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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 48<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 January to 31 March 2010.

### I. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

#### MEETINGS

3. The Secretariat organized the following meetings:
4. A number of high-level events and special activities were organized to mark the start of the International Year of Biodiversity.
5. The Second Curitiba Meeting on Cities and Biodiversity took place in Curitiba, Brazil on 6-7 January 2010, gathering more than 91 participants.
6. The members of the Consortium of Scientific Partners (CSP) on biodiversity had an informal meeting on 20 January in Paris to discuss: CSP contribution to the Biodiversity Year, preparation of training workshop at the margins of COP-10 and plans for the International Year of Forests. Members of the Biodiversity-related Conventions Liaison Group also met in Paris to discuss among other issues the IYB and their contribution.
7. During the first quarter of 2010, the COP Bureau convened two meetings, i.e. 10-11 January in Dessau and on 21 March, prior to the WGABS 9 meeting in Cali. On 20 March, a meeting of the COP-MOP Bureau was also held in Cali. In the margins of the sixth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity, members of the SBSTTA Bureau convened a meeting on 5-6 February.
8. The first session of the ninth meeting of the *Ad hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing was held in Cali, Colombia on 22-28 March 2010. The meeting continued the negotiation of the international regime on ABS, with a focus on consolidation of all operational text developed at the seventh and eighth meetings of the Working Group. A draft protocol proposed by the ABS Co-Chairs as a basis for further negotiations was adopted by the Working Group, which is Annex I to the meeting report. The delegates agreed to suspend the meeting and resume the ninth meeting in June/July 2010 with the financial support of the Government of Japan. In the margins of the meeting, special events were organized to mark the International Year of Biodiversity and to celebrate the World Water Day.
9. The Access and Benefit-sharing Friends of the Co-Chairs Meeting on 26-29 January 2010 in Montreal, which considered possible solutions on key issues in the negotiation of the international regime on ABS.

10. The International Workshop on Innovative Financial Mechanisms on 27-29 January in Berlin, Germany, in collaboration with The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) and with the generous financial support of the Government of Germany.
11. The Second meeting of the Group of the Friends of the Co-Chairs on Liability and Redress in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety on 8-12 February in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
12. Four regional consultations on Access and Benefit-sharing: for Latin America and Caribbean Countries (15-16 January, Panama City, Panama); for Central and Eastern European Countries (9-10 February, Isle of Vilm, Germany); for the Pacific (15-16 February, Auckland, New Zealand); and for Africa (4-6 March, Windhoek, Namibia).
13. Two Latin American and Caribbean Indigenous and Local Community Capacity-building Workshop on the CBD including issues relevant to Article 8(j), TK and ABS, i.e. 4-6 February, Buenos Aires, Argentina; and 4-6 March, Guatemala City, Guatemala.
14. Four Real-time Online Conferences: Second Series of Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management: Africa (2 February); Second Series of Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management: Asia and the Pacific (4 February); Second Series of Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management: WEOG and CEE (9 February); and Second Series of Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management: Latin America and the Caribbean (11 February).
15. The Secretariat also organized the following meetings: Regional Workshop for the Middle East and North Africa on the updating and revision of the Strategic Plan of the Convention for the post-2010 period (10-11 January, Cairo, Egypt); Informal Expert Workshop on the updating of the Strategic Plan of the Convention for the post-2010 period (18-20 January, London, UK); Informal drafting meeting for the updating of the Global Strategy of Plant Conservation (21-22 January, London, UK); Sixth Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing or Funding Biosafety Capacity-building Activities (1-3 February, Siem Reap, Cambodia); Seventh Meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety (4-5 February, Siem Reap, Cambodia); Third International Meeting of Academic Institutions and other Organizations involved in Biosafety Education and Training (15-17 February, Tsukuba, Japan); Indigenous and Local Community Negotiators Meeting (13-15 March, Cali, Colombia); Access and Benefit-sharing: Co-Chairs Informal Inter-regional Consultation (16-18 March, Cali, Colombia); Access and Benefit-sharing Regional and Inter-regional Consultations (20-21 March, Cali, Colombia); and the Co-Chairs Open-ended Informal Consultation (21 March, Cali, Colombia).

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

16. In the margins of the Sixth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity, a painting by Ørnulf Opdahl, one of Norway's distinguished landscape painters, was presented by the Minister of Environment of Norway to the CBD Executive Secretary as a donation to the CBD Museum of Nature and Culture. At the WGABS 9 meeting, Ngwang Sonam Sherpa from the Nepal Indigenous Nationalities Preservation Association (NINPA) presented a traditional scarf and copper vessel to the CBD Executive Secretary for inclusion to the CBD Museum.

## REPRESENTATION

17. During the first quarter of 2010, the Secretariat took part and contributed to a number of important meetings and activities that are of relevance to the 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

### International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)

18. On 2 March, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO). The objective of the agreement is to facilitate the implementation of activities linked to conservation and sustainable use of tropical forest biodiversity within the ITTO Biennial work programme 2010-2011 and subsequent work programmes, the ITTO Thematic Programmes, the ITTO Action Plan 2008-2011 and any successor Action Plan; and the CBD programme of work on forest biodiversity in the context of the new CBD strategic plan and multi-year programme of work.

## MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

19. During the first quarter of 2010, the Executive Secretary met with a number of senior staff and representatives from Parties, other Governments, organizations and institutions, with a view to further enhancing and strengthening cooperation, as well as raising public awareness of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, its work and objectives.

20. In January, the Secretariat welcomed the visit of a delegation of the Global Industry Coalition. The team met with the CBD Executive Secretary and followed by a meeting with the Biosafety team to discuss relevant agenda items of the COP-MOP 5. A number of visitors met with the CBD Executive Secretary in February, including: the Quebec Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks, senior staff from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Canada, a delegation from Bombardier Inc., senior officials from Conservation International, Chairman/Founder of the International Economic Forum of the Americas, a UN Radio journalist, staff from *Biosphère* (Environment Canada), staff from the *Fondation SEDNA* and the *Conseil Patronal de l'Environnement du Québec*, as well as a group of university students. A meeting was also held with staff from Montreal International. In March, the Secretariat welcomed the visit of the head of the UNEP MEA Information and Knowledge Management team in Geneva, who delivered a presentation on the MEA-IKM initiative. Visitors in March also included: senior staff from the *Fondation de la faune du Québec*, the Coordinator of the *Église Verte* project, and Carole Robert, first prize winner of the Yves Rocher's *Femme de la terre*.

21. The month of January marked the start of the International Year of Biodiversity, with a series of launch events organized in celebration of this important year. The CBD Executive Secretary attended a number of IYB launch events during the month. He took part in the launch event on 7 January in Curitiba, Brazil, with the participation of the Mayor of Curitiba, the Minister of National Development of Singapore, a Canadian filmmaker/scientist/explorer, the UK National Focal Point and the Acting Minister of the Environment of Brazil.

22. The CBD Executive Secretary took part in a special ceremony to celebrate the launch of IYB was held on 11 January. The German Chancellor attended the event and delivered a statement, on behalf of the CBD COP Presidency. Statements were also delivered by: the Federal Minister of the Environment of

Germany, the Senior Vice-Minister of the Environment of Japan, the Environment Minister of Yemen, and the UNEP Executive Director and the CBD Executive Secretary. Through a video message, the United Nations Secretary General officially launched the IYB.

23. An IYB launch event was held in London in the margins of the Informal Expert Workshop on the Updating of the Strategic Plan of the Convention for the Post-2010 Period held in London hosted by the Governments of the United Kingdom and the Federative Republic of Brazil. Taking part in the event, the CBD Executive Secretary was joined by the UK Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Brazilian Secretary for Biodiversity and Forests.

24. At the invitation of the Secretary General of UNCTAD, the CBD Executive Secretary delivered a statement during the event on “Redefining Sustainability in the International Agenda: Inspiring Greater Engagement in Biodiversity Issues”, organized by UNCTAD’s Bio Trade Initiative and Creative Economy and Industries Programme, in partnership with Green2green, held on 20-21 January in Geneva. Organized in connection with the International Year of Biodiversity, the event gathered over 500 prominent figures from government, international organizations, and the fashion and cosmetics industries. The meeting concluded with an EcoChic fashion show. During the meeting, the CBD Executive met with the UNCTAD’s Deputy Secretary-General, the Head of Trade, Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Division and the Officer-in-charge of the Division of International Trade in Goods and Services and Commodities; as well as the Vice-Minister for Business and Development of Colombia, to name a few.

25. A high-level IYB event was hosted by UNESCO, in partnership with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity on 21-22 January. The UNESCO Director General, through a video message, welcomed the participants and delivered opening remarks. Statements were also delivered by the President of the 35th session of the UNESCO General Conference, the UNESCO Deputy Director-General, the CBD COP President and CBD Executive Secretary, as well as a number of high-level government representatives. The two-day event was followed by the UNESCO IYB Biodiversity Science Policy Conference on 25-29 January. The conference was opened by the UNESCO Director General, with statements delivered by high-level officials including: the French Minister for Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and Sea, the President of the Academy of Sciences of Hungary, the Minister of Sustainable Development, Forestry Economy and Environment for Congo, the Prime Minister of Guinea Bissau, and the CBD Executive Secretary. The documentary film *Océans* by Jacques Perrin and Jacques Cluzaud was presented at the meeting. Prior to the Paris Conference, the CBD Executive Secretary participated in the National Congress on Nature of the IUCN French Committee with a focus on International Year of Biodiversity. Also at the congress were the IUCN Director General and the Chair of the IUCN French Committee.

26. During the last week of January, the CBD Executive Secretary was in Madrid to take part in the Conference on “Post-2010 Biodiversity Vision and Target – The Role of Protected Areas and Ecological Networks in Europe”, which was organized by the Government of Spain in collaboration with the Council of Europe and the European Commission, to launch Spain’s Presidency of the European Union. In the margins of the conference, the Government of Spain celebrated the International Year of Biodiversity. The Spanish public awareness campaign “Biodiversity is music” was launched, and the European Commission announced a five million euro public-awareness biodiversity campaign. The Conference was attended by senior representatives of European states, European Commission, United Nations and various international organizations, NGOs, relevant partners, experts and other stakeholders.

27. The CBD Executive Secretary was in Norway in early February to attend and take part in the Sixth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity. Hosted by the Norwegian Ministry of the Environment in

collaboration with the United Nations Environment Program and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, and organized by the Norwegian Directorate for Nature Management, the meeting discussed the status of, and lessons learned from, the 2010 target to reduce significantly the current rate of biodiversity loss, and challenges for setting post-2010 targets.. Opening statements were delivered by: the Mayor of Trondheim, the Norwegian Minister of the Environment and International Development, the UNEP Deputy Executive Director, the CBD Executive Secretary, the Parliamentary Secretary of State of the German Federal Environment Ministry, and the Director of the Global Biodiversity Strategy Office of the Japanese Ministry of Environment. Keynote speakers included: the Study Leader of The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity project, the Chief Scientific Advisor of DEFRA-UK, the President of IUCN and the Director of Stockholm Resilience Centre.

28. The CBD Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity addressed and delivered a presentation on the progress achieved in preserving biodiversity, and the challenges for 2010 and the years to come at a luncheon seminar at the Montreal Council on Foreign Relations (CORIM) on 4 February. The event was attended by representatives of the diplomatic corps in Montreal and Ottawa, senior staff from the City of Montreal, and relevant partners in Montreal.

29. On 5 February, the CBD Executive Secretary was the featured expert in UNEP Ask Today's Expert. The session theme was "Convention on Biological Diversity Activities to mark International Year of Biodiversity".

30. In February, the CBD Executive Secretary was in Bali, Indonesia to take part in the UNEP Governing Council/Global Ministerial Forum. He addressed the Green Economy roundtable on 25 February, which provided an opportunity to inform participants about the results of the third global meeting on business and biodiversity, which adopted the Jakarta Charter on Business and Biodiversity and comments for a Strategy to Advance the 2020 Business and Biodiversity Agenda. The CBD Executive Secretary also participated and addressed the UNEP workshop on journalism and the environment held on 22 February.

31. The CBD Executive Secretary travelled to Japan during the last week of February through early March to attend and take part in a number of important events and meetings. On 27 February, the CBD Executive Secretary attended the University of Tokyo Integrated Research Systems for Sustainability Science (IR3S). Gathering more than 600 participants, the symposium, under the theme "Biodiversity and Sustainability", provided an opportunity to explore ways to link the building of a sustainable society in harmony with nature with the scientific assessment of ecosystem services. The symposium was opened by Mr. Junichi Hamada, President and IR3S Executive Director, with introductory remarks by Mr. Keisuke Hanaki, IR3S Adjunct Professor. A number of guests delivered statements, including: Mr. Carl Folke, Stockholm University, Ms. Jane Smart, IUCN, Mr. Kazuhiko Takeuchi, IR3S Deputy Executive Director/UNU Vice Rector, and the CBD Executive Secretary. A panel discussion followed which was moderated by Mr. Takeuchi. While in Tokyo, he took part in the first meeting of the steering committee of the Japan International Award on Biodiversity which is chaired by the President of AEON Cie. The award ceremony will take place in conjunction with the high level segment of COP 10, followed by a symposium on the Japan Prize. A meeting was also held with Japanese business community, including: Research Institute for Humanity and Nature, Japan Civil Society Network for CBD, Chamber of Industry and Commerce of Nagoya, among others.

32. At the kind invitation of the Mayor of Toyooka, the CBD Executive Secretary visited Toyooka City, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan in early March. A field visit was arranged to visit the Homeland Oriental White Storks breeding and rehabilitation center. While in Japan, the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) and CBD organized a seminar on the International Year of Biodiversity in which the CBD



Executive Secretary addressed and delivered a presentation on “Biodiversity Challenges and Responses: the Road to Nagoya and Beyond” to the Ambassadors accredited to Tokyo, the representatives of the U.N, member companies of Global Compact and media. A meeting was held with senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, headed by the Ambassador of COP10, His Excellency Mr. Araki, together with the Directors in charge of COP 10. The CBD Executive Secretary also met with senior officials from the Ministry of the Environment, including the Vice Minister of Environment, His Excellency Mr. Tajima. Issues discussed included: ABS, COP 10, and the closing ceremony of IYB. A meeting was also held with the Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Her Excellency Ms. Yasue Funayama, to discuss COPMOP 5. The Executive Secretary also met Diet Members’ League for Promoting Environmental Policies in Partnership with NGOs to exchange views about the role of parliamentarians for biodiversity.

33. The CBD Executive Secretary was in New York in February to take part in the official launch of the International year on Biodiversity for North America region, organized at the initiative of the United Nations Development Programme and in partnership with the American Museum of Natural History. Despite a snowstorm that closed schools across New York City, as well as the United Nations offices, the event gathered the participation of more than 400 people, which included representatives of the Permanent Missions accredited to the United Nations. While in New York, the CBD Executive Secretary also met with the United Nations Secretary General. Items discussed included: a briefing on IYB, including the closing ceremony to be held in Kanazawa, and the high level event on biodiversity at the 65th session of the UNGA in September 2010, among other issues.

34. In early March, the CBD Executive Secretary was in Windhoek, Namibia to attend the African Minister Conference on ABS to prepare African leaders and their negotiators for the final decision-making on access and benefit-sharing and the COP-10 high-level segment. President Hifikepunye Pohamba of Namibia opened the meeting and delivered a statement at the plenary. Statements were also delivered by: Honourable Rejoice Mabudafhasi, Deputy Minister of the Environment of South Africa, Chair of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment and Head of the Network on Women and Biodiversity; Honourable Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, the Minister of Environment and Tourism of Namibia; and Honourable Karen Ellemann, the Danish Minister for the Environment.

35. The CBD Executive Secretary attended on 10 March the launch of LIFE, Discovery Channel’s blockbuster co-production with the British Broadcasting Corporation, as part of the Discovery Communications and the United Nations partnership in raising awareness to celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity. The President and CEO of Discovery Communication took part in the event, as well as senior representatives from organizations and other relevant stakeholders.

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

37. A number of media-related events took place during the first quarter of 2010. In the first month of the year, the CBD Executive Secretary was interviewed by the *Metro* newspaper, *Radio Canada*, *UN Radio*, the Algerian newspaper *Liberté*, *The Straits Times*, *Reuters* and the *New York Times/International Herald Tribune*. During the IYB launch events in January, a number of international and local media-related events took place. In February, a number of interviews were conducted including: *Radio Canada*, *Le Devoir*, *La Presse*, *The Times* (UK), *Fondation de la Faune du Québec*, and with an Environment Correspondent from *Reuters*. The CBD Executive Secretary was also interviewed by Nature magazine on the issue of access and benefit sharing (Volume 463). A CBD staff also took part in a press conference on

IYB in collaboration with the Resort Municipality of Whistler, IOC and VANOC. While on mission in Japan, a number of local TV and newspaper interviewed the CBD Executive Secretary, including: *Green TV, Tokyo Shinbun, Kyodo Tsushin, Sankei Shinbun* newspaper, *NHK International TV, NHK Nagoya TV, Sotokoto* magazine, *The Japan Times*, and *Kyodo News International*. Our Future Planet website also featured an interview of the CBD Executive Secretary (as well as video interview links) on biodiversity made by Giles Crosse. A number of media-related events took place in the margins of the WGABS 9 in Cali, including: *Reportero Gráfico, El País, Centro de Eventos Valle del Pacífico, Lund Universit*, an interview by *Telepacífico* for the programme *El Valle Nos Toca* and by students of the *Universidad del Valle*, to name a few. The CBD Executive Secretary took part in the press conference at the closure of the WGABS 9 meeting, with the ABS Co-Chairs, the Vice-Minister of Business Development of Colombia and the Director for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia.

## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

### A. Personnel Arrangements

38. During the period January-March 2010, there were 26 Professional staff members regularized on posts approved under the Convention. There were 4 vacant posts. Additionally, 6 professional staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources.

39. Under the Convention there were 22 General Service staff members regularized on posts funded by the core budget. There was one (1) vacant post. Additionally, 10 staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources, 3 of which were formerly funded from the core budget. One post is vacant.

40. 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.

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

### B. Financial Arrangements

42. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 31 March 2010, of the total pledged contributions of US\$11,453,478 for 2010 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (**BY Trust Fund**), the total contributions received amounted to US\$5,455,271 of which US\$2,259,513 were 2010 pledges paid in 2009, and US\$3,195,758 were pledges paid in 2010 for 2010 and future years. Details of the BY Trust Fund are contained in Annex VI.

43. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**). As of 31 March 2010, the total pledged for 2010 amounts to US\$1,148,630 of which US\$743,975 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2010 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is US\$1,447,173. Details of the BE Trust Fund are contained in Annex IV.

44. As at 31 March 2010, US\$635,728 has been pledged in 2010 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (**BZ Trust Fund**). To date, US\$211,943 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2010 and prior years, to the BZ Trust Fund, amount to US\$681,193. Details of the BZ Trust Fund are contained in Annex V.

45. As at 31 March 2010, of the total pledged contributions of US\$2,388,834 for 2010 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (**BG Trust Fund**), total contributions received is US\$1,104,767, of which US\$611,974 was received in advance of 2010 and US\$492,793 has been received in 2010 for 2010 and future years. Details of the BG Trust Fund are contained in Annex VII.

46. As at 31 March 2010, no 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**). Total unpaid pledges for prior years, to the BH Trust Fund, amounts to US\$222,000. Details of the BH Trust Fund are contained in Annex VIII.

47. As at 31 March 2010, 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\$31,620. Details of the BI Trust Fund are contained in Annex IX.

