

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARIAT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORK PROGRAMME OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND ITS CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The present report provides a summary of the main activities undertaken by the Secretariat from January to December 2008 in the implementation of the work programme of the Convention.

2. During the reporting period, the Secretariat organized a total of 67 meetings (see annex I). A total of 338 pre-session and information documents were prepared, amounting to 6,540 pages. The Secretariat serviced six major inter-sessional meetings, under the Convention and its Protocol, which gathered 7,448 participants, with 484 delegates sponsored under the Convention, including representatives from the indigenous and local communities. These meetings include:

- The sixth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing, held in Geneva;
- The second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working on Protected Areas, back-to-back with the thirteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice held in Rome;
- The fifth meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, which took place in Cartagena, Colombia;
- The fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, held in Bonn back-to-back with the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

3. In addition to its daily meetings during relevant meetings, five meetings of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties were convened. They took place on: 20 January in Geneva; 10 February in Rome; 18 May in Bonn, 4-5 October in Barcelona; and 26-27 November in Berlin. Moreover, the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety held four meetings, and the Bureau of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) held three formal meetings. For the first time, a joint meeting of the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties and the SBSTTA Bureau was also held.

II. ENHANCING PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION

4. During the reporting period, the Executive Secretary met with senior staff from the United Nations, as well as with relevant partner organizations, with the aim of further enhancing collaboration. Meetings were also held to establish partnership with other organizations and institutions, which resulted to the signature of a number of memoranda of agreements/cooperation. A list of meetings with heads of agencies/organizations and other events attended by the Secretariat is available in annex II below. A list of agreements signed by the Secretariat in 2008 is available in annex III. A full list of current memoranda of cooperation is available on the Secretariat website (<http://www.cbd.int/cooperation/mou-moc.shtml>).

A. *Partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as the host organization*

5. As of the end of November 2008, the Executive Secretary sent 146 memoranda to the Executive Director of UNEP to brief him on the activities being carried out by the Secretariat. UNEP continues to provide support staff to the work of the Convention, in particular for promoting the biodiversity agenda in Europe, by providing a part-time Liaison Officer based in Europe, as well as provide financial support for the Joint Liaison Officer with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) in New York.

6. The Secretariat participated in the UNEP and UNEP MEA Staff Opinion Survey conducted in April 2008. A number of staff gathered in the main conference room in the offices of the Secretariat to watch the Town Hall meeting through live webcast from Nairobi on the results of the survey. The Managing Director of MANNET, the company that conducted the survey, also visited the Secretariat to discuss the staff survey in more detail. A follow-up survey is expected in 2009.

7. In April 2008, the Executive Secretary participated in the first UNEP Executive Management Retreat, with the participation of all Divisional and Regional Directors and multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs). The Executive Secretary made a presentation on the environmental challenges in a changing world, and also chaired the session on capacity building. Meetings were held with the UNEP Executive Director, UNEP Deputy Executive Director and all UNEP regional directors. A briefing on preparations for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention was held with the UNEP Committee of Permanent Representatives. A joint television interview with the UNEP Executive Director concerning the Conference of the Parties was conducted by a German journalist who is preparing a movie for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Executive Secretary also participated via teleconference in the second MEA Management Team meeting in August 2008.

8. All of *The Green Wave* trees planted on 22 May were entered as pledges under the UNEP Plant for the Planet – Billion Tree Campaign.¹

9. In June 2008, the Secretariat participated actively in the Tunza International Children's Conference on the Environment, in Stavanger Norway. The Executive Secretary addressed the participants in a video message. A Secretariat staff member delivered the keynote address on biodiversity and supported UNEP and Young Agenda 21 organizers throughout the conference.

10. Also in June 2008, the Secretariat hosted the second meeting of the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership (BIP). The meeting was crucial in determining the progress of the Partnership, as well as clarifying the expectations vis-à-vis the Partnership over the next two years in the run up to the tenth

¹

For further information on this campaign, see <http://www.unep.org/billiontreecampaign/>.

meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 10). Holding the meeting at the Secretariat also provided an opportunity for partner organizations working on the individual indicators adopted by the Convention to get a clearer understanding of the links between the BIP and the preparations of the third edition of Global Biodiversity Outlook.

