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IFAP Biodiversity Related Activities in 2010

Throughout 2010, IFAP will focus on issues related to agriculture and biodiversity in relation to both the International Year of Biodiversity and preparations for the Tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 10) in Aichi Nagoya, Japan in October.

For the launch of the International Year of Biodiversity, IFAP will be staging a media event to multiply the impact of the launch and to highlight the importance of farmer participation in conserving biodiversity. IFAP will encourage IFAP member organizations throughout the world to join in this event.

Biodiversity will be a major theme of discussion during the 39th IFAP World Farmers' Congress from May 15th to 20th in Algiers, Algeria. Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the CBD, will likely be a keynote speaker at this event.

During the course of 2010, IFAP will also raise awareness on the issue of biodiversity conservation on farms through case studies, developing proposals on the harmonization of biodiversity knowledge at the international level and evaluated existing schemes on payments for ecosystem services through existing case studies.

IFAP will have a significant delegation participating at the COP 10, and will also distribute news and information on its biodiversity-related work throughout the year.