48. As at 31 March 2010, no pledges have 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 2010.

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

<b>SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MATTERS</b>
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### **Decision VII/27: Mountain Biological Diversity**

49. 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 the Mountain Forum secretariats, the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Mountain Research Initiative, other relevant organizations, experts and other related Conventions for preparing an information document on upland-low land interactions;
- (b) Contributed to the Secretary General's report on sustainable mountain development for the 64th session of General Assembly. The General Assembly, in paragraph 23 of its resolution 64/205, invited States and other stakeholders to strengthen implementation of the programme of work on mountain biological diversity under the Convention on Biological Diversity through renewed political commitment and the establishment of appropriate multi-stakeholder institutional arrangements and mechanisms; and
- (c) Consultations were held with ICIMOD and other organizations, towards the possibility of organizing a side event in the margins of SBSTTA, showcasing the implementation of the mountain biological diversity program of work.

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

50. In response to this decision, the Secretariat:

- (a) Concluded and submitted a chapter on soil biodiversity and the CBD for the forthcoming Soil Biodiversity Atlas of Europe in collaboration with the European Commission;

- (b) Posted the final version of document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/11 (Agricultural biodiversity: follow-up to requests of the Conference of the Parties in decision IX/1) and prepared an information document containing the report of the High-Level Conference on World Food Security: The Challenges of Climate Change and Bio-energy, 3 – 5 June 2008, Rome, Italy (as per para. 30 of decision IX/1);
- (c) Contributed to the preparation of a document on "Synergies between Conservation and Food Security" being prepared by the *Institut für Ländliche Strukturforchung*/Institute for Rural Development Research, Germany; and
- (d) A member of the Secretariat attended the first Global Forum on Agricultural Research, 28-31 March, Montpellier, France.

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

51. In response to decision IX/2, the Secretariat:
- a. Completed document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/12 on "Agricultural biodiversity - biofuels and biodiversity: consideration of ways and means to promote the positive and minimize the negative impacts of the production and use of biofuels on biodiversity".

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

52. In response to decisions IX/3, VII/9 and VII/31 the Secretariat:
- (a) Organized and serviced a meeting to complete the draft updated Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020, held from 21 to 22 January 2010 at the Kew Royal Botanic Gardens;
  - (b) Completed the document on "proposals for a consolidated update of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/12);
  - (c) Made available reports of regional consultations on the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation for the Americas (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/INF/17) and for Africa (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/INF/18); and
  - (d) Prepared a funding request for the preparation of the toolkit for the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation for submission to the Government of Spain.

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

53. In response to decision XI/4, the Secretariat:
- (a) Took part at the fifth meeting of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures on 22-26 March to report on collaboration between the Secretariats of the IPPC and the CBD on invasive alien species and Biosafety Protocol; and
  - (b) Sent a letter to each relevant organization mentioned in the same decision to invite to the first face-to-face meeting which will be held at the headquarters of World Organisation for Animal Health in Paris on 19-20 April 2010 in order to address the gaps and inconsistencies in the international regulatory framework on invasive alien species and to collaborate in capacity development to prevent, control and manage invasive alien species.

**Decisions VI/22 and IX/5: Forest Biodiversity**

54. In response to requests in decisions VI/22 and IX/5, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:

- (a) Participated in a meeting of the Global Partnership on Forest Landscape Restoration (GPFLR) in Washington, D.C., 12-14 January 2010. The objective of the meeting was to brainstorm with GPFLR partners about immediate and medium term actions to follow up on the London Challenge which sets out targets to improve the enabling environment for FLR worldwide, in particular in developing countries;
- (b) Participated in a meeting of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF) in Rome, 15-16 February 2010. Discussion points were, amongst others, the working modalities of the CPF, the common understanding of CPF members of the term 'sustainable forest management,' and collaboration on forest finance;
- (c) Participated in a meeting on Forest Degradation (CPF initiative) in Rome on 17 February 2010. The meeting was based on the results of a workshop in September 2009, which developed a draft common definition of forest degradation, and a set of indicators for further discussion and development;
- (d) Participated in a meeting with German Ministries of Environment (BMU) and Development Cooperation (BMZ) in Bonn on 18 February 2010. The objective of discussions with BMZ was to generate donor support for the proposed UNFF/CBD targeted joint activities, with a joint staff. The meeting with BMU had three objectives: support BMU in 'navigating' forest-related context of SBSTTA-14, WGRI, and COP-10; discuss possible expert workshop in 2010 and possible activities in 2011; and provide guidance for the BMU project on 'Social and Biodiversity Co-Benefits of REDD' of Freiburg University/Expert Workshop 14-16 April 2010;
- (e) On 2 March 2010, the Executive Secretary and the Executive Director of the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) signed a Memorandum of Understanding to closely collaborate over the coming four years. The agreement is aimed at facilitating the implementation of activities linked to the conservation and sustainable use of tropical forest biodiversity within the CBD and ITTO work programmes. Concrete joint activities for 2010 and 2011 include collaboration on the seamless bridging of the International Year of Biodiversity in 2010 and the International Year of Forests in 2011; the organization of an International Conference on Biodiversity Conservation in Transboundary Tropical Forests; the development, use and dissemination of publications of common interest; and the development of a support programme for the implementation of the CBD programme of work on forest biodiversity in ITTO member countries. The agreement will be in force until December 2014, and can be extended if mutually agreed;
- (f) Launched CBD Technical Series No. 47 on "Water, Wetlands and Forests: A Review of Ecological, Economic and Policy Linkages" on World Water Day, 22 March 2010, at events in Nairobi, Cali, Montreal and New York. The report was published jointly with the Secretariat of the Ramsar Convention with financial support from Norway; and
- (g) The Secretariat published the Spanish language version of the Good Practice Guide on "Sustainable Forest Management, Biodiversity and Livelihoods." The document is available electronically on the Secretariat website.

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

55. In response to decision IX/9, the Secretariat:

- (a) Organized and serviced an Informal Expert Workshop on the updating of the Strategic Plan of the Convention for the post-2010 period (London, 18-20 January 2010);
- (b) Completed document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/10 on “Examination of the outcome-oriented goals and targets, and associated indicators, and consideration of their possible adjustments for the period beyond 2010”;
- (c) Prepared a document on the Implementation of the Convention and the Strategic Plan: Implementation of the Strategic Plan and progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target, and in-depth review of goals 1 and 4 of the Strategic Plan (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/3/2);
- (d) Prepared a document on the Updating and Revision of the Strategic Plan for the Post-2010 Period (UNEP/CBD/WG-RI/3/3);
- (e) Gave two presentations on the future strategic plan of the Convention on Biological Diversity during the sixth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity (Trondheim, Norway, 1-5 February 2010) and solicited comments on the draft plan throughout the conference;
- (f) Solicited comments and recommendations on the future Strategic Plan of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the third edition of Global Biodiversity Outlook; and
- (g) Participated in meetings of the friends of the chair and aid in the preparation of the meeting report

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

56. In response to decision IX/10, the Secretariat:

- (a) Completed the English text of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook 3 (GBO-3) and sent it for translation;
- (b) Completed the selection of graphs and captions;
- (c) Worked with the design company on layout, photo selection and design of the GBO-3 web portal;
- (d) Completed the text for CBD Technical Series 50 on Biodiversity scenarios for the 21st century;
- (e) Made arrangements for language editing of the translated versions and printing and dispatch of GBO-3; and
- (f) Made arrangements for the multiple-launch event for GBO-3 in various cities around the globe.

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

57. In response to decision IX/15, the Secretariat:

- (a) Prepared document UNEP/CBD/WGRI/3/4 on the Science-policy interface on biodiversity, ecosystem services and human well being and consideration of the outcome of the intergovernmental meetings.

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

58. In response to requests in decision IX/16, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:

- (a) Established a concept note and steering committee for an ecosystem pavilion on climate change, biodiversity and land degradation to be held at the margins of the forthcoming Conferences of the Parties of the three Rio Conventions;

- (b) Elaborated a draft background note for the ninth meeting of the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions;
- (c) Engaged the Global Environment Facility in the identification of options for co-benefits addressing biodiversity and land degradation / desertification within climate change activities;
- (d) Coordinated activities for the further dissemination of the draft findings of the *Ad hoc* Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change including through a side event to be held at the margins of SBSTTA 14 and through the Bern Convention expert group on biodiversity and climate change;
- (e) Gave a presentation on Biodiversity and Climate Change at the “*Colloque Inter-institutions des Muséums Nature de Montréal*”, *Jardin Botanique de Montréal*, 25 January 2010; and
- (f) Updated the website on the cross-cutting issue on biodiversity and climate change.

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

59. In response to requests in decision IX/17, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:
- (a) Coordinated with UNEP-WCMC, the updating of the map on the delineation of dry and sub-humid lands to better reflect dry forests;
  - (b) Published a good practice guide: ‘Pastoralism nature conservation and development’ and began translation of the guide into French and Arabic; and
  - (c) Completed the peer review process on: “The Compilation of Experiences in the Field of Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation, Soil Management and Pastoralism.

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

60. In response to requests in decisions VII/28, VIII/24 and IX/18, the Secretariat carried out the following activities:
- (a) Developed a demo of a user-friendly and comprehensive website on protected areas and a framework for streamlined reporting process of on the implementation of the PoWPA and completed modalities for launching the website in the margins of SBSTTA 14;
  - (b) Participated in the conference on “Post-2010 Biodiversity Vision and Target- The role of Protected Areas and Ecological Networks in Europe”, organized by the Government of Spain in collaboration with the Council of Europe and the European Commission in Madrid, Spain on 26 and 27 January 2010 and presented: (i) on “ preparing for Nagoya with precise objectives” in the workshop 1-delivering biodiversity vision and targets beyond 2010; and (ii) on “ programme of work on protected areas of the CBD: actual situation and perspectives for the future” in the plenary session III. The Secretariat also organized a lunch time side event on LifeWeb on 26 January and attended a dinner side event hosted by the WWF-International on “Protected Area Networks-cornerstone of development. The Secretariat, launched the practical guide on “Integrating Protected Areas into Wider land and Scopes and Sectors”, to help Parties to implement goal 1.2 of the Programme of work on protected areas;
  - (c) Held discussions with IUCN-WCPA on further collaboration for facilitating implementation of PoWPA;
  - (d) Organized a brainstorming workshop in Costa Rica from 15-19 February on the development of learning modules and e-curriculum on PoWPA themes. The draft module on goal 1.2 in word

format explaining step by step approach, with examples and questions for hands on training is completed. Its demo is uploaded at <http://elearn.tnc.org/powpa.html>. Explored possibilities of securing funding for completing the learning modules and e curriculum of all 16 PoWPA themes;

- (e) Facilitated approval of funding from the Government of Finland, to the Mahale Mountains National Park and surrounding villages of Tanzania under the LifeWeb Initiative;
- (f) Supported 15 developing countries to articulate and profile through the LifeWeb clearing-house their projected area financing needs within a national planning context as called for by the CBD programme of work on protected areas, for their benefits to sustaining biodiversity, addressing climate change, and securing livelihoods;
- (g) Continued discussions with the development cooperation Ministries of donor countries, private foundations and other donors for support to the 45 Expressions of Interest registered on the LifeWeb clearing house; and
- (h) Represented the SCBD at the International Workshop on the Satoyama Initiative Concept, held at UNESCO in Paris on 29 & 30 January 2010, under the leadership of the International Satoyama Initiative of the United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS).

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

61. In response to these decisions, the Secretariat:

- (a) Finalised documents for SBSTTA-14 including: posting the pre-session document (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/3); the information document supporting the latter (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/INF/3); and the background document for the in-depth review, determined to be too large for publication at SBSTTA but made available to Parties through the clearing house mechanism. In addition, the Secretariat collaborated with the Ramsar Convention Secretariat to produce an information document on progress towards targets for inland waters and observations on targets and indicators for the Strategic Plan post-2010 (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/INF/1);
- (b) Drafted messages for World Wetlands Day (2 February) and World Water Day (22 March);
- (c) Released CBD Technical Series 47 (Water, Wetlands and Forests) simultaneously in Montreal, Cali (Colombia), New York and Nairobi in recognition of World Water Day;
- (d) Contributed to the water chapter of the report on Biodiversity and Ecosystems being prepared by UNDP;
- (e) A member of the Secretariat participated in the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of senior programme managers of UN-Water, 1-4 February 2010, Hamilton, Canada; during which the member was elected to the Joint Steering Group of UN-Water;
- (f) A member of the Secretariat attended the Third Partners and Users Workshop for the Mediterranean Wetlands Observatory, 7-11 February 2010, Tour du Valat, Camargue, France; and
- (g) A member of the Secretariat participated in a working group meeting on preparation of a training course on Ecosystem Based Management, 17–19 February 2010, UNEP office, Geneva, Switzerland.

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

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



- (a) The Secretariat submitted/uploaded on the website the CBD Technical Series 45 on "Scientific Synthesis on the Impacts of Ocean Fertilization on Marine Biodiversity" as information of participants to SBSTTA 14 (para 3 of decision IX/20). The publication was also transmitted to the London Dumping Convention 1972/London Protocol 1996 and distributed to CBD national focal points and relevant organizations;
- (b) The Secretariat submitted/uploaded on the website the CBD Technical Series 46 on "Scientific Synthesis on the Impacts of Ocean Acidification on Marine Biodiversity" as information of participants to SBSTTA 14 (para 4 of decision IX/20). The publication was distributed to CBD national focal points and relevant organizations;
- (c) The Secretariat submitted/uploaded on the website the report of the Expert Workshop on scientific and technical aspects relevant to environmental impact assessment in marine areas beyond national jurisdiction, held in Manila, Philippines, from 18 to 20 November 2009, as information of participants to SBSTTA 14 (para 10 of decision IX/20);
- (d) The Secretariat submitted/uploaded on the website the report of 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, held in Ottawa, Canada, from 29 September to 2 October 2009, as information of participants to SBSTTA 14 (para 19 of decision IX/20);
- (e) The Secretariat submitted/uploaded on the website the presessional document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/4 for SBSTTA 14 on "In-depth review of the implementation of the programme of work on marine and coastal biological diversity" as information of participants to SBSTTA 14;
- (f) The Secretariat submitted/uploaded on the website the report on compiling and synthesizing background information for in-depth review of progress made in the implementation of marine and coastal biodiversity as information of participants to SBSTTA 14;
- (g) The Secretariat was represented at the *Ad hoc* Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction", UN Headquarters in New York, 1 -5 February 2010, and organized three side events in collaboration with Canada, Germany, Philippines, IUCN, Census of Marine Life, Global Ocean Biodiversity Initiative, and Global Forum of Oceans, Coasts and Islands regarding the results of the Ottawa (decision IX/19) and the Manila workshops (decision IX/10) as well as the preparation for COP 10; and
- (h) The Secretariat was represented at the 2nd and 3rd meetings of the Expert Panel on the State and Trends of Biodiversity Science in Canada of the Council of Canadian Academies held in Montreal (28 - 29 January) and Toronto (4- 5 March 2010), respectively.

### **Decision IX/22: Global Taxonomy Initiative**

63. In response to decision IX/22, the Secretariat:

- (a) Prepared for Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI) Symposium: "Taking Stock of the Renaissance in Taxonomy: Post 2010 Capacity Building in taxonomy for the Convention on Biological Diversity" which will be held at the World Agroforestry Centre, Nairobi, Kenya, 15-16 May 2010 and sent Notification 2010-048 on this regard.

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

64. In accordance with the provisions of decision IX/27, the Secretariat:
- (a) Organized and serviced a meeting of the biodiversity-related conventions to coordinate activities during the International Year of Biodiversity (Paris, 20 January 2010);
  - (b) Participated in the Ramsar Scientific and Technical Review Panel mid-term workshops, Gland, Switzerland, 19-26 February 2010;
  - (c) Attended the Conference on Biodiversity Research – Milestones on the road to sustainability, organized by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) in Berlin, 29 and 30 March 2010; and
  - (d) The Secretariat took part in the Experts meeting on the relationship between the World Heritage Convention, conservation and sustainable development, which took place 29 - 31 March 2010, Paraty, Brazil. The Secretariat was invited to join the panel on the “link between heritage and development in current policies and practices: approaches, challenges and lessons learnt” and to provide input to the Expert Meeting’s recommendations to the WH Committee’s meeting in New York. Participants called for increased cooperation between the Biodiversity Liaison Group Conventions in regard to using biodiversity (as an outstanding universal value) as a key asset for sustainable development. Invitees included representatives of UNESCO, UN-MDG Secretariat, The World Bank, UNDP, and representatives of relevant MEAs, such as: CITES, UNESCO Man and Biosphere programme, Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and Ramsar, amongst others.

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

65. 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:
- (a) Completed document UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/14/18 on “New and emerging issues”.

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**Decision IX/6: Incentive measures**

66. In the period under review, the Secretariat finalized relevant documentation on the topic for the upcoming fourteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, which will convene from 10 to 21 May in Nairobi, Kenya.

67. The Secretariat convened the international workshop on innovative financial mechanisms, held in Bonn, Germany, from 27-29 January 2010. The workshop addressed a number of mechanisms which are of relevance to the programme of work on incentive measures and decision IX/6. It was organized in collaboration with the UNEP coordinating office of the Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) initiative, and with support from the Government of Germany. The meeting assessed the status of knowledge and related use of innovative financial mechanisms at all levels as identified by the Conference of the Parties, and developed policy options thereon, for further consideration by the third meeting of the *Ad hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, which will convene from 24 to 28 May in Nairobi, Kenya.

68. The Secretariat participated in an inter-agency seminar on the Green Economy Initiative of the United Nations Environment Programme, held on 21 January 2010 in Washington, D.C. The Green Economy Initiative was recognized in early 2009 as one of the nine UN-wide Joint Crisis Initiatives (JCI), and the seminar reviewed the implementation of commitments by the participating agencies under the common work programme. The Secretariat briefed participants on planned activities in the context of the International Year of Biodiversity, as well as the status of relevant preparations for the upcoming tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Nagoya, Japan, in particular the preparatory work for the updated Strategic Plan of the Convention as a key entry point for planning medium-term activities of the JCI.

69. The Secretariat participated in the meeting of the WTO Committee on Trade and Environment in Regular Session, held on 17 February 2010 in Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting was preceded by an information session on product carbon footprint and labelling schemes. The Secretariat informed participants on recent development under the Convention, making reference to the International Year of Biodiversity and the special high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly, and then focussing on the state of play in the negotiations of the international regime on access and benefit sharing.

70. The Secretariat participated, by video conference, in a workshop of the OECD Working Group on Economic Aspects of Biodiversity (WGEAB) on “Enhancing the Cost-Effectiveness of Payments for Ecosystem Services”, which took place on 25 March 2010 in Paris, France. The workshop is responding to an invitation of the Conference of the Parties expressed in paragraph 15 of decision IX/6. The Secretariat expressed its appreciation to the OECD for responding to this invitation and briefed participants on pertinent work of the Conference on the topic, under the work programme on incentive measures as well as under the work stream on innovative financial mechanisms.

71. The Secretariat participated in a symposium on trade-related policy assessments, agriculture and biodiversity on 25 March 2010, in Geneva, Switzerland. The symposium presented the final results of assessment studies undertaken in six ACP countries on the impact of trade liberalization policies on agricultural biodiversity, and policy action subsequently taken in those countries. This four-year initiative by UNEP, supported by the European Union and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), responded to earlier requests of the Conference of the Parties to study these impacts. The Secretariat has been a close partner in the implementation of this initiative.

#### **Decision IX/14: Technology Transfer and Cooperation**

72. In the period under review, the Secretariat finalized relevant documentation on the topic for the upcoming third meeting of the *Ad hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, which will convene from 24 to 28 May 2010 in Nairobi, Kenya.

