pledged US\$ 50,000 towards the Conference Costs of ABS-9

23/Japan pledged US\$ 20,000 towards the organization of SBSTTA-14 Meeting, Nairobi, Kenya, May 2010

24/Royal Botanic Gardens pledged GBP 2,000 for the Travel costs of delegates from Tropical African Countries

25/Finland pledged EUR 196,500 towards the Gender Issues & Desertification Activities

26/Norway pledged NOK 530,000 for the support of Expert and Regional Meetings

27/Netherlands pledged US\$ 493,826.75 towards the 2009 Workplan for activities under the Letter of Intent

28/Germany pledged US\$ 80,000 towards the Forest Biodiversity and Climate Workshop, Singapore, 16-19 September 2009

29/Instituto do Mar, Portugal, pledged US\$ 5,997 towards the Production of Azores Brochure

## 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 30 June 2009 (in United States dollars)**

<b>COUNTRIES</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.08</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Pledges for 2009</b>	<b>Collections in 2009 for prior years</b>	<b>Collections in 2009 for 2009 &amp; fut yrs</b>	<b>Unpaid pledges for 2009 &amp; prior years</b>
Denmark	27,076		1/			27,076
EC	32,425		2/			32,425
EC	95,270		3/			95,270
Finland			5/	13,263	13,263	0
Germany			4/	191,816	127,877	63,939
Norway			6/	75,415	75,415	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>154,771</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>280,494</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>218,710</b>

1/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

2/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

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

4/Germany pledged EUR 150,000 towards the 7th, 8th and 9th Access and Benefit-Sharing Meetings

5/Finland pledged EUR 10,000 towards the 8th Access and Benefit Sharing and towards the Art 8(j)-6 Meetings

6/Norway pledged NOK 500,000 to support the Developing Country Participants to the Working Group Meetings under the Convention on Biological Diversity

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

**as at 30 June 2009**

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2008 for 2009 & future yrs	Collections in 2009 for prior yrs	Collections During 2009 for 2009 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2009	Unpaid Pledges for 2009 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Afghanistan	0	129	431			0	(302)	(302)
Albania	0	776			776	0	0	0
Algeria	0	10,989	22,968			0	(11,979)	(11,979)
Angola	0	388	1,958			0	(1,570)	(1,570)
Antigua & Barbuda	0	259				0	259	259
Argentina	0	42,019				0	42,019	42,019
Armenia	0	259				0	259	259
Australia	0	231,038	231,038			0	0	0
Austria	0	114,679	114,679			0	0	0
Azerbaijan	0	646			646	0	0	0
Bahamas	0	2,069	2,069			0	0	0
Bahrain	0	4,267	8,917			0	(4,650)	(4,650)
Bangladesh	0	1,051	925			0	126	126
Barbados	0	1,164	1,164			0	0	0
Belarus	31,062	2,586				31,062	2,586	33,648
Belgium	0	142,476				0	142,476	142,476
Belize	215	129		215	129	0	0	0
Benin	0	129	270			0	(141)	(141)
Bhutan	0	129	270			0	(141)	(141)
Bolivia	1,678	776		788		890	776	1,666
Bosnia & Herzegovina	0	776			1,622	0	(846)	(846)
Botswana	0	1,810	3,783			0	(1,973)	(1,973)
Brazil	27,325	113,256				27,325	113,256	140,581
Brunei Darussalam	0	3,361				0	3,361	3,361