11. Following the BIP 2010 meeting, the Head of the Protected Areas Programme at UNEP-WCMC, met with the Secretariat staff and delivered a presentation on the advances made on the World Database on Protected Areas. In August, CBD staff met with relevant UNEP-WCMC staff to discuss collaboration on Programme of Work on protected areas, WDPA and CHM-related matters. In October, UNEP-WCMC provided a report on the implementation of the joint work programme between the CBD and UNEP-WCMC, as per the agreement signed in March 2006. Based on the positive outcome of their collaborative work, relevant staff members from the two institutions are in discussion on the development of a new joint programme of work, in particular on the decisions adopted at COP-9.

12. The Executive Secretary also attended the awards ceremony of UNEP's first Baobab Staff Awards in Nairobi. The Secretariat staff were finalists in the: Managerial Service Award category, given to the Executive Secretary, and Team Award category, in recognition of the work of CBD's Programme of Work on Protected Areas (POWPA) Friends Team.

13. In the margins of the Annual Ministerial Review of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (AMR-ECOSOC) held in July 2008, the Executive Secretary met with the Executive Director of UNEP in the margins of the AMR-ECOSOC to discuss the implementation of the decisions of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention and the preparations for its tenth meeting.

14. In September 2008, the Executive Secretary had an opportunity to meet the new Director of UNEP Environment Management Group, and the possibility of establishing a system-wide issue management group on the 2010 biodiversity target was discussed.

15. An internal agreement was signed between the Secretariat and the UNEP Division of Environmental Policy Implementation (UNEP-DEPI), aimed to strengthen the cooperation with UNEP-DEPI marine programme on the protection and conservation of marine biodiversity and the Convention's programme of work on marine, through the provision of assistance by UNEP-DEPI in conducting the in-depth review of its marine programme of work and the related Jakarta Mandate, as well as implement the request made by the Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting.

16. The Secretariat took part in the UNEP Online Expert for a Day, a feature on the UNEP website that allows the wider public interactive-online access to environmental experts (within UNEP and the conventions) through an automated, real-time question-and-answer format. Relevant Secretariat staff members participated on the following issues: marine and coastal biological diversity (10 January), innovative environmental financing – clean development mechanism (19 June), business and biological diversity (27 June), engaging children and youth in biological diversity issues (6 July), the fifth anniversary of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (9 September), CBD Programme of work on Protected Areas (3 December), impacts of climate change on species and ecosystems (4 December), and forests and climate change (5 December).

17. The Secretariat provided input to the review by UNEP of the concept note outlining the need and modalities for an Intergovernmental Science-policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). In the margins of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat took part in the side-event organized by the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre and IUCN on “Intermediate Results of UNEP's Initiative on International Payments for Ecosystem Services”. The Secretariat also participated in the ad hoc intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder meeting on an

Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), which took place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in November 2008. It should be noted that, in recognizing the significance of IPBES, the Conference of the Parties adopted decision IX/15 on the Follow-up to the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, in which Parties welcomed the decision of the UNEP Executive Director to convene the *Ad hoc* Intergovernmental and Multi-Stakeholder Meeting on an IPBES, and requested the CBD *Ad hoc* Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention to consider the outcomes at its third meeting, to be held in May 2010.

18. The Secretariat took part in the UNEP Workshop on Knowledge Management among biodiversity-related multilateral environmental agreements in March 2008. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss the work of UNEP in the field of knowledge management, taking stock on activities completed, and also analyse gaps and discuss possible ways to improve its knowledge management programme. The Secretariat also took part in the Second International Review Meeting for the Trade and Biodiversity Projects, held in Geneva in July 2008.