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

73. Pursuant to decision IX/12, paragraph 17, and thanks to the financial support of UNEP, the Secretariat contributed to the organisation of four regional consultations on ABS with a view to further advance the negotiations of the international regime on ABS. The Secretariat actively participated in the consultations by providing substantive support, as needed, and by presenting an update of the negotiation process. The list of regional consultations was the following:

- Access and Benefit-sharing Regional Consultations for Latin America and Caribbean Countries, Panama City, Panama, 15-16 January 2010

- Access and Benefit-sharing Regional Consultations for Central and Eastern European Countries, Isle of Vilm, Germany, 9-10 February 2010
- Access and Benefit-sharing Regional Consultations for the Pacific, Auckland, New Zealand, 15-16 February 2010
- Access and Benefit-sharing Regional Consultations for Africa, Windhoek, Namibia, 4-6 March 2010.

74. The Secretariat also participated in the African Ministerial meeting on access and benefit-sharing, held in Windhoek, Namibia, from 8-10 March 2010, organised under the auspices of the ABS Capacity-Development Initiative on ABS and funded by the Government of Denmark.

75. To further support the finalization of the negotiations of the international regime on ABS, two intersessional meetings were organised and serviced to support the negotiation process:

- ABS Friends of the Co-Chairs Meeting, held from 26-29 January in Montreal, Canada,
- Co-Chairs Informal Inter-regional Consultation (CIIC), held from 16-18 March in Cali, Colombia, prior to WG-ABS 9.

76. The Secretariat organised and serviced the ninth meeting of the *Ad hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (WG-ABS 9) from 22-28 March 2010 in Cali, Colombia with a view to finalizing the negotiations of the international regime, including by:

- preparing all in-session documents
- carrying out logistical arrangements for the meeting in collaboration with the host government
- organizing two days of regional consultations and open-ended consultations
- providing support to the negotiation process throughout the meeting.

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

77. During this quarter, participation of ILCs, through the voluntary fund, was finalised to ensure twenty-four indigenous and local community representatives could participate in the ninth meeting of the *Ad hoc* Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing, which was held in Cali, Colombia from 22-28 March 2010. Further to this, the Secretariat facilitated an indigenous and local community representatives' negotiators meeting for ten ILCs, which was held in Cali from 13-15 March 2010, to assist indigenous and local community representatives to prepare for the final ABS negotiations, including the Co-Chairs Informal Inter-regional Consultation (CIIC) held from 16-18 March 2010.

78. Also during this period, the Secretariat worked with consultants and the indigenous working group on CEPA, to finalise 8(j) products in celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity, which are to be showcased at the ninth session of the UNPFII at the United Nations headquarters from 19 May. These products included the fourth edition of the 8(j) newsletter *Pachamama*, a text and photographic exhibition, a short film, an animation, and community radio stories focussed on the role of traditional knowledge and ILCs in achieving the goals of the Convention.

79. Preparations were also advanced during this period for participation in the UNPFII, including an in-depth dialogue with the Secretariat of the CBD, the launch of the exhibition in New York, and two side events (on IYB and Indicators work), amongst other activities.

**IX/13: Article 8(j) and Related Provisions - VIII/14: Biological Diversity and Tourism**

*a. Indigenous Tourism Website Award 2010*

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

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

*b. Workshop for Indigenous and Local Communities in Latin America and the Caribbean on Information Technologies, Tourism and Biodiversity in Forest Ecosystems – Workshop III: Forest Ecosystems*

82. Following Decision VII/14 paragraph 8 and Decision VIII, paragraph 6(a) and 13, Notification 2010-042 was sent to National Focal Points (NFPs) with regards to the upcoming Workshop for Indigenous and Local Communities in Latin America and the Caribbean on Information Technologies, Tourism and Biodiversity in Forest Ecosystems – Workshop III: Forest Ecosystems. The notification available in Spanish and English informed the NFPs of the selection of sponsored participants from the LAC region. The series of workshops began in November 2007 with the Arctic Region workshop in Quebec, Canada, and was followed in November 2008 by the Pacific Region workshop in Apia, Samoa. The third workshop is taking place on 6-8 April 2010 in Panama City, Panama. The reports and documents are available on the CBD website, respectively, at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/tour/wstouridg-01/official/wstouridg-01-02-en.doc> and <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/tour/wstouridg-02/official/wstouridg-02-02-en.doc>, and <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=WSTOURIDG-03>

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

*a. Second Curitiba meeting on Cities and Biodiversity and Celebrations of the Start of the International Year of Biodiversity, 6-8 January 2010, Curitiba, Brazil*

83. The Second Curitiba Meeting on Cities and Biodiversity took place in the city of Curitiba, Brazil on 6 and 7 January 2010. The meeting was organized with financial support from the City of Curitiba and the Governments of Norway and Brazil. As a result of the meeting, all 91 participants, including representatives of 13 cities from 11 countries, adopted “Towards Aichi/Nagoya: Second Curitiba Declaration on Local Authorities and Biodiversity”. The declaration is available in all six UN languages, as well as the report of the meeting, at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=MAYORS-02> Participants also agreed on the process in view of taking the draft plan of action on cities and biodiversity to COP10. Once reviewed by all interested stakeholders, the draft plan will be sent by Brazil to the Secretariat, for distribution to all Parties by the end of March. The outcomes of the Second Curitiba meeting will be

presented to the City Biodiversity Summit 2010 at Nagoya City, Aichi Prefecture, Japan, on 24-26 October 2010, and used as input for the preparation of a draft decision for submission to COP10.

84. On the margins of the Second Curitiba Meeting on Cities and at the occasion of the start of the IYB, Brazil convened an international event to celebrate the richness of life on Earth. The high level panel of the event was composed of Mr. Mah Bow Tan, Minister of National Development of Singapore, Mr. Jean Lemire, explorer, film-maker and scientist, Mr. Eric Blencowe, National Focal Point of the Convention for the United Kingdom, Ms. Izabella Teixeira, Acting Minister of the Environment of Brazil, Mayor Beto Richa, host of the event and a member of the Steering Committee of the CBD Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity, and CBD Executive Secretary, Mr. Ahmed Djoghla. The celebrations which took place on 7 January from 2pm to 5pm were attended by 95 participants, and included the inauguration by the City of Curitiba of the Santo Inácio urban park of 11,000 square metres. The park is an island of biodiversity specifically dedicated to the Convention, and pays tribute to Mr. Djoghla by naming a lookout at the park in his honour.

*b. World Urban Forum*

85. The Secretariat participated in the fifth session of the World Urban Forum in Rio de Janeiro, under the theme “The right to the City - bridging the urban divide”, 22 - 26 March 2010, organized by UN-HABITAT and the Government of Brazil. Some 5,000 participants from 150 countries around the world attended the fifth session of the WUF. The Secretariat prepared outreach materials and held an exhibition booth presenting the activities of the Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity, took part in dialogues on “Sustainable urbanisation: Cities in a Changing Climate” and sessions on resilience, adaptation and mitigation and in several of the events related to climate change and urban environment. A keynote statement by the CBD Executive Secretary was delivered at the LAB Advisory Committee meeting and ICLEI networking event (available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/speech/2010/sp-2010-03-24-rio-en.pdf>) on 24 March 2010, during which the cities and local authorities’ road map to Nagoya was also discussed.

*c. Cities and Biodiversity Newsletter*

86. In order to promote the biodiversity-related activities of cities and local authorities around the world and particularly in preparation for the City Biodiversity Summit 2010 to take place 24-26 October in Nagoya, Japan, the Secretariat published, in collaboration with ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability and its Local Action for Biodiversity (LAB), the first issue of the Cities and Biodiversity Newsletter. The publication is available on the CBD website at the following address: <http://www.cbd.int/authorities/doc/newsletter/cities-newsletter-01-01-en.pdf>.

**Decision IX/25: South-South cooperation on biodiversity for development**

87. In line with decision IX/25, Notification 2010-038 was sent to CBD National Focal Points on 19 February 2010 announcing the Second Expert Meeting for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development to take place on 29-30 May 2010. The meeting will be held in Nairobi, Kenya at the headquarters of the United Nations Environment Programme back to back with the Third Meeting of the *Ad hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI-3).

## OUTREACH AND MAJOR GROUPS

### Children and Youth / Non-governmental organizations

88. The CBD Secretariat contributed to UN system-wide efforts related to youth development, including development of the terms of reference for the UN Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development, identification of avenues for collaboration and joint initiatives for 2010-2011 and development of a UN system approach to the International Year of Youth. In respect of these issues, the Secretariat participated at a meeting of the United Nations Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development held at UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France on 18 -19 February 2010.

89. During the reporting period, the Secretariat continued actions to develop and promote participation and partnership in The Green Wave for biodiversity in the lead-up to the International Day for Biological Diversity on 22 May 2010.

90. During the reporting period, the Secretariat published and distributed the CBD Year in Review 2009 and an information booklet on the theme of the International Day for Biological Diversity 2010, "Biodiversity, Development and Poverty Alleviation".

### Decision IX/26: Promoting Business Engagement

91. The *Business.2010* Newsletter (Volume 5, issue 1) was posted on the CBD website. The issue highlights the discussion at the Third Business and Biodiversity Conference held in Jakarta on November-December 2009. The next issue will focus on BioTrade and will be released at the International Day for Biological Diversity 2010.

92. On 12 March 2010, a presentation on biodiversity and business was held at the annual "Beyond Cooperate Social Responsibility (CSR)" conference, organized by McGill University and HEC (Hautes Études Commerciales) Montréal. The conference aimed to raise awareness on how sustainability can be woven into all aspects of business and how CBD could engage with the business students in Montreal. The conference led to a meeting with Ms. Sarah Gagnon-Turcotte of Réseau Entreprise et Développement Durable on how CBD could work closer with the business sector in Montreal.

93. A working document "Engagement of business" was prepared for WGRI 3 and posted at the website.

94. The TEEB report for business (D3) was reviewed by the secretariat at the request of TEEB.

95. The report of the Jakarta conference was prepared and posted at the website.

96. A JPO from Norway joined for two years to work on business and biodiversity.

97. Discussions were held with Bombardier Inc during their visit at CBD on 11 February 2010 to discuss what they could do for biodiversity.

**Decisions IX/32 and IX/33: Programme of Work for Communication, Education and Public Awareness and Preparations for the International Year of Biodiversity**

98. Celebrations for the International Year of Biodiversity, following the guidelines in decisions VIII/6 and IX/33 were launched around the world as of the beginning of 2010. The message of the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, to the international community was issued on 2 January 2010. The International Year was officially launched by the Presidency of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at the Museum of Natural History in Berlin. In the presence of over 400 participants, the German Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel urged the world to take the necessary steps to protect the biological diversity of the Earth. The ceremony was attended by Mr. Issei Tajima, Senior Vice-Minister of the Environment of Japan, as the representative of incoming President of the Conference of the Parties at its tenth meeting, the Minister of Yemen in his capacity as the Chairman of the Group of 77 and China, and the Executive Director of UNEP.

**A. International organizations have extensively contributed to the year**

99. Bioversity International launched its campaign for the year on 15 January 2010.

100. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) hosted an inaugural event on 21-22 January, followed by a scientific conference from 25 to 29 January, at its headquarters in Paris. The ceremony took place with the participation of the Prime Minister of Guinea-Bissau and the French Minister of State, Mr. Jean Louis Borloo, the Director-General, as well as the President of the General Conference of UNESCO. The international exhibit of the International Year was inaugurated. Entries received from the children's photo contest organized by Airbus and the National Geographic Society were displayed at UNESCO.

101. An international conference on "Redefining Sustainability in the International Agenda: Inspiring Greater Engagement in Biodiversity Issues" and an EcoChic Fashion Show were organized in Geneva by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) on 20-21 January as a contribution to the celebration of the International Year.

102. UNDP hosted the North American launch of the International Year in New York at the American Museum of Natural History's famed Hall of Ocean Life on 10 February 2010. The North American Launch featured remarks by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and a round-table discussion with key biodiversity scientists and NGO leaders. The launch also included a sneak preview of "Life", the Discovery Channel/BBC's follow-up to the critically-acclaimed series "Planet Earth".

**B. Scientific conferences were held to support the year**

103. On 14 January, the British Royal Society celebrated its 350th anniversary by organizing a scientific event on biodiversity. The 500 participants attending the sixth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity held from 1 to 5 February celebrated the International Year of Biodiversity and the video of the International Year was shown. Norway organized on 1 February the Norwegian launch of the International Year with more than 300 participants. The celebration was held with the participation of Mr. Erik Solheim, Minister of Environment and International Cooperation of Norway.

104. As of the end of March, 82 countries have reported holding celebrations for the year. 216 organizations have signed up as partners.



105. Sports have also become a platform for the celebrations of the IYB:
- a. The resort municipality of Whistler, in close collaboration with the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympics' Winter Games (VANOC), the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the Secretariat, will celebrate the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity during the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympics' Games. Events include: (i) an education campaign on the biodiversity and socio-economic benefits from expanding protected areas in the resort community setting, (ii) collaboration with community partners to share Whistler's biodiversity story with the world in 2010, (iii) identification of areas with high ecosystem and socio-economic value as potential protected areas, and (iv) showcasing Whistler as a destination that not only values, but invests in, biodiversity to enable the community and visitors to enjoy ecosystem services and values in perpetuity.
  - b. The sporting goods company PUMA AG and the United Nations Environment Programme, together with Cameroon's national football team announced "The Play for Life" partnership to support biodiversity worldwide with a special focus on initiatives in Africa. Awareness-raising campaigns will be held among football fans and the general public during worldwide football events, including the Orange Cup of African Nations in Angola and international friendly games leading-up to the FIFA World Cup 2010 in South Africa.
106. The Secretariat's webpage for the IYB ([www.cbd.int/2010](http://www.cbd.int/2010)) has become one of the most visited parts of the CBD website. The website includes information on global celebrations, partners and resources for celebrating the year. An IYB Facebook page was launched and has over 27,000 members.
107. To record the achievements of the International Year, the Convention Secretariat has established the IYB Museum comprising outreach materials prepared by Parties and partners to mark this event. The Museum will be displayed at the closing ceremony of the International Year to be held in Kanazawa, Japan, in December 2010, as well as at the sixty-sixth session of the United Nations General Assembly when it will consider the final report of the International Year.

## IMPLEMENTATION AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

### **Decision VIII/8 and IX/8: National Biodiversity Strategies and Actions Plans**

108. By the end of March 2010, 170 (88% of the total) have finalized their national biodiversity strategies and action plans or equivalent instruments. In addition, fourteen Parties have informed the Secretariat that they are preparing their national biodiversity strategy and action plan. Two Parties, that have acceded to the Convention in the last two years, and seven others, have not prepared a national biodiversity strategy and action plan or initiated the process to do so, or have not informed the Secretariat that they have done so. At least 48 Parties have revised national biodiversity strategies and action plans, or are in the process of doing so.

109. The Secretariat is continuing work to compile case studies, tools and guidance arising from the fourth national reports and the sub-regional capacity-development workshops held in 2008 and 2009 on NBSAP implementation and biodiversity mainstreaming ([www.cbd.int/case-studies/](http://www.cbd.int/case-studies/)). The Secretariat is drawing upon this material to enhance and update the capacity development modules on national biodiversity strategies and action plans ([www.cbd.int/nbsap/training/](http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/training/)) in line with decision IX/8.

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

110. As of end of March 2010, a total of 105 fourth national reports had been received. 10 countries sent advanced draft reports.

111. The Executive Secretary sent another letter to Environment Ministers and national focal points of all the countries that have not submitted their fourth national reports, urging them to send the report before the end of March 2010.

- (a) With the support of the Government of Japan and some partners, preparations are ongoing for five regional workshops on the preparation of the fourth national report, with the aim to facilitate the submission of the fourth national reports by all Parties before the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in October 2010. These five workshops will be held in April, May and June 2010. More details about these workshops can be found on the national reporting webpage of the Convention website.
- (b) To celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity and raise public awareness of biodiversity, country biodiversity briefs are being prepared on the basis of the fourth national report for publication on some newspapers in Canada, Japan and some European countries.
- (c) An analysis of information contained in 95 fourth national reports (statistical analysis based on 85 reports) has been prepared for the third meeting of the Working Group on Review of Implementation (24-28 May 2010, Nairobi, Kenya). In addition, a summary of the experiences and lessons learned from the fourth round of national reporting under the Convention has been prepared for WGRI 3.
- (d) To facilitate discussion about the post-2010 targets for the revised Strategic Plan of the Convention, 2010 and post-2010 national targets have been compiled from the fourth national reports received so far and will be presented as information document to WGRI 3 and COP 10.
- (e) Draft guidelines for the fifth national report are being developed and will be presented for consideration at WGRI 3.

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

112. Further submissions were received on the updating and revision of the Strategic Plan. Additional consultation meetings were held, including a regional consultation for Arab Countries, an inter-regional workshop co-hosted by Brazil and the UK (London, January 18-20 January, 2010) and the sixth UN/Norway Trondheim Biodiversity Conference (1-5 February 2010). In addition, a COP-10 pre-conference was organized by Japan and DIVERSITAS (Nagoya, 21-22 March, 2010). Inputs are available at [www.cbd.int/sp/sp2010+/](http://www.cbd.int/sp/sp2010+/).

113. On the basis of these inputs and consultations and the comments received on document UNEP/CBD/SP/PREP/2, documents were prepared for SBSTTA-13 and WGRI-3.

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

114. During the first quarter of 2010, activities related to the Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM) can be summarized as follows:

### **A. Website Maintenance and Development:**

- (a) With more than 800 web posting requests, there has been a constant effort to maintain the website up-to-date, particularly in relation with the beginning of the International Year of Biodiversity.
- (b) Functional specifications have been prepared for the development of the CHM knowledge base, with an emphasis on the development of a powerful user-friendly search engine, and enhanced sharing of information and knowledge.
- (c) Given limited IT resources and expertise to implement the CHM knowledge base, an agreement was concluded to develop IT synergies between the CHM and the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH), indicating that the BCH Computer Information System Officer would act as the lead IT Architect supervising web developers, similarly to established IT industry practices. This arrangement is a major step forward in strengthening the CBD Secretariat web development capacity. Thanks to the support from the Spanish Government, implementation of the CHM knowledge base has started through this arrangement.
- (d) In the context of the knowledge management initiative, a website audit has been carried out. A report has been prepared with specific recommendations to harmonize menus and content. Next steps will consist in implementing these changes, in collaboration with programme officers and their assistants.
- (e) A design proposal has been made to modernize the home page of the CBD website and align it again to current standards. Implementation will proceed as soon as design proposals are approved.
- (f) An effort has been made to improve the management of database and website translation. In collaboration with the Biosafety Clearing-House, a pilot system has been deployed to enable translation requests to be exported to a standard format (XLIFF) compatible with professional translation tools.

### **B. Support to National Clearing-House Mechanisms & Partner Initiatives**

- (a) A virtual Skype conference was held on 26 January 2010 with some members of the Informal Advisory committee (CHM IAC). Discussion topics included document preparation for COP 10, integration of the CHM in the next strategic plan, and operations of the CHM IAC.
- (b) Questionnaires have been sent to CHM National Focal Points to compile information on CHM implementation at the national level. This information will be used to prepare the CHM progress report to COP 10.
- (c) A sub-regional workshop on CHM implementation in African partner countries was jointly organized by the Governments of Côte d'Ivoire and Belgium. It took place in Grand-Bassam, Côte d'Ivoire, on 9-11 February 2010 and was attended by around 20 participants (mostly CHM NFPs and/or website managers) including representatives from the COMIFAC and the CBD Secretariat. Activities included sharing experiences, assessing progress, making recommendations to promote the IYB and improve national CHM websites, and training on new features of the European CHM portal toolkit.
- (d) The CBD Secretariat was represented in the Working Group Meeting of the MEA Information and Knowledge Management Initiative organized by UNEP/DELIC, and held in Geneva on 3-4 February 2010. The main objective was to determine how to exchange key information

between MEAs and analyze specific information types (decisions, meetings) for the implementation of a proof-of-concept project. Technical discussions have also taken place about UNEP's project to build an MEA-wide analytical index.