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2008 for 2009 & future yrs	Collections in 2009 for prior yrs	Collections During 2009 for 2009 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2009	Unpaid Pledges for 2009 & Prior years
Bulgaria	0	2,586			2,586	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	653	259				653	259	912
Burundi	1,006	129				1,006	129	1,135
Cambodia	0	129	329			0	(200)	(200)
Cameroon	374	1,164				374	1,164	1,538
Canada	0	384,891	384,891			0	0	0
Cape Verde	3,856	129				3,856	129	3,985
Central African Rep.	221	129				221	129	350
Chad	108	129				108	129	237
Chile	0	20,815			20,815	0	0	0
China	0	344,812				0	344,812	344,812
Colombia	0	13,575				0	13,575	13,575
Comoros	3,114	129				3,114	129	3,243
Congo	233	129				233	129	362
Congo Dem.Rep	6,138	388				6,138	388	6,526
Cook Islands	0	129				0	129	129
Costa Rica	5,052	4,137		1,546		3,506	4,137	7,643
Cote d'Ivoire	2,147	1,164				2,147	1,164	3,311
Croatia	0	6,464			6,464	0	0	0
Cuba	33,928	6,982				33,928	6,982	40,910
Cyprus	0	5,689				0	5,689	5,689
Czech Republic	0	36,330	75,930			0	(39,600)	(39,600)
Denmark	30	95,544		30	199,687	0	(104,143)	(104,143)
Djibouti	516	129				516	129	645
Dominica	449	129				449	129	578
Dominica Rep.	20	3,103				20	3,103	3,123
Ecuador	0	2,715				0	2,715	2,715
EEC	40	262,645		40	262,645	0	0	0
Egypt	0	11,377	13,204			0	(1,827)	(1,827)

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2008 for 2009 & future yrs	Collections in 2009 for prior yrs	Collections During 2009 for 2009 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2009	Unpaid Pledges for 2009 & Prior years
El Salvador	2,421	2,586				2,421	2,586	5,007
Equatorial Guinea	620	259				620	259	879
Eritrea	0	129	300			0	(171)	(171)
Estonia	0	2,069	2,069		2,255	0	(2,255)	(2,255)
Ethiopia	0	388	388		423	0	(423)	(423)
Fiji	0	388	3,504			0	(3,116)	(3,116)
Finland	0	72,919	72,919			0	0	0
France	0	814,645				0	814,645	814,645
Gabon	0	1,034	23,389			0	(22,355)	(22,355)
Gambia	0	129	332			0	(203)	(203)
Georgia	0	388	388			0	0	0
Germany	0	1,108,905			1,108,905	0	0	0
Ghana	2,629	517				2,629	517	3,146
Greece	0	77,056				0	77,056	77,056
Grenada	0	129				0	129	129
Guatemala	3,301	4,137				3,301	4,137	7,438
Guinea	1,551	129				1,551	129	1,680
Guinea-Bissau	2,635	129				2,635	129	2,764
Guyana	0	129	319			0	(190)	(190)
Haiti	646	259				646	259	905
Honduras	24	646				24	646	670
Hungary	0	31,546	31,546			0	0	0
Iceland	0	4,784	4,784			0	0	0
India	0	58,180				0	58,180	58,180
Indonesia	0	20,815	20,815		22,689	0	(22,689)	(22,689)
Iran	65,740	23,272				65,740	23,272	89,012
Ireland	0	57,533	57,507		26	0	0	0
Israel	0	54,172				0	54,172	54,172
Italy	0	656,655	656,645		715,763	0	(715,753)	(715,753)
Jamaica	0	1,293			2,702	0	(1,409)	(1,409)

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2008 for 2009 & future yrs	Collections in 2009 for prior yrs	Collections During 2009 for 2009 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2009	Unpaid Pledges for 2009 & Prior years
Japan	0	2,311,272			2,311,272	0	0	0
Jordan	0	1,551				0	1,551	1,551
Kazakhstan	2,841	3,749				2,841	3,749	6,590
Kenya	0	1,293			2,702	0	(1,409)	(1,409)
Kiribati	0	129	245		25	0	(141)	(141)
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	2,215	905				2,215	905	3,120
Korea, Rep. of	119,020	280,943				119,020	280,943	399,963
Kuwait	0	23,530			23,530	0	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	0	129	485			0	(356)	(356)
Lao PDR	0	129	270			0	(141)	(141)
Latvia	0	2,327	2,327		2,537	0	(2,537)	(2,537)
Lebanon	8,857	4,396		2,485		6,372	4,396	10,768
Lesotho	0	129	1			0	128	128
Liberia	0	129				0	129	129
Libya	58,828	8,016				58,828	8,016	66,844
Liechtenstein	0	1,293			1,293	0	0	0
Lithuania	0	4,008				0	4,008	4,008
Luxembourg	0	10,989			10,989	0	0	0
Macedonia	0	646			646	0	0	0
Madagascar	0	259	541			0	(282)	(282)
Malawi	0	129				0	129	129
Malaysia	0	24,565	24,550		26,791	0	(26,776)	(26,776)
Maldives	0	129			270	0	(141)	(141)
Mali	0	129	18			0	111	111
Malta	0	2,198				0	2,198	2,198
Marshall Island	215	129				215	129	344
Mauritania	1,945	129				1,945	129	2,074
Mauritius	0	1,422			1,422	0	0	0
Mexico	13,674	291,803				13,674	291,803	305,477



Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2008 for 2009 & future yrs	Collections in 2009 for prior yrs	Collections During 2009 for 2009 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2009	Unpaid Pledges for 2009 & Prior years
Micronesia, Fed. States	215	129				215	129	344
Moldova, Rep. of	0	129				0	129	129
Monaco	0	388			388	0	0	0
Mongolia	0	129	270			0	(141)	(141)
Montenegro	0	129				0	129	129
Morocco	10,124	5,430		8,968		1,156	5,430	6,586
Mozambique	0	129	270			0	(141)	(141)
Myanmar	478	646				478	646	1,124
Namibia	0	776	776			0	0	0
Nauru	3,234	129				3,234	129	3,363
Nepal	772	388				772	388	1,160
Netherlands	0	242,157				0	242,157	242,157
New Zealand	0	33,098	33,098			0	0	0
Nicaragua	215	259				215	259	474
Niger	2,970	129				2,970	129	3,099
Nigeria	0	6,206				0	6,206	6,206
Niue	332	129		265		67	129	196
Norway	0	101,103			101,103	0	0	0
Oman	0	9,438	9,438		10,287	0	(10,287)	(10,287)
Pakistan	365	7,628		365	5,362	(0)	2,266	2,266
Palau	8	129				8	129	137
Panama	1,485	2,974				1,485	2,974	4,459
Papua New Guinea	646	259				646	259	905
Paraguay	14,102	646				14,102	646	14,748
Peru	70,084	10,084				70,084	10,084	80,168
Philippines	8,669	10,084		8,669	20,094	0	(10,010)	(10,010)
Poland	0	64,773			64,773	0	0	0
Portugal	0	68,135				0	68,135	68,135
Qatar	0	10,989				0	10,989	10,989
Romania	0	9,050			9,050	0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2008 for 2009 & future yrs	Collections in 2009 for prior yrs	Collections During 2009 for 2009 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2009	Unpaid Pledges for 2009 & Prior years
Russian Federation	0	155,146			155,116	0	30	30
Rwanda	0	129				0	129	129
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	2,285	129				2,285	129	2,414
Samoa	240	129				240	129	369
San Marino	0	388			388	0	0	0
Sao Tome Principe	787	129				787	129	916
Saudi Arabia	78,455	96,708				78,455	96,708	175,163
Senegal	0	517	2,423			0	(1,906)	(1,906)
Seychelles	0	259	65			0	194	194
Sierra Leone	512	129				512	129	641
Singapore	0	44,863	44,843		20	0	0	0
Slovak	0	8,145	8,145		8,878	0	(8,878)	(8,878)
Slovenia	0	12,412			12,412	0	0	0
Solomon Is.	0	129			270	0	(141)	(141)
South Africa	0	37,494			78,362	0	(40,868)	(40,868)
Spain	0	383,727				0	383,727	383,727
Sri Lanka	1,791	2,069				1,791	2,069	3,860
St. Lucia	5	129		5	110	0	19	19
St. Kitts & Nevis	0	129				0	129	129
Sudan	8,421	1,051				8,421	1,051	9,472
Suriname	0	129	1,487			0	(1,358)	(1,358)
Swaziland	431	259		431	160	0	99	99
Sweden	0	138,468				0	138,468	138,468
Switzerland	0	157,214	157,189		25	0	0	0
Syria	0	2,069				0	2,069	2,069
Tajikistan	0	129	437			0	(308)	(308)
Thailand	0	24,048				0	24,048	24,048
Timor - Leste	213	129				213	129	342
Togo	18	129				18	129	147