19. As a further demonstration of UNEP as the host organization for the implementation of COP 9 decision, the Executive Director informed the President of the COP 9 of its offer to host the ninth meeting of the Ad hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing (WGABS 9), the fourteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 14) and the third meeting of the Ad hoc Open-Ended Working Group on the Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI 3). UNEP will contribute the amount of USD \$250,000 towards hosting and supporting the three meetings in Nairobi, as well as provide in-kind support for the preparations and conduct of the meetings. In addition, the Executive Director confirmed the continued support of UNEP during the biennium to the implementation of major activities on issues related to the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity as well as the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. The third meeting of the COP Bureau will also be hosted by UNEP, in conjunction with the 25th session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum of the United Nations Environment Programme in Nairobi in February 2009.

20. Apart from those previously mentioned, meetings were also held with senior officials from UNEP, including: the Director of UNEP-DGEF, and the Manager of the UNDP/UNEP Poverty and Environment Facility, among others.

B. Enhancing partnership with the United Nations Headquarters

21. The Executive Secretary was invited by the Ambassador of Norway to the United Nations as a panellist at the event on "The Arctic: A barometer for Global Climate Change". The meeting, which took place in June 2008, was organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations and by the Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region, at the occasion of the International Polar Year. Prior to the event, a meeting was held with the panellists at the Norwegian Permanent Mission. Meetings were also held with: Ambassador of Norway, the United Nations Chief of the Treaty Section, with the UNDP Director of the Bureau of Environment, the Chair and the Executive Secretary of the Group of 77, and the President of the United Nations General Assembly.

22. In July, the Executive Secretary participated in the Annual Ministerial Review of the High-Level Segment of the 2008 substantive session of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in New York. He also took part as a panel member and addressed the participants during the High-Level Roundtable on "The Role of Ecosystem Services in Sustainable Development". While in New York, meetings were held with: the United Nations Chief of Staff, the newly appointed Coordinator of the United Nations Climate Change Support Team. A meeting was also held with the United Nations Under-

Secretary-General for Safety and Security where the security of the Secretariat staff and premises was raised.

23. A meeting was also held with the Director of UN Division of Public Information on collaboration with regard to the celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity in 2010. It was agreed that the 65th session of the DPI/NGO Forum in September 2010, as well as the UN Model with the universities in 2010, will be devoted to biodiversity.

24. The Executive Secretary attended and delivered a statement at the seventh meeting of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in April 2008, and also presented the report of the inter-agency task force on indigenous issues chaired by the Secretariat, and took part in a press conference with the Chair of the Permanent Forum.

25. The Executive Secretary attended the book launch of “Sustaining Life” on 23 April in New York, with the participation of the United Nations Deputy Secretary General and Professor Jeffrey Sachs. While in New York, meetings were held with: the United Nations Assistant Secretary General on Policy Planning, the Officer-in-charge of the Secretariat of the United Nations Forum on Forests, the Secretary of ECOSOC, and the Permanent Representative of Andorra to the United Nations in New York.

26. In May, at the invitation of the Under-Secretary General for Communication and Public Information, the Executive Secretary was a guest speaker at the United Nations seminar focusing on Art as a Vehicle for Changing Attitudes Toward the Environment. Meetings took place with the following: Deputy Director of UNEP Regional Office for North America, Director of the Bureau of Environment of UNDP, the UNESCO representative in New York in charge of culture, and the Executive Director of the Natural World Museum. The Executive Secretary also held discussions with the artists attending the meeting, with the view of inviting them to contribute to the International Year of Biodiversity and the CBD Museum of Nature and Culture.

27. In August, the Executive Secretary met with the United Nations Secretary General, with the participation of the United Nations Chief of Staff, the Coordinator of the United Nations Climate Change Team, and the CCD-CBD Liaison Officer in New York. The meeting provided an opportunity to brief the Secretary-General on the outcome of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and on the challenges facing the tenth meeting. Preparations for the high-level segment of the United Nations General Assembly in 2010 and the celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity were discussed.

28. The Executive Secretary also met with the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, who expressed full support in assisting in the implementation of the decisions of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Meetings were also held with: the officer-in-charge of the United Nations Division of Sustainable Development, the Executive Secretary of the Doha Review Conference and the UNICEF Director of Programmes.