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

115. The International Workshop on Innovative Financial Mechanisms was organized in Bonn, Germany, from 27-29 January 2010. The workshop considered a range of innovative tools to raise new and additional funds for biodiversity objectives. A note on New Deal with Nature was prepared for the workshop. The workshop report was sent for editing and will be made available as information document for the third meeting of the *Ad hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Implementation of the Convention.

116. The Statement to the fifth GEF Assembly has been prepared. An Introduction to GEF Biodiversity Publication for the fifth GEF Assembly was sent to the GEF Secretariat.

117. The Secretariat attended, via video conference, the 25th meeting of OECD Working Group on Economic Aspects of Biodiversity on 26 March 2010.

118. A project proposal has been elaborated on global technical support to access to genetic resources and benefit sharing. An associated training note on access to genetic resources and benefit sharing has been drafted.

119. The document on review of the guidance to the financial mechanism has been prepared and finalized for WGRI-3.

120. The document on concrete activities and initiatives and indicators for the strategy for resource mobilization has been prepared and finalized for WGRI-3.

121. The document on policy options for innovative financial mechanisms has been prepared and finalized for WGRI-3.

122. The Secretariat attended the GEF Fifth Replenishment Meeting held from 9-10 March 2010 in Rome.

123. The Secretariat participated in the Executive GEFOP meeting on 2 February 2010.

### **Biodiversity for Development Initiative**

124. During the first quarter of 2010, the activities related to the Biodiversity for Development Initiative were as follows:

#### **A. Preparations of Documents for WGRI 3**

125. An analytical report on the activities, lessons learned with recommendations has been prepared for WGRI 3. The document is an information paper to help elaborate a CBD umbrella framework for poverty reduction and development.

126. A second document was prepared with a draft decision for COP 10 proposing a provisional framework of an initiative for capacity development on mainstreaming biodiversity and ecosystem services into development and poverty reduction processes.

127. The new initiative is designed to be a permanent mechanism for capacity development around regional nodes and hosted by regional organizations. The challenge is to address key policy-makers, practitioners and scientists involving them in a capacity development process.

128. The initiative is designed as a specific supporting mechanism for the CBD - Strategic Plan enabling implementation capacities and competencies.

### **B. Follow up activities**

129. A final draft-version of the best practice guide for mainstreaming biodiversity and ecosystem services into planning and financing has been finalized in form of a booklet and a power point presentation in February 2010.

130. The draft report on the linkages between the CBD thematic PoW and Poverty Reduction was discussed at an internal workshop. The results of the (gap-) analysis show that the PoW are not or not sufficiently and coherently linked to poverty reduction and development. The final report will be presented to COP 10.

## **BIOSAFETY**

### **THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY**

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

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

131. The Secretariat completed a process, which was launched one year ago, to develop BCH tutorials to further help stakeholders register information in the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH). Five modules are available in English, French and Spanish at: <http://bch.cbd.int/help/tutorials/>. Videos of these tutorials can also be viewed directly on the BCH or on a dedicated channel on YouTube.

132. Pursuant to Decision BS IV/2, an online BCH study of BCH users and potential users was launched on 21 December 2009 and ended on 15 February 2010. A final report will soon be made available on the BCH. The study was undertaken to (i) assess what information users and potential users of the BCH would find useful; and (ii) prioritize the work programme of the BCH in order to focus the efforts of the Secretariat on making the BCH a useful tool.

133. During the reporting period, the Secretariat issued a Notification reminding countries wishing to participate in the second UNEP-GEF BCH Project, entitled "Continued Enhancement of National Capacities for Effective Participation in the BCH", to express interest through a letter of endorsement to UNEP. In accordance with Decision BS-IV/2, the Global Environment Facility Council approved the project in December 2009. Building on the experiences and achievements of the first BCH Project, this second project aims to further assist countries to effectively utilize the BCH. The notification is available at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2010/ntf-2010-022-bch-en.pdf>.

134. As previously reported, and in response to a direct request from the Parties in Paragraph 13 of Decision BS-III/2, the majority of the BCH was translated into the six official languages of the United Nations (i.e. Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) in 2008. During the reporting period, the pages of the BCH Management Centre, only accessible to BCH account-holders to create and manage information, are in the process of being translated. The work is expected to be completed by the end of the second quarter of 2010. Once this task has been completed, every page in the BCH's Central Portal will be accessible in the six official UN languages.

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

135. The sixth coordination meeting for Governments and organizations implementing and/or funding biosafety capacity-building activities was held on 1-3 February 2010 in Siem Reap, Cambodia. A total of 35 participants from 17 Governments and 10 organizations attended. The meeting was hosted by the Government of Cambodia, through the Ministry of Environment. Funding for the participation of developing countries was provided by the Government of Norway. The meeting made recommendations to COP-MOP regarding possibilities for cooperation in identifying capacity-building needs among Parties for research and information exchange on socio-economic considerations and facilitating further consideration of Article 26 of the Protocol. Recommendations were also made with respect to capacity-building for promoting public awareness, education and participation, including specific proposals for inclusion in the draft programme of work on public awareness, education and participation. The meeting also reviewed and provided comments on the draft Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2011-2020).

136. The seventh meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety was held 4-5 February 2010, in Siem Reap, Cambodia. It was attended by 21 participants from 15 countries and 4 organizations. The meeting reviewed and proposed a number of revisions to the draft Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2011-2020), the draft framework for the second assessment and review of the Protocol and the draft programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms.

137. The third international meeting of Academic Institutions and Organizations Involved in Biosafety Education and Training was held 15-17 February 2010 in Tsukuba, Japan. It was organized and hosted by the Government of Japan through an organizing committee coordinated by the University of Tsukuba. The participants shared information and experiences about their programmes and reviewed the progress made in implementing recommendations of the previous two meetings. They also made a number recommendations to further improve biosafety education and training programmes, including guidance on the development and delivery of categories of academic programmes, i.e. (a) short-term general biosafety courses, (b) short-term specialised certificate courses on specific biosafety topics and (c) formal degree and diploma programmes.

#### **Decisions BS-III/10 and BS-IV/9: Handling, transport, packaging and identification of living modified organisms – paragraph 2 (a) of Article 18**

138. From 25 to 29 January 2010, the Secretariat facilitated a Malaysian National Workshop on Identification and Documentation of Living Modified Organisms (LMOs) under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in Kuala Lumpur. The workshop, which was attended by more than 75 participants, was aimed at introducing participants to the Protocol and its requirements regarding the identification and documentation of LMOs, the role of customs officials in implementing the Protocol, techniques and methods for sampling and detection of LMOs and the experiences of the Green Customs Initiative. The participants engaged in practical laboratory sessions on LMO detection and also visited the Port to see first-hand operations relevant to the identification and documentation of LMOs. At the end of the workshop, the participants

developed recommendations to facilitate the implementation of identification and documentation requirements of LMOs in Malaysia.

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

139. The second round of Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms was held through the Biosafety-Clearing House in February 2010. Four Real-time Online Conferences were held for the regions Africa, WEOG and CEE, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

140. The Real-time Online Conferences aimed at gathering feedback from the participants of the Open-ended Online Expert Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management on draft guidance documents prepared by the *Ad hoc* Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Risk Assessment and Risk Management, as well as on the identification of possible modalities for cooperation in identifying living modified organisms or specific traits that may have adverse effects on the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, taking also into account risks to human health.

141. A total of 64 experts participated in the conferences, of which 38 were nominated by Parties, four by non-Parties and 22 were observers. A total of 914 interventions were made.

142. For more information, including the transcripts of the Second Real-time Online Conferences, please visit: [http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/realtime\\_ra.shtml](http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/realtime_ra.shtml).

#### **BS-IV/12: Liability and Redress**

143. The Second Meeting of the Group of the Friends of the Co-Chairs on Liability and Redress in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety was held from 8 to 12 February 2010 at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The Group further negotiated international rules and procedures on liability and redress for damage resulting from transboundary movements of living modified organisms based on the draft text for a supplementary protocol on liability and redress to the Biosafety Protocol as contained in the report of its first meeting. The Group agreed to hold a third meeting in Montreal from 17 to 19 June 2010, subject to the availability of funds and an offer to host.

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

144. On 29 January 2010, the Secretariat marked the tenth anniversary of the adoption of Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. In a message delivered to mark the occasion, the Executive Secretary of the CBD called upon all citizens of the world to support and actively engage in the implementation of the Protocol. The Executive Secretary noted that the tenth anniversary coincided with the International Year of Biological Diversity (IYB) and that the Protocol is one of the important instruments contributing to the protection of biodiversity. The message is available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/speech/2010/sp-2010-01-29-biosafety-en.pdf>.

145. The Secretariat produced a fact sheet on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety as part of the outreach material for IYB. It is available at <http://www.cbd.int/iyb/doc/prints/factsheets/iyb-cbd-factsheet-biosafety-en.pdf>. Information on the Protocol was also made available during the UNESCO Biodiversity Exhibition held in Paris from the 25 to 29 January 2010 to celebrate the IYB.

146. In January, the Secretariat released the seventh issue of the Biosafety Protocol News which focussed on the experiences and lessons learned in facilitating the exchange of information on, and experience with, living modified organisms (LMOs) through the Biosafety Clearing-House. This issue featured articles from Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe and Latin America (Perú - Artículo En Español - and Uruguay).

147. The Secretariat also issued notifications inviting governments and organizations wishing to organise side events and/or participate in the “Fair on national experiences with the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety during the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (COP-MOP 5) to submit their request to the Secretariat.

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

148. As part of the consultative process to enable Parties and other stakeholders to provide input into the draft Strategic Plan for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (2011 to 2020) and the draft framework for the second Assessment and Review of the Protocol to be considered at COP-MOP 5, the Secretariat organised an online Forum through the Biosafety Clearing-House from 1 to 28 February 2010. All Parties, other Governments and relevant organizations were invited to review and provide comment on the two draft documents through the Forum page at <http://bch.cbd.int/onlineconferences/spforum.shtml>. The two documents were also circulated for comments at the sixth coordination meeting for Governments and organizations implementing and/or funding biosafety capacity-building activities and the seventh meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety.

#### **Decisions BS-II/6 and BS-IV/6: Cooperation with other organizations, conventions and initiatives**

149. During the reporting period, a delegation of the Global Industry Coalition (GIC), representing companies engaged in a variety of industrial sectors such as plant science, seeds, agricultural biotechnology, food production, animal agriculture, human and animal health care, and the environment paid a working visit to the Secretariat. The delegation discussed some of the issues on the agenda of the fifth meeting of the Parties (COP-MOP 5), with special focus on the work of the AHTEG on risk assessment as well as Article 18(2)(a). They also discussed the Online Survey on the Application of and Experience in the Use of Socio-Economic Considerations in Decision-Making on Living Modified Organisms, which was conducted in October 2009 by the GEF Coordination Division of the United Nations Environment Programme, in collaboration with the Secretariat.

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

150. As of 24 March 2010, 157 countries have ratified or acceded to the Protocol. The list of these Parties is available on the website: <http://www.cbd.int/biosafety/signinglist.shtml>.



## ANNEXES

### ANNEX I Meetings

#### January to March 2010

4 January 2010	Teleconference call with Minister of Environment of Somalia, Montreal
4 January 2010	Teleconference call with World Future Council, Montreal
4 January 2010	Meeting with Mr. Charles-Mathieu Brunelle, Director, <i>Museums nature de Montréal</i> , Montreal
4 January 2010	Telephone media interview with Metro, Montreal
4 January 2010	Meeting with Mr. Vincent Leger, Montreal
4 January 2010	Teleconference call with the Chairperson of the Scientific, Technical and Advisory Panel of the GEF, Montreal
6 January 2010	Interview with <i>Radio Canada</i> via telephone, Curitiba
7 January 2010	Attend the State of Sustainability Initiative Advisory Panel meeting, Amsterdam, Netherlands
8 January 2010	Moderate the panel on the International Year of Biodiversity at the GMEF Civil Society Consultation, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
8 January 2010	Celebration of IYB in Brazil, Curitiba, Brazil
8 January 2010	Meeting with the Governor of Parana, Curitiba, Brazil
8-9 January 2010	Take part in the TEEB D2 consultations, Curitiba, Brazil
9 January 2010	Launch event of the International Year of Biodiversity, Curitiba, Brazil
10-15 January 2010	Site visit in preparation for the Nagoya Biodiversity meetings, Nagoya, Japan
11 January 2010	Attend the CropLife International meeting on the “Emerging Regulatory Systems Initiative”, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
11 January 2010	Launch event of the International Year of Biodiversity, Berlin, Germany
12 January 2010	Event on IYB hosted by the Government of France, Paris, France
12-15 January 2010	Take part in the Inter-Academy Panel Conference on Biodiversity and General Assembly at the Royal Society, London, U.K.
13 January 2010	Teleconference with Mr. Warren Evans, Director of the Environment Department, The World Bank, Paris, France
13 January 2010	Attend a strategy session of the Global Partnership on Forest Landscape Restoration/preparatory meeting for German SFM Workshop, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
13 January 2010	Meeting with the Mayor of Bonn, Bonn, Germany
13-14 January 2010	Participate in the GLISPA Strategy event, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
14 January 2010	Royal Society Inter-Academy Panel international meeting on biodiversity – Keynote presentation during International biodiversity session, London, UK
14-15 January 2010	Deliver a presentation on the International Year of Biodiversity at

	the International Coral Reef Initiative General meeting, Monaco
15 January 2010	Meeting with representatives of GLOBE, London, UK
15 January 2010	Meeting with Ms. Isabel Dedring, Advisor on the Environment for the Mayor of London, London, UK
15 January 2010	Radio Interview, London, UK
18 January 2010	Meeting with Secretary of State, Hilary Benn, London, UK
18 January 2010	Interview with Reuters, London, UK
18-22 January 2010	Meeting with UNEP-WCMC staff, Cambridge, U.K.
18-22 January 2010	Represent the SCBD Staff Association and the Americas Region at the 63rd FICSA Council meeting, Geneva, Switzerland
20 January 2010	Participate in the UNCTAD event on “Redefining Sustainability in the International Agenda: Inspiring Greater Engagement in Biodiversity Issues”, Geneva, Switzerland
20 January 2010	Attend the Congrès français de la nature, Paris, France
20 January	Take part in the <i>Lancement du concours – capitale française de la biodiversité</i> , organised by <i>Natureparif</i> , Paris, France
21 January	Press Conference on IYB, Paris, France
January 22	Meeting with OECD Policy coordination secretariat and AFD, Paris France
22 January	Meeting on <i>Biodiversité et green business en Afrique</i> , Paris, France
24-25 January 2010	Meeting with UNDP colleagues, Paris, France
25 January	Speaker on The International Year of Biodiversity and the Road to Nagoya: Synergies at the Nexus of Science with Policy, at UNESCO Scientific Conference, Paris, France
26 January 2010	Side Event on LifeWeb Initiative: Commitments and Progress, Madrid, Spain
26 January 2010	WWF Protected Areas for a Living Planet Side Event, Madrid, Spain
26-27 January 2010	Participate in the conference “Post-2010 Biodiversity Vision and Target - the role of Protected Areas and Ecological Networks in Europe”, Madrid, Spain
29 January 2010	Participate in the <i>Mediterre</i> conference, Bari, Italy
29 January 2010	Interview with <i>Nature Inc</i> , Montreal
29 January 2010	Meeting with Mr. Tom Lovejoy, Montreal
29 January 2010	Meeting with the ABS Co-Chairs, Montreal
29 January 2010	Interview with UN Radio (in Arabic), Montreal
29 January 2010	Visit of Global Industry Coalition, Montreal
29 January 2010	Meeting with Mr. Balakrishna Pisupati, UNEP/DELIC, Montreal
29 January 2010	Meeting with Mr. Mizuno, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, Montreal
29 January 2010	Interview with the <i>New York Times</i> , Montreal
29 January 2010	Meeting with Birthe Ivars, Norway, Montreal
29-30 January 2010	Attend the International Workshop on the Satoyama Initiative concept, Paris, France
30 January 2010	Participate in the CBD Strategy for Resource Mobilization organised by the German League for Nature and Environment, and in the NGO Forum for the Environment and Development, Bonn, Germany
1 February 2010	Attend the McMaster World Congress, McMaster University, Ontario, Canada
1 February 2010	Celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity by Norway

1-5 February 2010	Participate in the Sixth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity, Trondheim, Norway
1-5 February 2010	Attend the <i>Ad hoc</i> Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction, New York, U.S.A.
2 February 2010	Meeting via teleconference on IPBES
3-4 February 2010	Attend the UNEP MEA Working Group Meeting on Information and Knowledge Management, Geneva, Switzerland
3-5 February 2010	Attend the seminar: Financial Sustainability and New Tool to use in Protected Areas in Amazonian Countries, Sao Paulo, Brazil
4 February 2010	Luncheon/presentation: 2010 International Year of Biodiversity, <i>Conseil des relations internationales de Montréal (CORIM)</i>
4 February 2010	Visit of the Quebec Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks
4 February 2010	Interview with <i>Radio Canada</i>
4 February 2010	Visit of staff from Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Canada
4 February 2010	Interview with <i>Le Devoir</i> newspaper
4 February 2010	Interview with <i>La Presse</i> newspaper
5 February 2010	Visit of senior staff from Bombardier
5 February 2010	Visit of university students
5 February 2010	Interview with UN Radio
5 February 2010	Meeting with the representatives of the Montreal Economic Forum
5 February 2010	Meeting with IUCN-WCPA
5 February 2010	Participate as an expert on the Convention on Biological Diversity Activities to mark International Year of Biodiversity in UNEP Ask Today's Expert (online)
7-8 February 2010	Attend a meeting with UNEP on IBD celebrations, Nairobi, Kenya
8 February 2010	Meeting with Montreal International
8-10 February 2010	Take part in the Third Partners Workshop of the Mediterranean Wetlands Observatory, Arles, France
9-11 February 2010	Participate in the Sub-regional workshop to review the implementation of the CHM in partner countries, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire
9-10 February 2010	Access and Benefit-sharing Regional Consultations for Central and Eastern European Countries, Isle of Vilm, Germany
9-10 February 2010	Onsite visit to Cali in preparation for the WGABS-9 meeting, Cali, Colombia
10 February 2010	Attend the North American Launch of the International Year of Biodiversity, New York, U.S.A.
11 February 2010	Meet with the United Nations Secretary General, New York, U.S.A.
12 February 2010	Visit of representatives from Conservation International
12 February 2010	Take part in the press conference on IYB in collaboration with the Resort Municipality of Whistler, IOC and VANOC, Whistler, B.C., Canada
14-20 February 2010	Participate in the JPO training with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oslo, Norway
15-16 February 2010	Attend the CPF strategy meeting, Rome, Italy