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2008 for 2009 & future yrs	Collections in 2009 for prior yrs	Collections During 2009 for 2009 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2009	Unpaid Pledges for 2009 & Prior years
Tonga	10	129				10	129	139
Trinidad & Tobago	0	3,491				0	3,491	3,491
Tunisia	0	4,008			8,377	0	(4,369)	(4,369)
Turkey	0	49,259			49,259	0	0	0
Turkmenistan	550	776				550	776	1,326
Tuvalu	0	129	393			0	(264)	(264)
U. K.	0	858,732			858,732	0	0	0
Uganda	0	388	2,689			0	(2,301)	(2,301)
Ukraine	0	5,818				0	5,818	5,818
Un.Rep. of Tanzania	0	776	16,827			0	(16,051)	(16,051)
United Arab Emirates	95	39,045			39,020	95	25	120
Uruguay	0	3,491				0	3,491	3,491
Uzbekistan	11,959	1,034			1,006	11,959	28	11,987
Vanuatu	0	129				0	129	129
Venezuela	1,085	25,858		1,085		0	25,858	25,858
Viet Nam	0	3,103			2,500	0	603	603
Yemen	8,344	905				8,344	905	9,249
Serbia	0	2,715			2,715	0	0	0
Zambia	0	129	746			0	(617)	(617)
Zimbabwe	0	1,034	444			0	590	590
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>634,228</b>	<b>10,505,772</b>	<b>2,045,707</b>	<b>24,892</b>	<b>6,158,017</b>	<b>609,336</b>	<b>2,302,048</b>	<b>2,911,384</b>

<b>Additional Contributions</b>								
Canada	0	848,960				0	848,960	848,960
Quebec	0	212,240			212,400	0	(160)	(160)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>634,228</b>	<b>11,566,972</b>	<b>2,045,707</b>	<b>24,892</b>	<b>6,370,417</b>	<b>609,336</b>	<b>3,150,848</b>	<b>3,760,184</b>

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

**as at 30 June 2009**

<b>Countries</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08</b>	<b>Pledges for 2009</b>	<b>Collections in 2008 for 2009 &amp; future yrs</b>	<b>Collections in 2009 for prior yrs</b>	<b>Collections During 2009 for 2009 &amp; future yrs</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for 2009</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges for 2009 &amp; Prior years</b>
	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>		<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>
Albania	0	166				0	166	166
Algeria	0	2,357	2,357			0	0	0
Antigua and Barbuda	184	55				184	55	239
Armenia	52	55				52	55	107
Austria	0	24,589	24,589			0	0	0
Azerbaijan	542	139				542	139	681
Bahamas	0	444	444			0	0	0
Bangladesh	756	196				756	196	952
Barbados	0	249	544			0	(295)	(295)
Belarus	0	555				0	555	555
Belgium	262	30,549				262	30,549	30,811
Belize	61	28		61	28	0	0	0
Benin	0	28	28			0	0	0
Bhutan	0	28	30			0	(2)	(2)
Bolivia	551	166				551	166	717
Botswana	0	388	338		50	0	0	0
Brazil	39,889	24,181				39,889	24,181	64,070
Bulgaria	0	555			555	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	0	55	353			0	(298)	(298)
Burundi	0	28				0	28	28
Cambodia	0	28	28			0	0	0
Cameroon	1,000	250				1,000	250	1,250

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2008 for 2009 & future yrs	Collections in 2009 for prior yrs	Collections During 2009 for 2009 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2009	Unpaid Pledges for 2009 & Prior years
Cape Verde	89	28				89	28	117
Central African Rep.	0	24				0	24	24
Chad	28	28				28	28	56
China	0	74,016				0	74,016	74,016
Colombia	0	2,903				0	2,903	2,903
Comoros	0	14			15	0	(1)	(1)
Congo	85	28				85	28	113
Costa Rica	1,529	889				1,529	889	2,418
Croatia	0	1,388			1,388	0	0	0
Cuba	5,372	1,498				5,372	1,498	6,870
Cyprus	0	1,220				0	1,220	1,220
Czech Republic	0	7,804	7,804			0	0	0
Democratic Republic Of Congo	328	83		328	63	0	20	20
Denmark	43,912	20,486		43,912		0	20,486	20,486
Djibouti	124	28				124	28	152
Dominica	124	28				124	28	152
Dominican Republic	0	664				0	664	664
Ecuador	0	582				0	582	582
Egypt	0	2,451	354			0	2,097	2,097
El Salvador	576	554				576	554	1,130
Eritrea	0	28	28			0	0	0
Estonia	0	444	444			0	0	0
Ethiopia	0	83	201			0	(118)	(118)
European Community	35	48,924		35	48,924	0	0	0
Fiji	245	83				245	83	328
Finland	0	15,637	15,637		19,441	0	(19,441)	(19,441)
France	0	174,688			174,688	0	0	0
Gabon	383	222				383	222	605

