

COP11 Side Event

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Opening Remarks

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BACKGROUND

UNEP's South-South Cooperation Exchange Mechanism

The Exchange Mechanism (<http://www.unep.org/south-south-cooperation>), launched in May 2012, is an online, interactive platform and accessible tool that facilitates information sharing, partnership building and networking for South-South, North-South and Triangular Cooperation on a wide range of environmental and sustainable development topics.

CBD and South-South Cooperation

The CBD Secretariat is requested to “promote South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation as part of a coherent, consistent and coordinated approach to technical and scientific cooperation and information exchange” (WGRI 4/8, paragraph 3) and “engage in a process towards establishing a capacity-building network of national and regional centers of excellence in biodiversity” (WGRI 4/1, paragraph 13).

OBJECTIVE

This joint side-event aims to promote the broad use of UNEP's Exchange Mechanism as a key tool for South-South Cooperation. More specifically, the event will highlight the programmatic synergies between the Mechanism and the CBD network of centers of excellence in support of the implementation of the Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity as a key contribution to CBD's Strategic Plan for 2011-2020, towards achieving the Aichi Global Biodiversity Targets by 2020.

PROGRAMME

Opening of the event (10 min)

- Opening remarks by Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director of UNEP
- Welcoming remarks by Mr. Braulio Dias, CBD Executive Secretary

Presentations (20 mins)

- UNEP South-South Cooperation Exchange Mechanism, the Global South-South Development Expo and showcase SSC project;
- CBD Multi-Year Plan of Action for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development: *Opportunities of long-term collaboration*

Intervention by Parties and partners (30 mins)

- South Africa as the chair of G77
- India, Brazil, China and other developing and developed countries
- International organizations

Interactive discussions (30 mins)