15-18 February 2010	Participate in the Workshop on consideration of socio-economic issues in biosafety risk assessment, Johannesburg, South Africa
16 February 2010	Visit of the Chairman and Founder, International Economic Forum of the Americas
17 February 2010	Visit of Adviser, Biosphère, Environment Canada
17 February 2010	Take part in the FAO CPF meeting on “Defining Forest Degradation”, Rome, Italy
17 February 2010	Meet with officials from BMU-Germany, Bonn, Germany
17 February 2010	Visit of the Vice President, Conservation International/Executive Director, Indigenous & Traditional Peoples Program
17 February 2010	Attend the meeting of the WTO Committee on Trade and Environment in Regular Session, Geneva, Switzerland
17-19 February 2010	Attend the inception Workshop of the UNEP-DEPI-IISD project on the ecosystem-based management as part of the UNEP-DEPI ecosystems capacity building initiative, Geneva, Switzerland
18 February 2010	Visit of the Director General of <i>SEDNA Fondation</i> and the President of the Quebec Business Council on the Environment
18 February 2010	Interview with <i>The Times</i> (UK)
18 February 2010	Attend the Jeanne Sauvé Address “Youth Engagement in the 21st Century: Inspiring change in an Era of Globalization”, McGill University, Montreal, Canada
18 February 2010	Attend and deliver speech at the inauguration of the International Year of Biodiversity, <i>Université de Laval</i> , Quebec, Canada
18 February 2010	Meeting with the representatives of the Montreal Economic Forum
18 February 2010	Teleconference call with Executive Secretary of UNCCD
18-19 February 2010	Attend the Meeting of the UN Heads of Youth Programme, Paris, France
19-26 February 2010	Participate in the Ramsar Scientific and Technical Review Panel mid-term workshops, Gland, Switzerland
22 February 2010	Meet with officials from CIDA, Natural Resource Canada, Environment Canada and Parks Canada, Ottawa, Canada
22 February 2010	UNEP Media Workshop on the Environment at the Governing Council, Bali, Indonesia
22-23 February 2010	Attend the Second Expert Workshop on a Green Development Mechanism, Bali, Indonesia
22-24 February 2010	Take part in the Simultaneous Extraordinary Meetings of the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, Bali, Indonesia
22-25 February 2010	Take part in the GEO-BON Implementation Plan Working Group Meeting, Monterey, U.S.A.
24 February 2010	Participate in the CBD OECD meeting on biodiversity in development cooperation, Paris, France
24-26 February 2010	Attend the Eleventh special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, Bali, Indonesia
24 February 2010	Plenary Session: International Environmental Governance and Sustainable Development at UNEP/GMEF, Bali, Indonesia
25 February 2010	Ministerial level roundtable: The Green Economy at UNEP/GMEF, Bali, Indonesia
25 February 2010	Plenary Session: Biodiversity and Ecosystems at UNEP/GMEF, Bali, Indonesia

25 February 2010	Briefing on Climate Science, the IPCC and AR5: Lessons Learnt and Next Steps at UNEP/GMEF, Bali, Indonesia
26 February 2010	Meet with staff of UNIC, Tokyo, Japan
27 February 2010	Attend the IR3S University of Tokyo Symposium on “Biodiversity and Sustainability”, Tokyo, Japan
27 February 2010	Meeting with AEON Foundation, Tokyo, Japan
27 February 2010	Meeting with Forests Culture Association, Tokyo, Japan
27 February 2010	Meeting with Japan Civil Network for CBD, Tokyo, Japan
27 February 2010	Meeting with Nagoya Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Tokyo, Japan
1 March 2010	Meeting with the Mayor of Toyooka, , Toyooka, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan
1 March 2010	Meeting with representatives of MISIA, the COP-10 Honorary Ambassador, Tokyo, Japan
1 March 2010	Meeting with representatives of Dentsu, Tokyo, Japan
2 March 2010	Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with ITTO, Tokyo, Japan
2 March 2010	Meeting with senior officials from the Japanese Ministries of Foreign Affairs and the Environment, as well as with representatives from UNIC, Tokyo, Japan
2 March 2010	Interview with NHK, Tokyo, Japan
3 March 2010	Meeting with Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Tokyo, Japan
3 March 2010	Meeting with the Confederation of DPJ Diet Members, Tokyo, Japan
4-5 March 2010	Attend the Third meeting of the Expert Panel on the State and Trends of Biodiversity Science in Canada, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
8-10 March 2010	ABS Capacity Development Initiative for Africa - African Ministers Conference, Windhoek, Namibia
8 March 2010	Meeting with the Minister of Environment of Denmark, Windhoek, Namibia
9-10 March 2010	Take part in the meeting of the Fifth Replenishment of GEF Resources, Rome, Italy
11 March 2010	Attend the event on the International Year of Biodiversity with Discovery Channel, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
12 March 2010	Meeting via teleconference with the Permanent Representative of the <i>Francophonie</i> , New York, U.S.A
12 March 2010	Visit and meeting with Guy Jolicoeur, <i>Fondation de la faune du Québec</i>
12 March 2010	Teleconference call with David Coon, Executive Director of Conservation Council of New Brunswick
12 March 2010	Visit and meeting with Norman Levesque, Coordinator of the <i>Église verte</i> project
12 March 2010	Meeting via teleconference with Madame Fatima Dia Toure, IEPF
12 March 2010	Attend and deliver a presentation at the joint McGill Net Impact and HEC Montreal Net Impact “Beyond CSR Conference 2010”, Montreal, Canada
15 March 2010	Meeting with the ABS Co-Chairs, Cali, Colombia
15-18 March 2010	Speaker at the expert meetings in preparation of SBSTTA-14 of the CBD, Isle of Vilm, Germany

17 March 2010	Meeting with ABS Co-Chairs, Cali, Colombia
18 March 2010	Meeting with Mr. Robert Lamb, Switzerland, Cali, Colombia
18 March 2010	Meeting with Mr. Abdelbagi Ali, Sudan, Cali, Colombia
18-19 March 2010	Meet with officials from the Japanese Ministry of the Environment and GBO-3 Committee, Tokyo, Japan
19 March 2010	Meeting with CIIC Group, Cali, Colombia
20 March 2010	Meeting with Mr. Saigo, Director of Ministry of Agriculture, Japan, Cali
21-26 March 2010	Participate in the Japan/Diversitas pre-COP scientific conference and Diversitas Science Committee meetings, Nagoya, Japan
22 March 2010	Organize the launch event on World Water Day and the IYB event, Cali, Colombia
22 March 2010	World Water Day side event, Cali, Colombia
22 March 2010	World Water Day event, Biosphère, Montreal
22 March 2010	Media interviews with Jorge Orozco, Reportero Grafico, El Pais; Margarita Maria Rodriguez, Camara de Comercio de Cali ; Adriana Munoz Agudelo, Comunicaciones, Centro de Eventos Valle del Pacifico, Cali, Colombia
22-25 March 2010	Attend the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures meeting, Rome, Italy
22-26 March 2010	Participate in the UN-HABITAT 5th World Urban Forum, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
23 March 2010	Presentation at Mount Pleasant Primary School, Quebec, Canada
23 March 2010	Media Interview, Cali, Colombia
23 March 2010	Meeting with M. F. Farooqui, Additional Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Cali, Colombia
23 March 2010	Meeting via teleconference with Tom Lovejoy, UNEP-STAP Chair
23 March 2010	Meeting with Ines Verleye, Belgium, Cali, Colombia
24 March 2010	Meeting with Joseph Toussaint, Haiti, Cali, Colombia
24 March 2010	Meeting with Nicola Breier, Germany, Cali, Colombia
24 March 2010	Media interview with Cristina Valencia of <i>Telepacífico</i> for the programme <i>El Valle Nos Toca</i> , Cali, Colombia
24 March 2010	Meeting with Shakeel Bhatti, ITPGRFA, Cali, Colombia
25 March 2010	Meeting with ABS Co-Chairs, Cali, Colombia
26-27 March 2010	Inter-regional Group Meeting, Cali, Colombia
26 March 2010	Interview with students of <i>Universidad del Valle</i> , Cali, Colombia
26 March 2010	Attend the ABS Like-Minded in Spirit Group of Women luncheon, Cali, Colombia
27 March 2010	Interview with Peter Gottschalk and Justyna Pozarowska, <i>Lund Universit</i> , Cali, Colombia
28 March 2010	Closing Press Conference of ABS 9 Meeting, Cali, Colombia
28-31 March 2010	Attend the first Global Forum on Agricultural Research, Montpellier, France
29 March 2010	Meeting with Carole Robert, first prize winner of the Yves Rocher's <i>Femme de la terre</i> , Montreal
29-30 March 2010	Attend the Conference "Exploring biodiversity – Milestones for sustainability", Berlin, Germany
29-31 March 2010	To represent the Secretariat at the seminar organized by UNESCO in collaboration with the Brazilian Institute of Chico Mendes for the

	Conservation of Biological Diversity on the relationship between world heritage and conservation/sustainable development, Paraty, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
31 March 2010	Participate in the sixth TEEB Advisory Board Meeting, Monaco
31 March 2010	Attend the Monaco Blue Initiative reception and welcome dinner, Monaco

## ANNEX II

### Status of Implementation of the Agreed Administrative Arrangements

#### I Personnel Arrangements

1. During the reporting period, the Secretariat had 33 regularized Professional staff members and 26 regularized General Service staff members funded from the core budget. There were 4 Professional posts and 1 General Services vacant post for which recruitment/selection is in progress. Additionally, 6 professional posts and 11 General Service posts were funded from other sources. For more information, please refer to the attached staff list and organigram (Appendix 1 and Annex II respectively).

#### II Contributions and Funds

2. During the first quarter of 2010, eight pledges of additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (**BE Trust Fund**) were recorded. Canada pledged: US\$4,800 towards the hosting of reception during the ABS 8 Meeting, CAD100,000 for the meeting of the Friends of the Co-Chairs on Access and Benefit Sharing and CAD65,000 for the meeting of the Co-Chairs Informal Inter-regional Consultation, Colombia pledged US\$350,000 towards the ABS 9 Meeting, Finland pledged EUR5,000 towards the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas and Germany pledged: EUR310,295 towards the Life Web Initiative, US\$135,404 for an SCBD Liaison Officer and US\$77,267 towards the COP Bureau Meeting.

3. For 2010 a total of US\$1,148,630 has been pledged to the BE Trust Fund, of which US\$743,975 or 65% has been collected as at 31 March 2010. 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 2010 is US\$11,453,478. Of this amount, US\$5,405,616 or 47% has been received as at 31 March 2010. A total of US\$49,655 has also been collected in 2010 as advance payments for 2011 and future years. Additionally, US\$1,082,400 has been pledged as additional contributions to the BY Trust Fund for 2010. US\$275,800 has also been collected in 2010 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BY Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VI.

5. As at 31 March 2010, US\$635,728 has been pledged for 2010 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 31 March 2010, contributions to the BZ Trust Fund in 2010 amounted to US\$211,943 or 33% of the total pledged for 2010. A total of US\$681,193 remains outstanding for the BZ Trust Fund for 2010 and prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BZ Trust Fund are reflected in Annex V.

7. As at 31 March 2010, a total of sixty-one (61) countries have paid US\$1,099,500 to the **BG Trust Fund**, representing 46% of pledges for 2010. A total of US\$5,267 has also been collected in 2010 as advance payments for 2011 and future years. US\$9,668 has also been collected in 2010 for prior years. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BG Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VII.

8. As at 31 March 2010, no 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 2010. Full details of the pledges and contributions to the BH Trust Fund are reflected in Annex VIII.

9. As at 31 March 2010, 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**) in 2010. 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\$12,355,100 for the BY Trust Fund for 2010. As at 31 March 2010, a total of US\$3,360,943 was spent or committed. This represents 27.2% of the approved amount.

11. COP/MOP-4 approved a budget of US\$2,880,900 for the BG Trust Fund for 2010. As at 31 March 2010, a total of US\$680,803 has so far been spent or committed. This represents 23.6% 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**

**January – March 2010**

<b>Post #</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Staff member</b>
1101	ASG	Executive Secretary (OES)	Mr. A. Djoghlaif
1102	D1	Principal Officer (SEL)	Mr. O. Jalbert
1103	D1	Principal Officer (STTM)	Mr. K. Mulongoy
BGL 1101	P5	Senior Programme Officer (Biosafety)	Mr. C. Gbedemah
1105	D1	Principal Officer (ITS)	Mr. R. Sharma
1106	P5	Chief, Financial Resources Management Service (RMCS)	Ms. M. Rattray-Huish (Post funded by UNEP)
1107	P4	Financial Resources & Instruments. PO (ITS)	Mr. Y. Xiang
1108	P5	PO Legal Advice and Support (SEL)	Mr. L. Glowka
1109	P4	Economist (SEL)	Mr. M. Lehmann
1110	P4	PO, Conservation Ecology (STTM)	Mr. T. Christophersen
1112	P3	PO, Gender (ITS)	Ms. M. Khan
1113	P4	PO, Clearing House Mechanism (ITS)	Mr. O. De Munck
1114	P4	Chief, Office of the Executive Secretary	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
1115	P4	PO, Indigenous Knowledge (SEL)	Mr. J. Scott
1116	P5	PO. Reports & Reviews (OMG)	Mr. N. Pratt
1117	P3	Programme Officer (STTM)	Ms. A. Wilson
1118	P3	Meetings Services Officer (RMCS)	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
1119	P4	Information Officer (OMG)	Mr. D. Ainsworth
1120	P3	Internet & Elect. Communications (OMG)	Mr. F. Vogel
1121	P4	PO, Jakarta Mandate (STTM)	Ms. J. Lee
1122	P3	PO, Website Officer (OMG)	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
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

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
BGL 1134	P4	PO, Scientific, Technical Information (Biosafety)	Mr. G. Ferraiolo
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)	Ms. R. Alum (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)	Mr. D. Monier
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

Post #	Level	Title	Staff member
1315	G7	Information Assistant (OES)	Ms. A. Beliaeva
1316	G7	Computer Operations Assistant (OMG)	Mr. V. Gopez
1317	G7	Programme Assistant (OMG)	Mr. J. Hedlund
1318	G4	Messenger/Clerk (RMCS)	Mr. L. Rekik (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)	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
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)	Post vacant (recruitment in progress)
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
Michael Hermann	Germany	Bioersity 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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Nationality</b>	<b>Seconded from</b>	<b>Arrival date</b>
Viviana Figueroa	Argentina	Government of Spain	06.05.09
Jason Spensley	UK	Government of Germany	29.05.09
Matthew Dias	Canada	Government of Germany	05.07.09
Stefano La Tella	Italy	Government of Italy	30.09.09
Johannes Stahl	Germany	Government of Germany	03.01.10
Lars Johnsen	Norway	Government of Norway	24.01.10
Beatriz Gomez Castro	Spain	Government of Spain	04.02.10

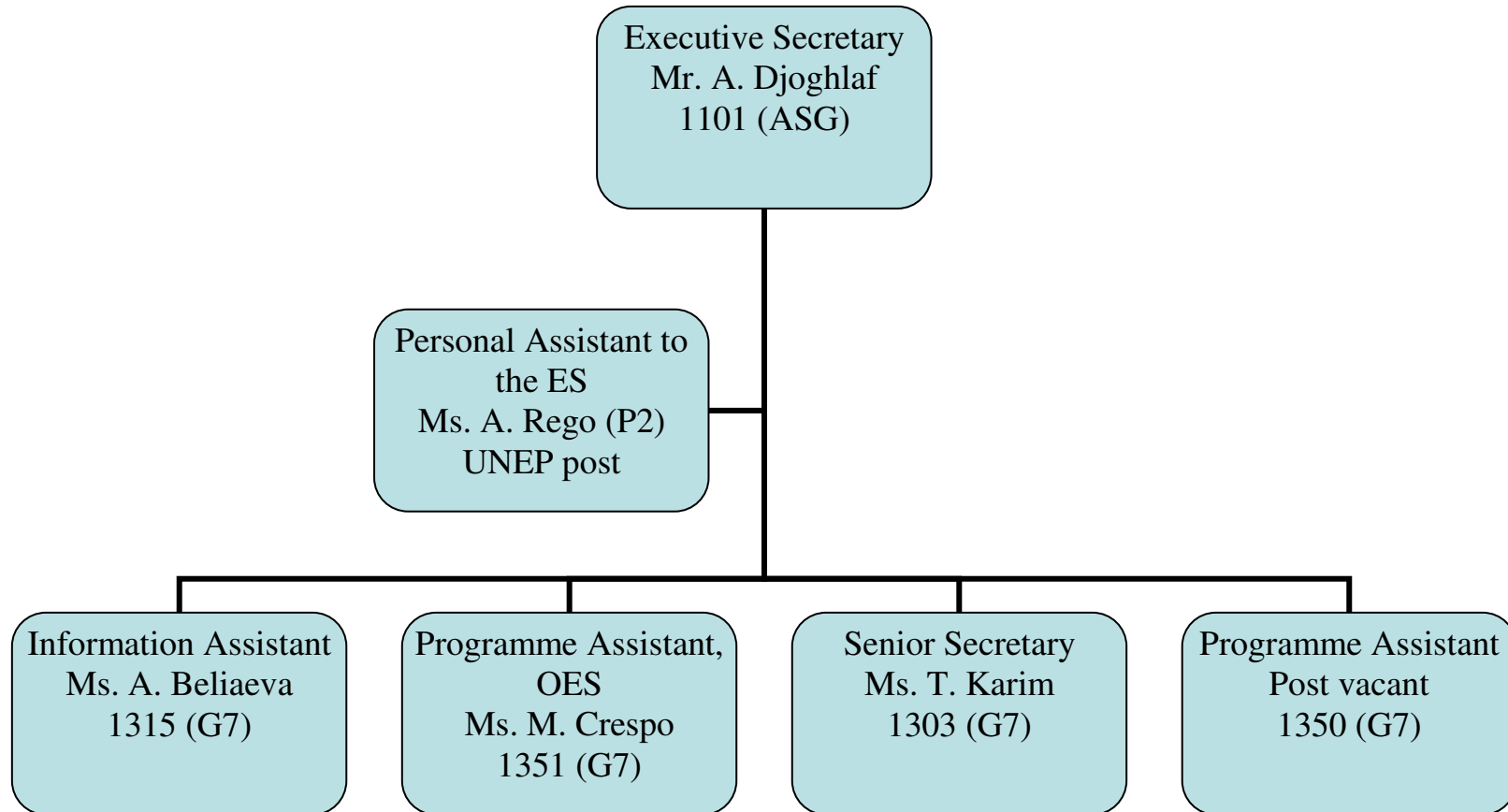
**Interns working at SCBD from January to March 2010**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Nationality</b>	<b>University</b>	<b>Working on</b>	<b>Arrival date</b>	<b>Departure date</b>
Mai Fuji	Benin	Université Paris	Biosafety.	13.10.09	04.02.10
Julien Caudroit Van Cauwenberghe	French	Université de Montréal	ITS	26.10.09	15.02.10
Ross Carroll	Canadian	University of Bath, UK	BCH Capacity Building	09.11.09	05.02.10
Yoon Jee Kim	Korean	Stanford University	ITS Children and youth	02.11.09	05.03.10
Doyeon Kim	Korean	Yonsei University	International Year of Biodiversity	25.11.09	30.04.10
Bori Kim	Korean	York University	Marine/Coastal and Inland Waters Biodiversity	03.08.09	29.01.10
Raja Bounatiro	Algerian	Université du Québec à Montréal	Protected Areas	01.09.09	30.11.09
Evgenia Balachova	Russian	McGill University	Knowledge Management	04.01.10	09.04.10
Amara Schaffer	American	McGill University	Knowledge Management	04.01.10	09.04.10
Johanna Karhu	Finnish	University of Helsinki	Lifeweb Initiative	11.01.10	30.04.10
Fabiana Spinelli	Brazilian	Universidade de Caxias do Sul	Tourism and Island Biodiversity	01.02.10	30.07.10
Adela Reid	Canadian	Concordia University	Invasive alien species	08.02.10	18.06.10