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2008 for 2009 & future yrs	Collections in 2009 for prior yrs	Collections During 2009 for 2009 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2009	Unpaid Pledges for 2009 & Prior years
Gambia	0	28	30			0	(2)	(2)
Georgia	0	76			76	0	0	0
Germany	0	237,717	237,717			0	0	0
Ghana	500	111				500	111	611
Greece	0	16,530				0	16,530	16,530
Grenada	124	28				124	28	152
Guatemala	0	887				0	887	887
Guinea	64	28				64	28	92
Guyana	14	28				14	28	42
Honduras	0	122				0	122	122
Hungary	0	6,781	6,781			0	0	0
India	20	12,477			12,477	20	0	20
Indonesia	0	4,465	4,191			0	274	274
Iran	19,616	4,993				19,616	4,993	24,609
Ireland	0	12,349	12,349			0	0	0
Italy	0	140,805	140,805				0	0
Japan	0	430,531			430,531	0	0	0
Jordan	0	333			333	0	0	0
Kazakhstan	43	808				43	808	851
Kenya	0	277			532	0	(255)	(255)
Kiribati	0	28	30			0	(2)	(2)
Korea, Democratic Republic	1,250	194				1,250	194	1,444
Korea, Republic of	0	60,564	60,564			0	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	0	28	28			0	0	0
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	165	27				165	27	192
Latvia	0	499	499			0	0	0
Lesotho	0	28	37			0	(9)	(9)
Liberia	0	28				0	28	28

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2008 for 2009 & future yrs	Collections in 2009 for prior yrs	Collections During 2009 for 2009 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2009	Unpaid Pledges for 2009 & Prior years
Libya	13,033	1,708				13,033	1,708	14,741
Lithuania	0	860				0	860	860
Luxembourg	0	2,357			2,357	0	0	0
Macedonia	0	138				0	138	138
Madagascar	0	55	55			0	0	0
Malawi	0	17				0	17	17
Malaysia	0	5,264	5,264			0	0	0
Maldives	0	28	28			0	0	0
Mali	60	28				60	28	88
Malta	0	472				0	472	472
Marshall Islands	124	28				124	28	152
Mauritania	95	28				95	28	123
Mauritius	0	305	325			0	(20)	(20)
Mexico	0	62,615	55,574			0	7,041	7,041
Mongolia	61	28				61	28	89
Montenegro	80	28				80	28	108
Mozambique	0	28	28		30	0	(30)	(30)
Myanmar	166	139				166	139	305
Namibia	0	166				0	166	166
Nauru	124	28				124	28	152
Netherlands	0	51,942				0	51,942	51,942
New Zealand	13,716	7,101		13,716	7,076	0	25	25
Nicaragua	0	56				0	56	56
Niger	124	28				124	28	152
Nigeria	814	1,331				814	1,331	2,145
Niue	19	28		19	28	0	0	0
Norway	0	21,691			21,691	0	0	0
Oman	0	2,024	2,024			0	0	0
Pakistan	0	967				0	967	967