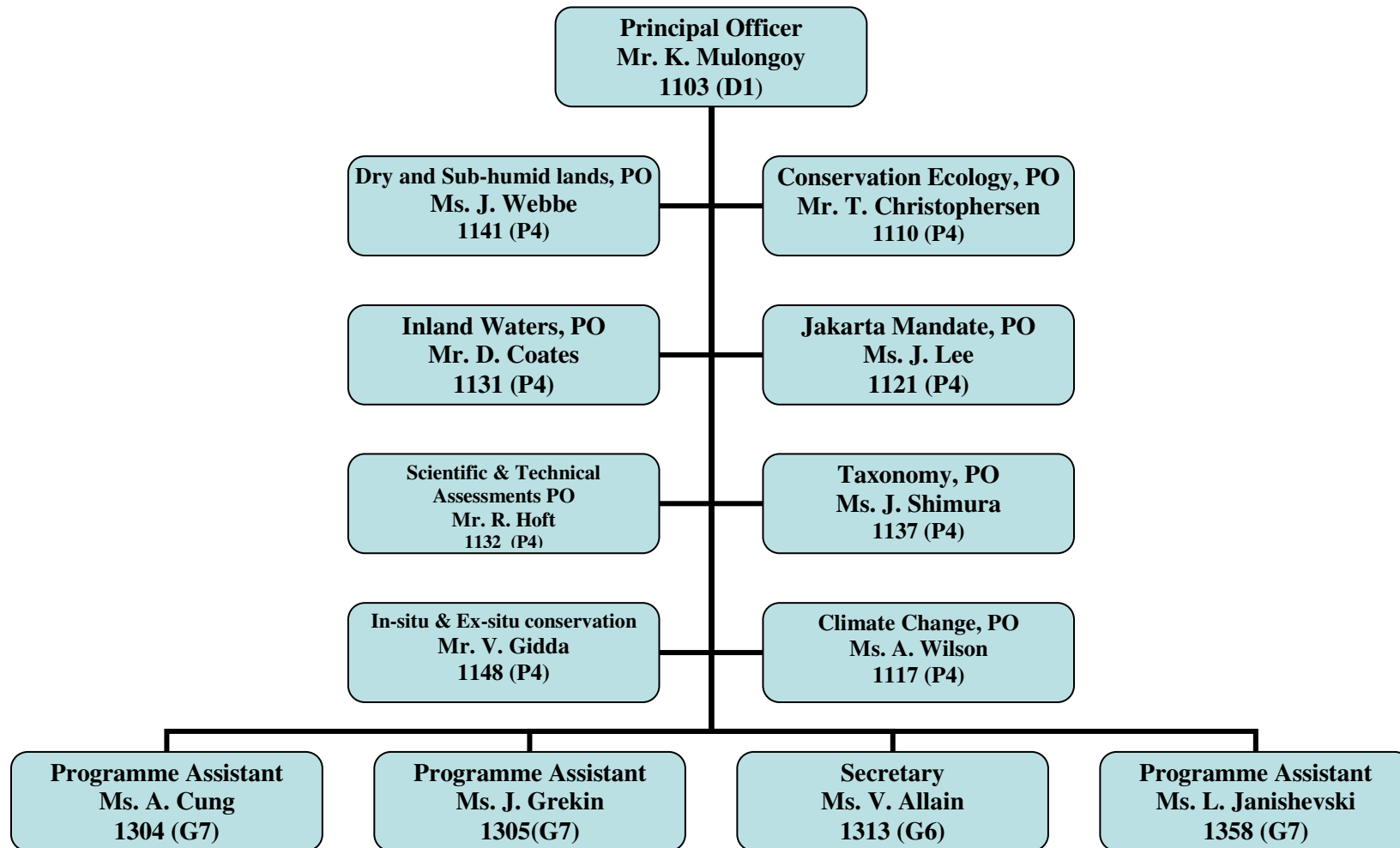
ANNEX III

Organizational Chart of the CBD Secretariat

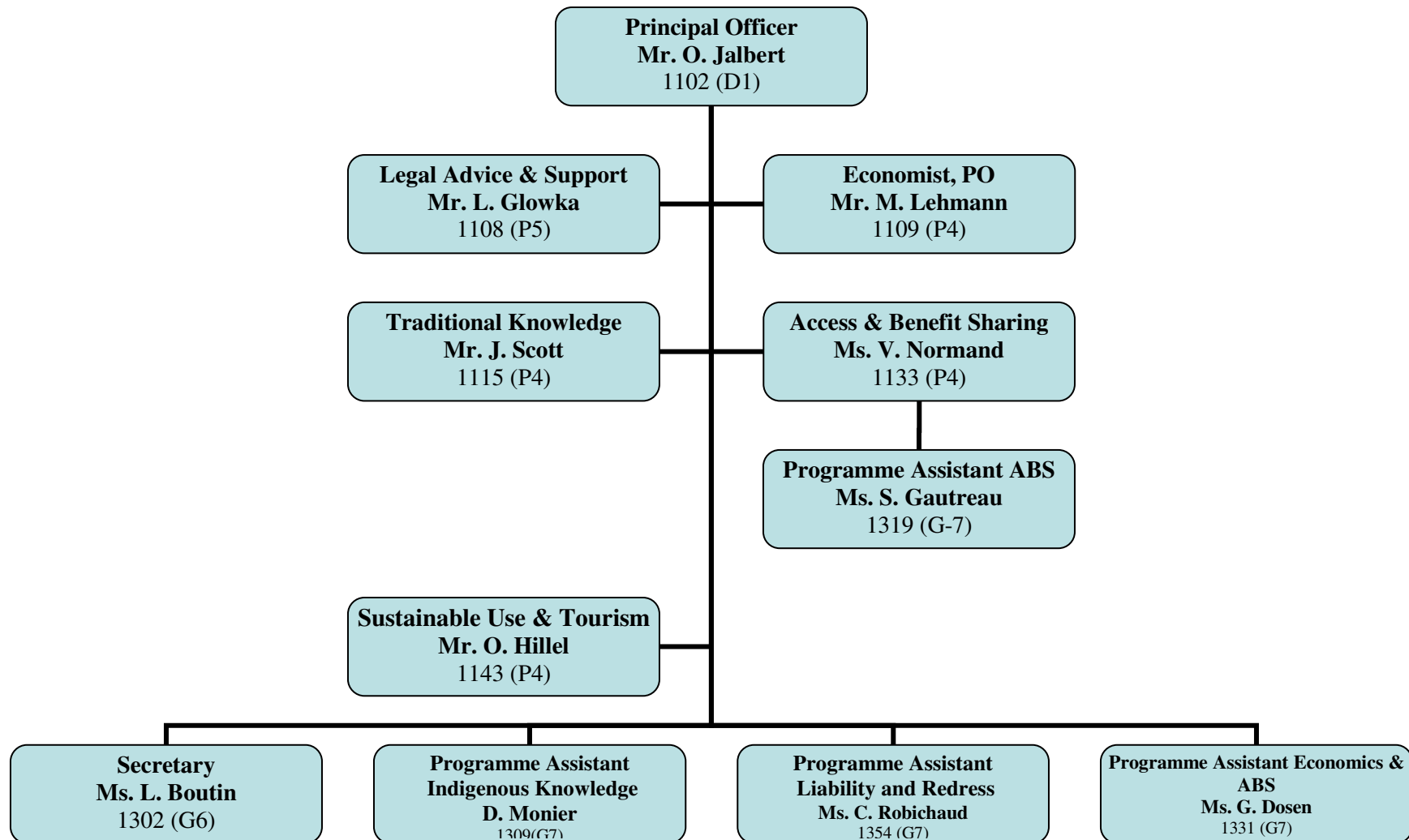
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## Scientific, Technical & Technological Matters