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2008 for 2009 & future yrs	Collections in 2009 for prior yrs	Collections During 2009 for 2009 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2009	Unpaid Pledges for 2009 & Prior years
Palau	124	28				124	28	152
Panama	374	638				374	638	1,012
Papua New Guinea	270	55				270	55	325
Paraguay	1,499	138				1,499	138	1,637
Peru	11,495	2,160				11,495	2,160	13,655
Philippines	5,995	2,159		5,995	2,159	0	0	0
Poland	22	13,892		22	13,892	0	0	0
Portugal	12,310	14,616		12,310		0	14,616	14,616
Qatar	0	2,364	5,382			0	(3,018)	(3,018)
Republic of Moldova	0	28			28	0	0	0
Romania	0	1,942				0	1,942	1,942
Rwanda	0	28	28			0	0	0
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0	28	28			0	0	0
Saint Lucia	0	28	17		53	0	(42)	(42)
Saint Vincent & Gren.	124	28				124	28	152
Samoa	26	28				26	28	54
Saudi Arabia	0	20,831	21,136			0	(305)	(305)
Senegal	471	111				471	111	582
Serbia	0	582				0	582	582
Seychelles	0	55	55			0	0	0
Slovakia	0	1,748	1,748			0	0	0
Slovenia	0	2,663	2,663			0	0	0
Solomon Islands	124	28		124	28	0	0	0
South Africa	0	8,038			8,038	0	0	0
Spain	0	82,333				0	82,333	82,333
Sri Lanka	0	443	888			0	(445)	(445)
Sudan	617	196				617	196	813
Suriname	0	28	30			0	(2)	(2)



Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/08	Pledges for 2009	Collections in 2008 for 2009 & future yrs	Collections in 2009 for prior yrs	Collections During 2009 for 2009 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2009	Unpaid Pledges for 2009 & Prior years
Swaziland	0	55			55	0	0	0
Sweden	0	29,696				0	29,696	29,696
Switzerland	0	33,707	33,707			0	0	0
Syria	0	440				0	440	440
Tajikistan	124	28				124	28	152
Thailand	0	5,152				0	5,152	5,152
Togo	124	28		124	8	0	20	20
Tonga	26	28				26	28	54
Trinidad and Tobago	0	749			749	0	0	0
Tunisia	0	859			859	0	0	0
Turkey	0	10,562			10,562	0	0	0
Turkmenistan	15	167				15	167	182
Uganda	0	83	690		1,760	0	(2,367)	(2,367)
Ukraine	0	1,248				0	1,248	1,248
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0	184,177	184,177			0	0	0
United Republic of Tanzania	182	166		182	140	0	26	26
Venezuela	0	5,548				0	5,548	5,548
Viet Nam	0	666	666			0	0	0
Yemen	519	194				519	194	713
Zambia	0	28	435			0	(407)	(407)
Zimbabwe	0	222			222	0	0	0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>180,780</b>	<b>1,959,191</b>	<b>831,158</b>	<b>76,828</b>	<b>758,836</b>	<b>103,952</b>	<b>369,198</b>	<b>473,150</b>

## 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 30 June 2009 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.08		Adjustments	Pledges for 2009		Collections in 2009 for prior years	Collections in 2009 for 2009 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2009 & prior years
EC	8,106				1/			8,106
EC	10,585				2/			10,585
EC	25,873				3/			25,873
Finland	0			6,588	6/			6,588
Netherlands	45,000				4/	45,000		0
Netherlands	150,000				5/	150,000		0
Netherlands				89,992	8/		89,992	0
Norway				51,282	7/		51,282	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>239,564</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>147,862</b>		<b>195,000</b>	<b>141,274</b>	<b>51,152</b>

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/EC pledged EUR 100,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2008/514760/SUB/E2

4/Netherlands pledged US\$ 45,000 towards the participation of Developing Countries in the Meeting of the Friends of the Co-Chairs on Liability & Redress

5/Netherlands pledged US\$ 150,000 regarding Letter of Intent for the period 2007

6/Finland pledged EUR 5,000 towards the 1st Meeting of the Friends of the Co-Chairs on Liability & Redress

7/Norway pledged NOK 340,000 towards additional Approved Activities

8/Netherlands pledged US\$ 90,000 in support of the Intersessional process on Risk Assessment and Risk Management

**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 30 June 2009 (in United States dollars)

<b>COUNTRIES</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.08</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Pledges for 2009</b>	<b>Collections in 2009 for prior years</b>	<b>Collections in 2009 for 2009 &amp; futures yrs</b>	<b>Unpaid pledges for 2009 &amp; prior years</b>
EC	11,813			1/		11,813
EC	40,530			2/		40,530
<b>Total</b>	<b>52,343</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>52,343</b>