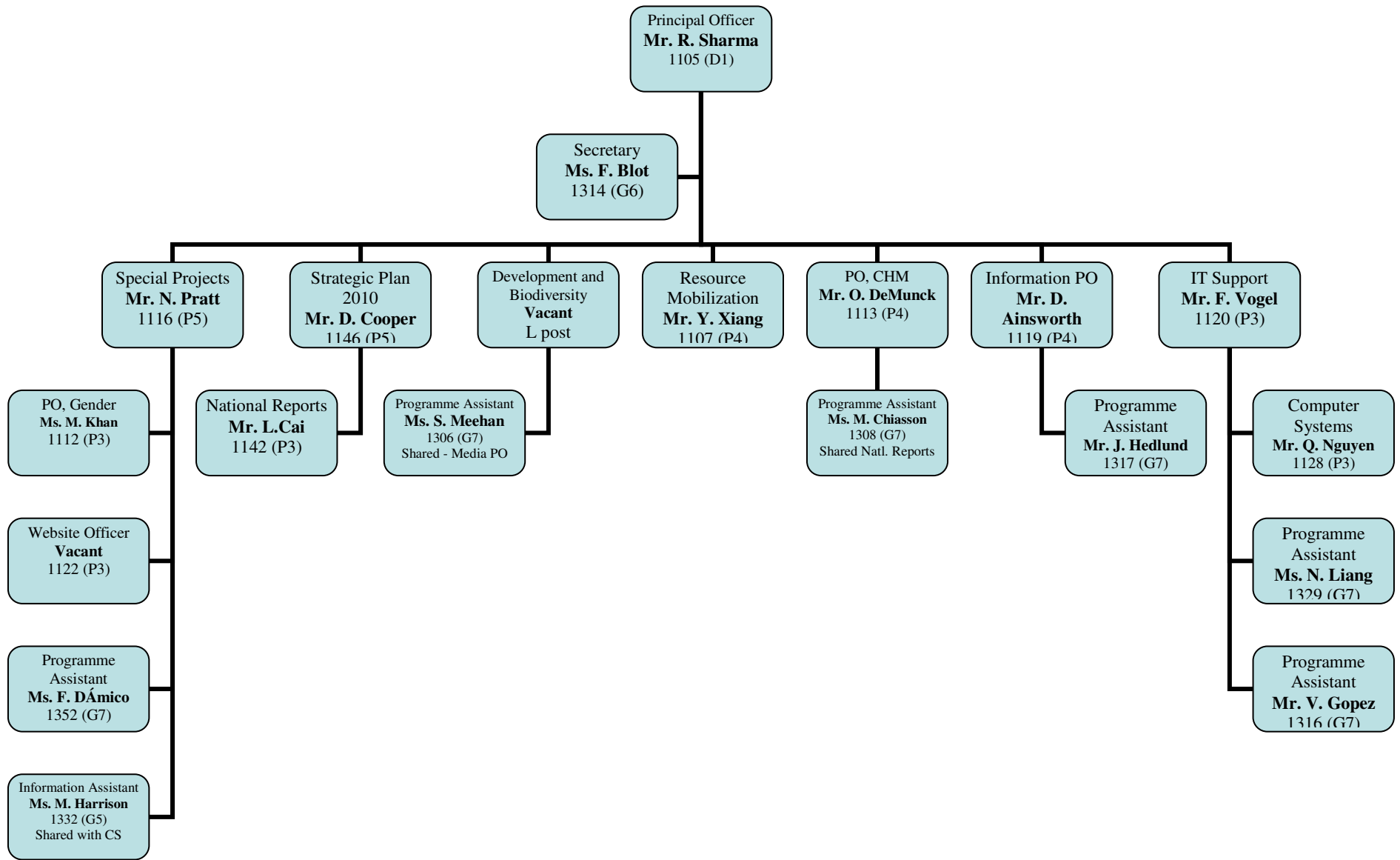


## Social, Economic and Legal Matters

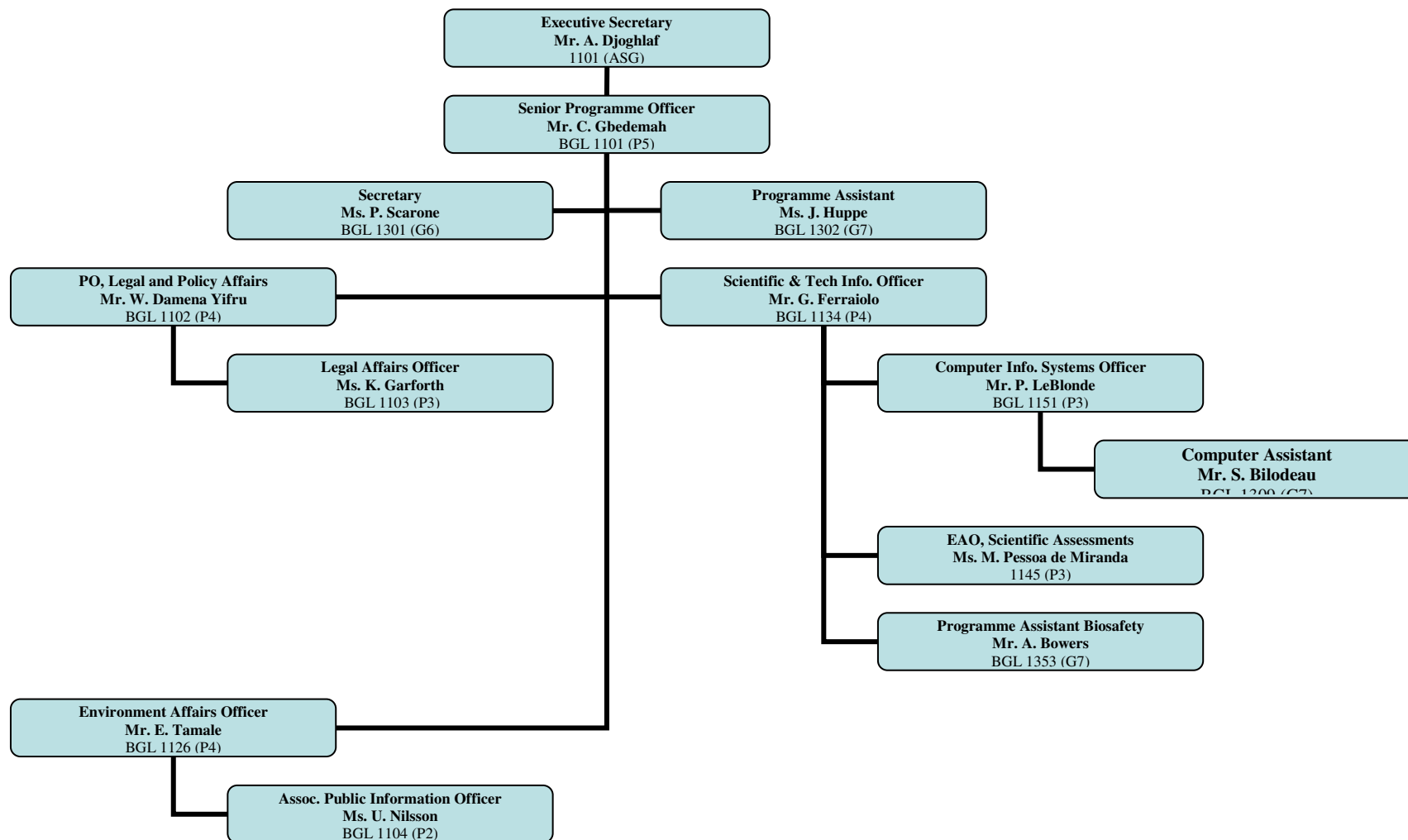




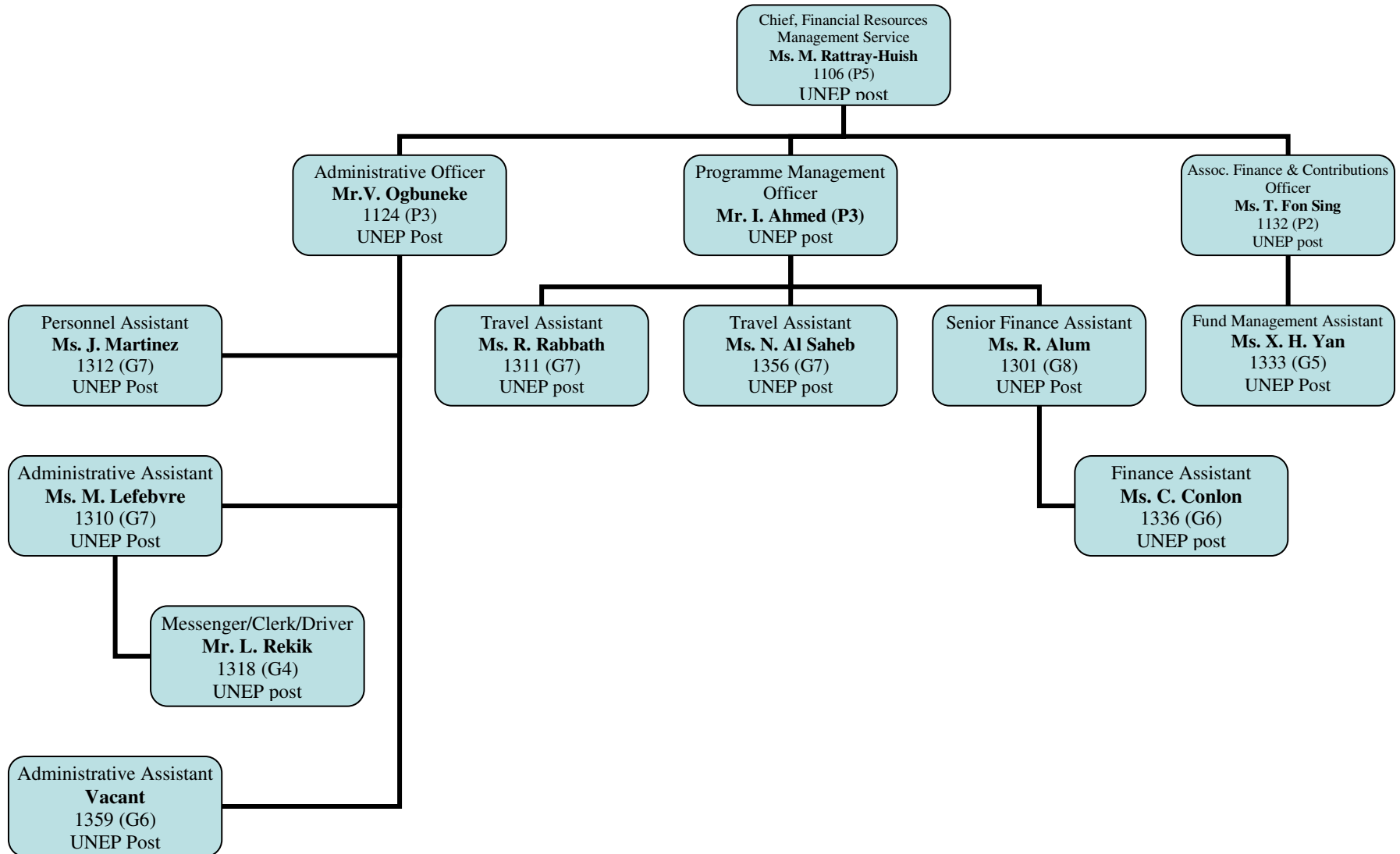
# Implementation & Technical Support



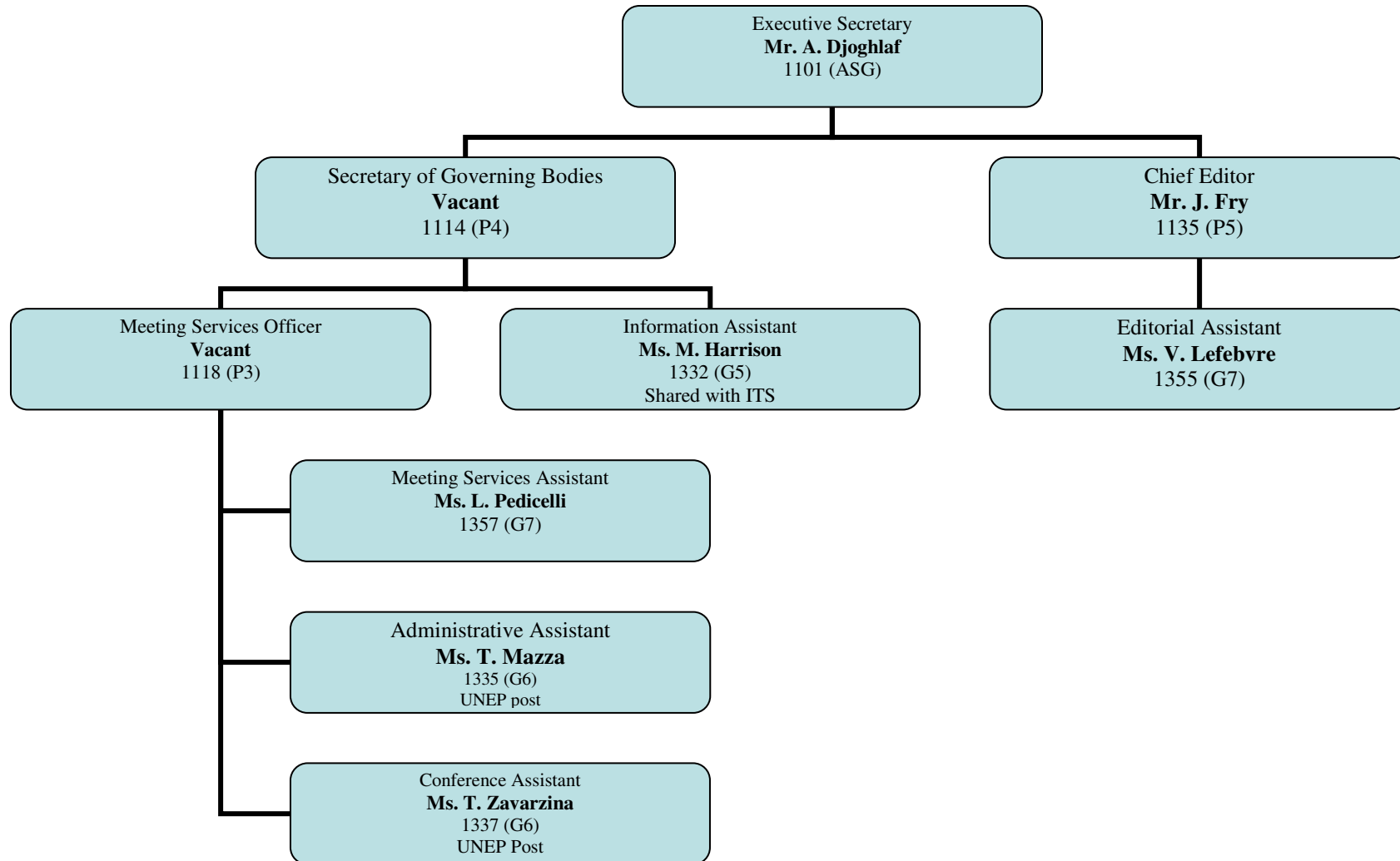
# Biosafety Protocol



# 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 31 March 2010 (in United States dollars) (Preliminary)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.09	Adjustments	Pledges for 2010		Collections in 2010 for prior years	Collections in 2010 for 2010 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2010 & prior years
Canada	1,300			1/			1,300
Canada	86,478			2/			86,478
Canada			4,800	19/		4,800	0
Canada			94,429	21/			94,429
Canada			60,976	22/			60,976
Colombia			350,000	20/		350,000	0
COMIFAC	15,872			3/			15,872
EU	59,065			4/			59,065
EU	74,759			5/			74,759
EU	103,493			6/			103,493
EU	73,568			7/			73,568
FAO	10,200			8/	3,000		7,200
Finland			7,003	18/		7,003	0
Germany			418,752	9/		269,906	148,846
Germany			135,404	10/		35,000	100,404
Germany	272,700			11/	272,700		0
Germany			77,267	17/		77,267	0

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.09	Adjustments	Pledges for 2010		Collections in 2010 for prior years	Collections in 2010 for 2010 & future yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2010 & prior years
Heidehof Foundation	26,956			12/			26,956
Japan	100,000			13/	50,000		50,000
Japan	100,000			14/	50,000		50,000
Netherlands	493,827			15/			493,827
WCMC	7,980			16/	7,980		0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,426,198</b>		<b>1,148,630</b>		<b>383,680</b>	<b>743,975</b>	<b>1,447,173</b>

1/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 47,000 towards the Marine Expert Meeting on Ecologically and Biologically Significant Areas

2/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 175,000 towards the Implementation of the CBD

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

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

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

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

7/EU pledged EUR 130,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2009/540979/SUB/E2

8/FAO pledged US\$ 10,200 towards the Biodiversity Educational Materials/Green Wave

9/Germany pledged EUR 310,295 towards the Life Web Initiative, for 2010

10/Germany pledged US\$ 135,404 for an SCBD Liaison Officer, for 2010

11/Germany pledged US\$ 384,200 towards the Conference Costs of ABS-9 Meeting

12/Heidehof Foundation pledged EUR 29,500 towards the 2nd CBD Indigenous Tourism and Biodiversity Award

13/Japan pledged US\$ 100,000 towards the production of GBO-3

14/Japan pledged US\$ 100,000 towards the activities on the International Year of Biodiversity

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

17/Germany pledged US\$ 77,267 in support of the COP Bureau Meeting, Berlin, Germany, 11-12 January 2010

18/Finland pledged EUR 5,000 towards the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas

19/Canada pledged US\$ 4,800 for hosting reception during the ABS-8 Meeting

20/Colombia pledged US\$ 350,000 towards the ABS-9 Meeting, Cali, Colombia, 22-29 March 2010

22/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 65,000 for the meeting of the Co-Chairs Informal Inter-regional Consultation, Cali, Colombia, 16-18 March 2010

## ANNEX V

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

Status as at 31 March 2010 (in United States dollars) (Preliminary)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.09	Adjustments		Pledges for 2010	Collections in 2010 for prior years	Collections in 2010 for 2010 & fut yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2010 & prior years
Denmark	27,076		1/				27,076
EU	95,270		2/				95,270
EU	135,062		3/				135,062
Germany			5/	161,943		161,943	0
Japan			4/	50,000		50,000	0
Norway			6/	88,777			88,777
Sweden			7/	167,504			167,504
Sweden			8/	167,504			167,504
<b>Total</b>	<b>257,408</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>635,728</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>211,943</b>	<b>681,193</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/EU pledged EUR 360,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2007/487777/SUB/E2

3/EU pledged EUR 245,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2009/540979/SUB/E2

4/Japan pledged US\$ 50,000 towards the participation in the 3rd Meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention, Nairobi, Kenya, 24-28 May 2010

5/Germany pledged EUR 120,000 towards the participation in SBSTTA 14 Meeting and the 3rd Meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention

6/Norway pledged NOK 530,000 towards the participation in ABS 9, SBSTTA 14 and WGRI 3 Meetings

7/Sweden pledged SEK 1,000,000 towards the participation in SBSTTA 14 Meeting and the 3rd Meeting of the *Ad Hoc* Open-Ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention

8/Sweden pledged SEK 1,000,000 towards the participation in COP 10 Meeting

## ANNEX VI

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

as at 31 March 2010

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/09	Pledges for 2010	Collections in 2009 for 2010 & future Yrs	Collections in 2010 for Prior Years	Collections During 2010 for 2010 & Future Yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2010	Unpaid Pledges for 2010 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Afghanistan	0	141	302			0	(161)	(161)
Albania	0	846	846			0	0	0
Algeria	0	11,979	11,979			0	0	0
Angola	0	423	1,570			0	(1,147)	(1,147)
Antigua & Barbuda	259	282	0	259	282	0	0	0
Argentina	42,019	45,800	0	42,019	45,800	0	0	0
Armenia	0	282	0			0	282	282
Australia	0	251,831	251,831			0	0	0
Austria	0	125,000	125,000			0	0	0
Azerbaijan	0	705	0			0	705	705
Bahamas	0	2,255	2,255			0	0	0
Bahrain	0	4,650	4,650			0	0	0
Bangladesh	0	1,145	814			0	331	331
Barbados	0	1,268	0			0	1,268	1,268
Belarus	28,243	2,818	0			28,243	2,818	31,061
Belgium	0	155,298	0			0	155,298	155,298
Belize	0	141	485			0	(344)	(344)
Benin	0	141	141			0	0	0
Bhutan	0	141	141			0	0	0
Bolivia	1,666	846	0			1,666	846	2,512



Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/09	Pledges for 2010	Collections in 2009 for 2010 & future Yrs	Collections in 2010 for Prior Years	Collections During 2010 for 2010 & Future Yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2010	Unpaid Pledges for 2010 & Prior years
Bosnia & Herzegovina	0	846	846			0	0	0
Botswana	0	1,973	1,973			0	0	0
Brazil	0	123,449	15,771			0	107,678	107,678
Brunei Darussalam	3,361	3,664	0			3,361	3,664	7,025
Bulgaria	0	2,818	0		2,818	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	228	282	0	228	199	0	83	83
Burundi	1,135	141	0			1,135	141	1,276
Cambodia	0	141	200			0	(59)	(59)
Cameroon	1,538	1,268	0			1,538	1,268	2,806
Canada	0	419,531	419,531			0	0	0
Cape Verde	3,985	141	0			3,985	141	4,126
Central African Rep.	350	141	0			350	141	491
Chad	0	141	141			0	0	0
Chile	0	22,689	0			0	22,689	22,689
China	0	375,844	0			0	375,844	375,844
Colombia	0	14,797	0		17,911	0	(3,114)	(3,114)
Comoros	3,243	141	0			3,243	141	3,384
Congo	362	141	0			362	141	503
Congo Dem.Rep	6,526	423	0			6,526	423	6,949
Cook Islands	129	141	0			129	141	270
Costa Rica	6,889	4,510	0	770		6,119	4,510	10,629
Cote d'Ivoire	3,311	1,268	0			3,311	1,268	4,579
Croatia	0	7,046	0		7,046	0	0	0
Cuba	40,910	7,610	0			40,910	7,610	48,520
Cyprus	0	6,201	0			0	6,201	6,201
Czech Republic	0	39,600	39,600			0	0	0
Denmark	0	104,143	104,143			0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/09	Pledges for 2010	Collections in 2009 for 2010 & future Yrs	Collections in 2010 for Prior Years	Collections During 2010 for 2010 & Future Yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2010	Unpaid Pledges for 2010 & Prior years
Djibouti	645	141	0			645	141	786
Dominica	578	141	0			578	141	719
Dominica Rep.	3,123	3,382	0			3,123	3,382	6,505
Ecuador	0	2,959	0			0	2,959	2,959
European Union	0	286,282	0			0	286,282	286,282
Egypt	0	12,401	1,827			0	10,574	10,574
El Salvador	5,007	2,818	0			5,007	2,818	7,825
Equatorial Guinea	879	282	0			879	282	1,161
Eritrea	0	141	171			0	(30)	(30)
Estonia	0	2,255	2,255			0	0	0
Ethiopia	0	423	423			0	0	0
Fiji	0	423	3,116			0	(2,693)	(2,693)
Finland	0	79,481	79,481			0	0	0
France	0	887,962	0			0	887,962	887,962
Gabon	0	1,127	21,481			0	(20,354)	(20,354)
Gambia	0	141	203			0	(62)	(62)
Georgia	0	423	423			0	0	0
Germany	0	1,208,706	0		1,208,706	0	0	0
Ghana	3,146	564	0			3,146	564	3,710
Greece	0	83,991	0			0	83,991	83,991
Grenada	129	141	0			129	141	270
Guatemala	7,438	4,510	0			7,438	4,510	11,948
Guinea	1,680	141	0			1,680	141	1,821
Guinea-Bissau	2,764	141	0			2,764	141	2,905
Guyana	0	141	190			0	(49)	(49)
Haiti	905	282	0			905	282	1,187
Honduras	24	705	0			24	705	729

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/09	Pledges for 2010	Collections in 2009 for 2010 & future Yrs	Collections in 2010 for Prior Years	Collections During 2010 for 2010 & Future Yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2010	Unpaid Pledges for 2010 & Prior years
Hungary	0	34,385	0			0	34,385	34,385
Iceland	0	5,214	5,214			0	0	0
India	35	63,416	0			35	63,416	63,451
Indonesia	0	22,689	22,689			0	0	0
Iran	70,399	25,366	0	20,905		49,494	25,366	74,860
Iraq	356	2,113	0			356	2,113	2,469
Ireland*	0	62,683	62,683			0	0	0
Israel	54,172	59,047	0	54,172		0	59,047	59,047
Italy	0	715,753	715,753			0	0	0
Jamaica	0	1,409	1,409			0	0	0
Japan	0	2,519,284	0		467,386	0	2,051,898	2,051,898
Jordan	0	1,691	0			0	1,691	1,691
Kazakhstan	3,865	4,087	0			3,865	4,087	7,952
Kenya	0	1,409	1,409			0	0	0
Kiribati	0	141	141			0	0	0
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	3,120	986	0			3,120	986	4,106
Korea, Rep. of	399,963	306,228	0	9,749		390,214	306,228	696,442
Kuwait	0	25,648	0		25,648	0	0	0
Kyrgyzstan	0	141	356			0	(215)	(215)
Lao PDR	0	141	141			0	0	0
Latvia	0	2,537	2,537			0	0	0
Lebanon	10,768	4,791	0			10,768	4,791	15,559
Lesotho	128	141	0	128	50	0	91	91
Liberia	129	141	0			129	141	270
Libya	66,844	8,737	0			66,844	8,737	75,581
Liechtenstein	0	1,409	0		1,409	0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/09	Pledges for 2010	Collections in 2009 for 2010 & future Yrs	Collections in 2010 for Prior Years	Collections During 2010 for 2010 & Future Yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2010	Unpaid Pledges for 2010 & Prior years
Lithuania	0	4,369	0		4,369	0	0	0
Luxembourg	0	11,979	0		11,979	0	0	0
Macedonia, TFYR of	0	705	0			0	705	705
Madagascar	0	282	282		1,000	0	(1,000)	(1,000)
Malawi	129	141	0			129	141	270
Malaysia	0	26,776	26,776			0	0	0
Maldives	0	141	141			0	0	0
Mali	111	141	0			111	141	252
Malta	0	2,396	2,396			0	0	0
Marshall Island	344	141	0			344	141	485
Mauritania	2,074	141	0			2,074	141	2,215
Mauritius	0	1,550	0		1,550	0	0	0
Mexico	305,477	318,066	0			305,477	318,066	623,543
Micronesia, Fed. States	344	141	0			344	141	485
Moldova, Rep. of	0	141	141			0	0	0
Monaco	0	423	0		423	0	0	0
Mongolia	0	141	141			0	0	0
Montenegro	0	141	116			0	25	25
Morocco	0	5,919	398			0	5,521	5,521
Mozambique	0	141	141			0	0	0
Myanmar	0	705	725			0	(20)	(20)
Namibia	0	846	846			0	0	0
Nauru	3,363	141	0			3,363	141	3,504
Nepal	1,160	423	0			1,160	423	1,583
Netherlands	21	263,951	0			21	263,951	263,972
New Zealand	0	36,077	36,077			0	0	0
Nicaragua	474	282	0			474	282	756

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/09	Pledges for 2010	Collections in 2009 for 2010 & future Yrs	Collections in 2010 for Prior Years	Collections During 2010 for 2010 & Future Yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2010	Unpaid Pledges for 2010 & Prior years
Niger	3,099	141	0			3,099	141	3,240
Nigeria	6,206	6,764	0			6,206	6,764	12,970
Niue	0	141	141			0	0	0
Norway	0	110,203	0		110,203	0	0	0
Oman	0	10,287	10,287			0	0	0
Pakistan	2,266	8,315	0			2,266	8,315	10,581
Palau	137	141	0			137	141	278
Panama	0	3,241	0			0	3,241	3,241
Papua New Guinea	905	282	0	646		259	282	541
Paraguay	14,748	705	0	5,000		9,748	705	10,453
Peru	80,168	10,992	0			80,168	10,992	91,160
Philippines	0	10,992	10,010			0	982	982
Poland	0	70,603	0		70,603	0	0	0
Portugal	68,135	74,267	0			68,135	74,267	142,402
Qatar	0	11,979	0		11,959	0	20	20
Romania	0	9,865	0		9,865	0	0	0
Russian Federation	30	169,109	0			30	169,109	169,139
Rwanda	129	141	0			129	141	270
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	2,414	141	0			2,414	141	2,555
Samoa	0	141	82			0	59	59
San Marino	0	423	0		423	0	0	0
Sao Tome Principe	916	141	0			916	141	1,057
Saudi Arabia	30	105,411	0		105,411	30	0	30
Senegal	0	564	1,906			0	(1,342)	(1,342)
Serbia	0	2,959	0			0	2,959	2,959
Seychelles	194	282	0			194	282	476

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/09	Pledges for 2010	Collections in 2009 for 2010 & future Yrs	Collections in 2010 for Prior Years	Collections During 2010 for 2010 & Future Yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2010	Unpaid Pledges for 2010 & Prior years
Sierra Leone	641	141	0			641	141	782
Singapore	0	48,901	0			0	48,901	48,901
Slovak	0	8,878	8,878			0	0	0
Slovenia*	0	13,502	13,502			0	0	0
Solomon Islands	0	141	141			0	0	0
Somalia	8	141	0			8	141	149
South Africa	0	40,868	40,868			0	0	0
Spain	0	418,263	0			0	418,263	418,263
Sri Lanka	3,860	2,255	0			3,860	2,255	6,115
St. Lucia	19	141	0			19	141	160
St.Kitts &Nevis	129	141	0			129	141	270
Sudan	9,472	1,145	0			9,472	1,145	10,617
Suriname	0	141	1,358			0	(1,217)	(1,217)
Swaziland	0	282	282			0	0	0
Sweden	138,468	150,930	0	138,433	150,895	35	35	70
Switzerland*	0	171,339	171,339			0	0	0
Syria	62	2,255	0			62	2,255	2,317
Tajikistan	0	141	308			0	(167)	(167)
Thailand	3,701	26,212	0			3,701	26,212	29,913
Timor - Leste	0	141	0			0	141	141
Togo	147	141	0			147	141	288
Tonga	139	141	0			139	141	280
Trinidad & Tobago	0	3,805	0		3,805	0	0	0
Tunisia	0	4,369	4,369			0	0	0
Turkey	0	53,692	0			0	53,692	53,692
Turkmenistan	1,326	846	0			1,326	846	2,172
Tuvalu	0	141	264			0	(123)	(123)

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/09	Pledges for 2010	Collections in 2009 for 2010 & future Yrs	Collections in 2010 for Prior Years	Collections During 2010 for 2010 & Future Yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2010	Unpaid Pledges for 2010 & Prior years
U. K.	0	936,018	0		936,018	0	0	0
Uganda	0	423	2,301			0	(1,878)	(1,878)
Ukraine	0	6,342	0			0	6,342	6,342
Un.Rep. of Tanzania	0	846	16,051			0	(15,205)	(15,205)
United Arab Emirates	120	42,559	0			120	42,559	42,679
Uruguay	3,491	3,805	0	3,491		0	3,805	3,805
Uzbekistan	11,987	1,127	0			11,987	1,127	13,114
Vanuatu	129	141	0			129	141	270
Venezuela	25,858	28,185	0			25,858	28,185	54,043
Viet Nam	0	3,382	3,382			0	0	0
Yemen	9,249	986	0			9,249	986	10,235
Zambia	0	141	617			0	(476)	(476)
Zimbabwe	0	1,127	1,127			0	0	0
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,481,932</b>	<b>11,453,478</b>	<b>2,259,513</b>	<b>275,800</b>	<b>3,195,758</b>	<b>1,206,132</b>	<b>5,998,207</b>	<b>7,204,339</b>
<b>Additional Contributions</b>								
Canada	0	865,920				0	865,920	865,920
Quebec	0	216,480	160			0	216,320	216,320
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,481,932</b>	<b>12,535,878</b>	<b>2,259,673</b>	<b>275,800</b>	<b>3,195,758</b>	<b>1,206,132</b>	<b>7,080,447</b>	<b>8,286,579</b>

\* 2010 Pledges net of Bank Charges

## ANNEX VII

**General Trust Fund for the Core Budget of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety**  
as at 31 March 2010

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/09	Pledges for 2010	Collections in 2009 for 2010 & future yrs	Collections in 2010 for prior yrs	Collections During 2010 for 2010 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2010	Unpaid Pledges for 2010 & Prior years
	US\$	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Albania	0	203	203			0	0	0
Algeria	0	2,874	0			0	2,874	2,874
Antigua and Barbuda	0	67	67			0	0	0
Armenia	0	67	0			0	67	67
Austria	0	29,945	29,945			0	0	0
Azerbaijan	0	169	0			0	169	169
Bahamas	0	542	542			0	0	0
Bangladesh	952	238	0			952	238	1,190
Barbados	0	303	295			0	8	8
Belarus	24	676	0			24	676	700
Belgium	0	37,202	0			0	37,202	37,202
Belize	0	34	0			0	34	34
Benin	0	33	0			0	33	33
Bhutan	0	34	34			0	0	0
Bolivia	717	200	0			717	200	917
Bosnia Herzegovina	0	206	0			0	206	206
Botswana	0	474	948			0	(474)	(474)
Brazil	0	29,079	0			0	29,079	29,079
Bulgaria	0	677	0			0	677	677
Burkina Faso	0	67	298			0	(231)	(231)
Burundi	28	34	0			28	34	62



Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/09	Pledges for 2010	Collections in 2009 for 2010 & future yrs	Collections in 2010 for prior yrs	Collections During 2010 for 2010 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2010	Unpaid Pledges for 2010 & Prior years
Cambodia	0	33	0			0	33	33
Cameroon	1,250	304	0			1,250	304	1,554
Cape Verde	117	34	0			117	34	151
Central African Republic	24	34	0			24	34	58
Chad	0	34	16			0	18	18
China	0	90,426	316			0	90,110	90,110
Colombia	0	3,506	0			0	3,506	3,506
Comoros	0	34	1			0	33	33
Congo, P.R.	113	34	0			113	34	147
Costa Rica	2,418	1,081	0	2,398		20	1,081	1,101
Croatia	0	1,696	0		1,696	0	0	0
Cuba	6,870	1,830	0			6,870	1,830	8,700
Cyprus	0	1,488	0			0	1,488	1,488
Czech Republic	0	9,552	9,532			0	20	20
Democratic Republic Of Congo	20	101	0			20	101	121
Denmark	0	24,947	0			0	24,947	24,947
Djibouti	152	34	0			152	34	186
Dominica	152	34	0			152	34	186
Dominican Republic	664	802	0			664	802	1,466
Ecuador	21	710	0			21	710	731
Egypt	2,097	3,025	0			2,097	3,025	5,122
El Salvador	1,130	673	0			1,130	673	1,803
Eritrea	0	34	0			0	34	34
Estonia	0	543	543			0	0	0
Ethiopia	0	100	118			0	(18)	(18)
European Union	0	59,592	0		59,592	0	0	0
Fiji	20	100	0			20	100	120

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/09	Pledges for 2010	Collections in 2009 for 2010 & future yrs	Collections in 2010 for prior yrs	Collections During 2010 for 2010 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2010	Unpaid Pledges for 2010 & Prior years
Finland	0	19,050	19,441			0	(391)	(391)
France	0	212,774	0			0	212,774	212,774
Gabon	605	269	0	605	269	0	0	0
Gambia	0	34	2			0	32	32
Georgia	0	103	103			0	0	0
Germany	0	289,297	289,297			0	0	0
Ghana	0	135	0			0	135	135
Greece	0	20,155	0			0	20,155	20,155
Grenada	152	34	0			152	34	186
Guatemala	887	1,081	0			887	1,081	1,968
Guinea	92	34	0			92	34	126
Guyana	0	34	34			0	0	0
Honduras	122	172	0			122	172	294
Hungary	0	8,318	0			0	8,318	8,318
India	20	15,203	0			20	15,203	15,223
Indonesia	0	5,446	5,446			0	0	0
Iran	15,007	6,089	0	4,477		10,530	6,089	16,619
Ireland	0	15,082	15,082			0	0	0
Italy	0	171,491	0		171,491	0	0	0
Japan	0	524,405	0		17,000	0	507,405	507,405
Jordan	0	406	0			0	406	406
Kazakhstan	180	998	0			180	998	1,178
Kenya	0	338	255			0	83	83
Kiribati	0	34	34			0	0	0
Korea, Democratic Republic	1,444	234	0			1,444	234	1,678
Korea, Republic of	0	74,895	66,377			0	8,518	8,518
Kyrgyzstan	0	34	34			0	0	0
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	192	30	0			192	30	222

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/09	Pledges for 2010	Collections in 2009 for 2010 & future yrs	Collections in 2010 for prior yrs	Collections During 2010 for 2010 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2010	Unpaid Pledges for 2010 & Prior years
Latvia	0	609	0			0	609	609
Lesotho	0	34	9			0	25	25
Liberia	28	34	0			28	34	62
Libya	14,741	2,040	0			14,741	2,040	16,781
Lithuania	0	1,051	1,051			0	0	0
Luxembourg	0	2,873	0		2,873	0	0	0
Macedonia, TFYR of	138	168	0			138	168	306
Madagascar	0	67	0		1,000	0	(933)	(933)
Malawi	17	34	0			17	34	51
Malaysia	0	6,400	6,400			0	0	0
Maldives	0	34	0			0	34	34
Mali	88	33	0			88	33	121
Malta	0	576	0			0	576	576
Marshall Islands	152	34	0			152	34	186
Mauritania	123	34	0			123	34	157
Mauritius	0	371	371			0	0	0
Mexico	0	76,418	76,418			0	0	0
Mongolia	89	34	0			89	34	123
Montenegro	108	34	0			108	34	142
Mozambique	0	34	30			0	4	4
Myanmar	305	172	0			305	172	477
Namibia	166	202	0	166		0	202	202
Nauru	152	34	0			152	34	186
Netherlands	51,942	63,323	0			51,942	63,323	115,265
New Zealand	0	8,662	8,803			0	(141)	(141)
Nicaragua	56	68	0			56	68	124
Niger	152	34	0			152	34	186
Nigeria	2,145	1,624	0			2,145	1,624	3,769

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/09	Pledges for 2010	Collections in 2009 for 2010 & future yrs	Collections in 2010 for prior yrs	Collections During 2010 for 2010 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2010	Unpaid Pledges for 2010 & Prior years
Niue	0	34	0			0	34	34
Norway	0	26,458	26,458			0	0	0
Oman	0	2,465	0			0	2,465	2,465
Pakistan	967	2,030	0			967	2,030	2,997
Palau	152	34	0			152	34	186
Panama	0	779	0			0	779	779
Papua New Guinea	0	67	0		270	0	(203)	(203)
Paraguay	1,637	164	0	1,000		637	164	801
Peru	13,655	2,621	0			13,655	2,621	16,276
Philippines	0	2,619	0			0	2,619	2,619
Poland	0	16,931	0			0	16,931	16,931
Portugal	0	17,821	0			0	17,821	17,821
Qatar	0	2,883	3,018			0	(135)	(135)
Republic of Moldova	0	34	0		34	0	0	0
Romania	0	2,369	0		2,369	0	0	0
Rwanda	0	34	0			0	34	34
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0	34	34			0	0	0
Saint Lucia	0	33	42			0	(9)	(9)
Saint Vincent & Gren.	152	34	0			152	34	186
Samoa	0	34	34			0	0	0
Saudi Arabia	0	25,261	305			0	24,956	24,956
Senegal	582	134	0			582	134	716
Serbia	582	710	0	582		0	710	710
Seychelles	0	67	0			0	67	67
Slovakia	0	2,134	2,134			0	0	0
Slovenia	0	3,249	3,249			0	0	0
Solomon Islands	0	34	0			0	34	34
South Africa	0	9,782	0		9,782	0	0	0

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/09	Pledges for 2010	Collections in 2009 for 2010 & future yrs	Collections in 2010 for prior yrs	Collections During 2010 for 2010 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2010	Unpaid Pledges for 2010 & Prior years
Spain	0	100,459	0			0	100,459	100,459
Sri Lanka	0	539	445			0	94	94
Sudan	813	238	0			813	238	1,051
Suriname	0	34	2			0	32	32
Swaziland	0	67	0			0	67	67
Sweden	0	36,186	129			0	36,057	36,057
Switzerland	0	41,038	41,013			0	25	25
Syria	440	524	0	440		0	524	524
Tajikistan	52	34	0			52	34	86
Thailand	0	6,258	0			0	6,258	6,258
Togo	20	34	0			20	34	54
Tonga	54	34	0			54	34	88
Trinidad and Tobago	0	915	0		915	0	0	0
Tunisia	0	1,045	0		1,045	0	0	0
Turkey	0	12,860	0			0	12,860	12,860
Turkmenistan	182	206	0			182	206	388
Uganda	0	99	2,367			0	(2,268)	(2,268)
Ukraine	0	1,523	0			0	1,523	1,523
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0	224,457	0		224,457	0	0	0
United Republic of Tanzania	0	202	292			0	(90)	(90)
Venezuela	5,548	6,769	0			5,548	6,769	12,317
Viet Nam	0	812	0			0	812	812
Yemen	713	237	0			713	237	950
Zambia	0	33	407			0	(374)	(374)
Zimbabwe	0	271	0			0	271	271
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>131,420</b>	<b>2,388,834</b>	<b>611,974</b>	<b>9,668</b>	<b>492,793</b>	<b>121,752</b>	<b>1,284,067</b>	<b>1,405,819</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 31 March 2010 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.09	Adjustments	Pledges for 2010		Collections in 2010 for prior years	Collections in 2010 for 2010 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2010 & prior years
EU	10,585			1/			10,585
EU	25,873			2/			25,873
EU	49,615			3/			49,615
Finland	7,215			4/	7,215		0
Japan	135,927			5/			135,927
<b>Total</b>	<b>229,215</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>7,215</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>222,000</b>

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

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

3/EU pledged EUR 90,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2009/540979/SUB/E2

4/Finland pledged EUR 5,000 towards the 2nd Meeting of the Friends of the Co-Chairs on Liability & Redress

5/Japan pledged JPY 12,981,000 towards the 2nd Meeting of the Friends of the Co-Chairs on Liability & Redress

**ANNEX IX**

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

Status as at 31 March 2010 (in United States dollars)

<b>COUNTRIES</b>	<b>Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.09</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Pledges for 2010</b>		<b>Collections in 2010 for prior years</b>	<b>Collections in 2010 for 2010 &amp; future yrs</b>	<b>Unpaid pledges for 2010 &amp; prior years</b>
EU	11,813			1/			11,813
EU	19,807			2/			19,807
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,620</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31,620</b>

1/EU 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/EU pledged EUR 35,000 - Contribution Agreement No. 21.0401/2009/540979/SUB/E2

## ANNEX X

**List of Meetings organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity**  
(as at 31 March 2010)

**2009**

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
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



DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
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 <i>Ad Hoc</i> 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 <i>Ad Hoc</i> Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change	Helsinki, Finland
20 - 24 April 2009	Meeting of the <i>Ad Hoc</i> 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
6 - 8 July 2009	Expert Workshop on the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators and Post-2010 Indicator Development	Reading, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
8 - 10 July 2009	South-South-Exchange Meeting on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Forest Biodiversity	Montreal, Canada
20 - 24 July 2009	Drafting Committee Meeting for the Report of the Second <i>Ad Hoc</i> Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change	Cape Town, South Africa

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
2 - 5 September 2009	Sub-regional Capacity Building Workshop on Forest Biodiversity and Climate Change	Singapore City, Singapore
9 - 10 September 2009	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Strömstad, Sweden
14 - 18 September 2009	Africa Regional Training of Trainers' Workshop on the Identification and Documentation of Living Modified Organisms (LMOs) under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Bamako, Mali
28 - 30 September 2009	Regional Workshop on Ways and Means to Promote the Sustainable Production and Use of Biofuels	Louveira, São Paulo, Brazil
29 September - 2 October 2009	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
4 October 2009	Third meeting of the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of Biodiversity-related Conventions	Nairobi, Kenya
5 - 9 October 2009	Second <i>Ad hoc</i> Intergovernmental and Multi-stakeholder meeting on an Intergovernmental Science-policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystems Services (IPBES)	Nairobi, Kenya
6 - 8 October 2009	Expert Workshop on the Removal and Mitigation of Perverse, and the Promotion of Positive, Incentive Measures	Paris, France
6 - 9 October 2009	Regional Workshop for Africa on the Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas	Grand Bassam, Côte d'Ivoire
12 - 15 October 2009	Regional Workshop for Asia and the Pacific on the Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas	Dehradun, India
15 - 17 October 2009	Liaison Group Meeting on Bushmeat	Buenos Aires, Argentina
19 - 21 October 2009	Fifth meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House	Montreal, Canada
29 October 2009	First meeting of the Steering Committee for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity	Montreal, Canada
29 - 31 October 2009	Latin American and Caribbean Indigenous and Local Community Capacity-building Workshop on the CBD including Article 8(j) and Access and Benefit-sharing	Montreal, Canada
1 November 2009	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Montreal, Canada

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
2 - 5 November 2009	Regional Workshop for Latin America and the Caribbean on the Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas	Bogota, Colombia
2 - 6 November 2009	<b>Sixth meeting of the <i>Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions (WG8J 6)</i></b>	Montreal, Canada
4 - 6 November 2009	Sixth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Montreal, Canada
6 - 7 November 2009	SBSTTA Bureau Meeting	Montreal, Canada
7 November 2009	Joint COP and SBSTTA Bureaus' Meeting	Montreal, Canada
8 November 2009	Meeting of the COP-MOP Bureau	Montreal, Canada
8 November 2009	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Montreal, Canada
9 - 15 November 2009	<b>Eighth meeting of the <i>Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (WG ABS 8)</i></b>	Montreal, Canada
16 - 18 November 2009	Project Development Workshop for the Global Taxonomy Initiative in Africa	Nairobi, Kenya
18 - 20 November 2009	Expert Workshop on Scientific and Technical Aspects relevant to Environmental Impact Assessment in Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction	Manila, Philippines
23 - 27 November 2009	Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Training of Trainers' Workshop on the Identification and Documentation of Living Modified Organisms under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Mexico City, Mexico
25 - 27 November 2009	Regional Workshop for Asia and the Pacific on Ways and Means to Promote the Sustainable Production and Use of Biofuels	Bangkok, Thailand
27 November - 1 December 2009	Regional Workshop for Central and Eastern Europe on the Review of Implementation of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas	Isle of Vilm, Germany
30 November - 2 December 2009	Third Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge Conference in conjunction with the UNEP Business and Industry Global Dialogue	Jakarta, Indonesia
30 November - 3 December 2009	Sub-Regional Capacity-building Workshop for Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) and Media Relations for South-East Asia	Jakarta, Indonesia
5 - 6 December 2009	Access and Benefit-sharing Regional Consultations for Asia	Siem Reap, Cambodia

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
7 - 10 December 2009	Regional Workshop for the Caribbean and Central American Countries on the Fourth National Report and Updating the Strategic Plan for Post-2010 Period	City of Panama, Panama
8 - 10 December 2009	Regional Workshop for Africa on Ways and Means to Promote the Sustainable Production and Use of Biofuels	Accra, Ghana
11 - 12 December 2009	Regional Consultation for Africa on the updating and revision of the Strategic Plan of the Convention for the post-2010 period	Cairo, Egypt
15 - 18 December 2009	Regional Workshop for East, South and Southeast Asia on Updating the Strategic Plan of the Convention on Biological Diversity for post-2010 period	Tokyo, Japan

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DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
6 - 7 January 2010	Second Curitiba Meeting on Cities and Biodiversity	Curitiba, Brazil
10 - 11 January 2010	Regional Workshop for the Middle East and North Africa on the updating and revision of the Strategic Plan of the Convention for the post-2010 period	Cairo, Egypt
11 - 12 January 2010	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Berlin, Germany
15 - 16 January 2010	Access and Benefit-sharing Regional Consultations for Latin America and Caribbean Countries	Panama City, Panama
18 - 20 January 2010	Informal Expert Workshop on the updating of the Strategic Plan of the Convention for the post-2010 period	London, United Kingdom
21 - 22 January 2010	Informal drafting meeting for the updating of the Global Strategy of Plant Conservation	London, United Kingdom
26 - 29 January 2010	Access and Benefit-sharing Friends of the Co-Chairs Meeting	Montreal, Canada
27 - 29 January 2010	International Workshop on Innovative Financial Mechanisms	Bonn, Germany
1 - 3 February 2010	Sixth Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing or Funding Biosafety Capacity-building Activities	Siem Reap, Cambodia
1 - 5 February 2010	Sixth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity	Trondheim, Norway
2 February 2010	Second Series of Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management: Africa	Online

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
4 February 2010	Second Series of Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management: Asia and the Pacific	Online
4 - 5 February 2010	Seventh Meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	Siem Reap, Cambodia
4 - 6 February 2010	Latin American and Caribbean Indigenous and Local Community Capacity-building Workshop on the CBD including issues relevant to Article 8(j), TK and ABS	Buenos Aires, Argentina
8 - 12 February 2010	Second meeting of the Group of the Friends of the Co-Chairs on Liability and Redress in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
9 February 2010	Second Series of Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management: WEOG and CEE	Online
9 - 10 February 2010	Access and Benefit-sharing Regional Consultations for Central and Eastern European Countries	Isle of Vilm, Germany
11 February 2010	Second Series of Regional Real-time Online Conferences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management: Latin America and the Caribbean	Online
15 - 16 February 2010	Access and Benefit-sharing Regional Consultations for the Pacific	Auckland, New Zealand
15 - 17 February 2010	Third International Meeting of Academic Institutions and other Organizations involved in Biosafety Education and Training	Tsukuba, Japan
27 February 2010	Integrated Research System for Sustainability Science (IR3S) Symposium to Commemorate the International Year of Biodiversity	Tokyo, Japan
4 - 6 March 2010	Latin American and Caribbean Indigenous and Local Community Capacity-building Workshop on the CBD including issues relevant to Article 8(j), TK and ABS: Mesoamerican Region	Guatemala City, Guatemala
4 - 6 March 2010	Access and Benefit-sharing Regional Consultations for Africa	Windhoek, Namibia
13 - 15 March 2010	Indigenous and Local Community Negotiators Meeting	Cali, Colombia
16 - 18 March 2010	Access and Benefit-sharing: Co-Chairs Informal Inter-regional Consultation (CIIC)	Cali, Colombia
20 - 21 March 2010	Access and Benefit-sharing Regional and Inter-regional Consultations	Cali, Colombia
21 March 2010	Meeting of the COP Bureau	Cali, Colombia

DATES	MEETING TITLE	VENUE
21 March 2010	Co-Chairs Open-ended Informal Consultation	Cali, Colombia
22 - 28 March 2010	International Year of Biodiversity Event at the ABS talks	Cali, Colombia
22 - 28 March 2010	<b>Ninth meeting of the <i>Ad Hoc</i> Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (WG ABS 9)</b>	Cali, Colombia

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