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

## 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 (VB)**

**Status as at 30 June 2009 (in United States dollars)**

<b>COUNTRIES</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.08</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>		<b>Pledges for 2009</b>	<b>Collections in 2009 for prior years</b>	<b>Collections in 2009 for 2009 &amp; fut yrs</b>	<b>Unpaid pledges for 2009 &amp; prior years</b>
EC	10,132		1/				10,132
Norway			2/	37,707		37,707	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,132</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37,707</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37,707</b>	<b>10,132</b>

1/EC pledged EUR 25,000

2/Norway pledged NOK 250,000

**ANNEX XI**  
**List of Meetings organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity**

**as at 30 June 2009**

**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
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	<b>Sixth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (WG ABS 6)</b>	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	<b>Second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas (WGPA 2)</b>	FAO, Rome, Italy
14 - 15 February 2008	Fifth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	New Delhi, India

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
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	<b>Thirteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 13)</b>	FAO, Rome, Italy
12 - 19 March 2008	<b>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</b>	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

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
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
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	<b>Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP 4)</b>	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	<b>Ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 9)</b>	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

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
28-30 May 2008	<b>High Level Segment of COP-9</b>	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
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



DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
27 November 2008	Joint meeting of the COP and SBSTTA Bureaus	Berlin, Germany
28 November 2008	Meeting of the COP-MOP Bureau	Berlin, Germany
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

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DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
19 January - 6 February 2009	Online Conference on Capacity-building for Integration of Biosafety into National Development Plans	Online
27 - 30 January 2009	Group of Technical and Legal Experts on Compliance in the context of the International Regime on Access and Benefit-sharing	Tokyo, Japan
28 January 2009	First Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: Europe	Online
2 - 6 February 2009	Capacity Development Workshop for the Pacific on NBSAPs, the Mainstreaming of Biodiversity and the Integration of Climate Change	Nadi, Fiji
3 February 2009	First Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: Latin America	Online
9 - 12 February 2009	Capacity-building workshop for the Pacific region for implementation of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas	Nadi, Fiji
10 February 2009	First Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: Africa	Online
10 - 12 February 2009	Expert Workshop on the Development of the Singapore Index on Cities' Biodiversity	Singapore City, Singapore
11 February - 11 March 2009	Online Discussion Forum on Article 10 (c)	Online
13 February 2009	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Nairobi, Kenya

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17 February 2009	First Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: Asia	Online
23 - 27 February 2009	First meeting of the Group of the Friends of the Co-Chairs Concerning Liability and Redress in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Mexico City, Mexico
9 - 11 March 2009	Fifth Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing or Funding Biosafety Capacity-building Activities	San José, Costa Rica
9 - 13 March 2009	Capacity Development Workshop for Central Asia on NBSAPs and the Mainstreaming of Biodiversity	Ramsar, Iran (Islamic Republic of)
12 - 13 March 2009	Sixth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	San José, Costa Rica
30 March 2009	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Paris, France
2 - 8 April 2009	<b>Seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (WGABS 7)</b>	Paris, France
9 April 2009	Seventh meeting of the Liaison Group of the Biodiversity-related Conventions	Paris, France
18 - 22 April 2009	Second meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change	Helsinki, Finland
20 - 24 April 2009	Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada
4 - 8 May 2009	Workshop for Least Developed Countries on the Fourth National Report	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
13 - 15 May 2009	Expert Meeting on Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Development Cooperation	Montreal, Canada
18 May - 5 June 2009	Online Forum on Paragraph 3 of Article 18 regarding the need for and modalities of developing standards for the Handling, Transport, Packaging and Identification of Living Modified Organisms	Online
26 - 28 May 2009	Liaison Group Meeting of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation	Dublin, Ireland
13 - 17 June 2009	Capacity Development Workshop for Europe on NBSAPs and the Mainstreaming of Biodiversity	Isle of Vilm, Germany
16 - 19 June 2009	Group of Technical and Legal Experts on Traditional Knowledge associated with Genetic Resources	Hyderabad, India