29. In September 2008, the Secretariat joined the newly-launched initiative of the United Nations Programme on Youth (UNPY) to formalize existing informal interagency collaboration in the area of youth development. The United Nations Youth Development Network (YDNet) aims to mainstream and streamline the United Nations approach to youth development, and strengthen the attention paid to youth in national policies and development initiatives. Through participation in YDNet, the CBD can contribute a biodiversity perspective to the development of the World Youth Report, themes for International Youth Day, and to other youth-focused, UN-representative publications, observances and events, thereby advancing the youth component of the CEPA programme of work.

30. In October 2008, the Secretariat welcomed the visit of the representatives from the United Nations Ombudsman's Office. The visit provided the staff with more knowledge about the work and mandate of the Ombudsman. Staff members from the Multilateral Fund Secretariat were also present at the briefing.

31. The Secretariat participated in the annual meeting of the United Nations Inter-agency Support Group (UN-IASG) on indigenous peoples' issues, which was held at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss ways and means to advance issues of concern to indigenous peoples and reinforce collaboration among United Nations agencies. The meeting was opened by the Director General of UNESCO, who is the Chair of the UN-IASG for 2008-2009.

32. The Secretariat took part in the Security Management meeting in February 2008, as well as in the training workshop on climate neutrality in September 2008, both which took place at the United Nations headquarters.

C. Partnership with the host country

33. During 2008, meetings were held with authorities from both the Canadian and Quebec Governments, as well as with the municipal authorities, with a view of enhancing the support of the host country to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

34. The Secretariat took part in the "A billion trees for the planet" event organized by the City of Montreal in January 2008. The Executive Secretary attended in February 2008 an event organized by the *Société de verdissement du Montréal métropolitain* (SOVERDI). During the meeting, SOVERDI and its partners, the City of Montréal and TELUS, presented a joint report on their 2007 plantation activities. This report assesses the planting of 12,000 trees and 10,000 shrubs. In March 2008, the Executive Secretary was the guest speaker at the Gala organized by *La Fondation québécoise en environnement*. A meeting was held with the Mayor of Montreal in June 2008, to provide a briefing on the outcome of the COP-9 meeting as well explore ways to further enhance collaboration for the implementation of the Convention. On the same day, the Executive Secretary attended a luncheon meeting, hosted by the Premier of the Province of Quebec. In October 2008, at the kind invitation of the Quebec Premier, the Executive Secretary attended the opening of the *XII^e Sommet de la Francophonie*.

35. A meeting was held the Deputy Assistant Minister on Global Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Canada, as well as other senior Canadian officials during his mission to Ottawa in March 2008.

36. In May 2008, the Mayor of Montreal attended the Mayors Conference in Bonn, with the participation of the Executive Secretary. At their meeting in July 2008 in Montreal, the Executive Secretary briefed the Mayor on the outcome of the COP-9 meeting as well as ways to further enhance relations with the City of Montreal.

37. On the occasion of the World Environment Day, the Secretariat organized an event, which was attended by, among others, the representatives from the City of Montreal, the Museums Nature Montreal, and the diplomatic corps in Montreal. Following the special event, the members of the Steering Committee of the Canadian universities and research institutions held its third planning meeting at the Secretariat headquarters. The objective of the meeting was to present the partnership agreement and the proposed activities for 2008-2009, as well as to further strengthen communication between the Canadian universities and institutions and the Secretariat on biodiversity-related issues.

38. During his mission to Quebec City in June 2008, the Executive Secretary had an opportunity to meet with senior representatives of the *Ministère du Développement Durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs du Québec*, to discuss the results of the biodiversity meetings held the previous month in Bonn and ways to provide further assistance to the work of the Convention.

39. In August 2008, the Executive Secretary met with some members of the Informal Host Country Committee, a group established in June 2007 to promote dialogue and enhance relations with the Host Country and relevant host country institutions and organizations. Separate meetings were held with the following: Minister of the *Ministère du Développement Durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs du Québec*, with the participation of the Directeur du cabinet and the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister; the President/CEO and Vice-President (International Organizations) of the Montreal International; and with senior officials from the *Ministère des relations internationales du Québec*. Issues raised in the respective meetings were the difficulties being faced by the Secretariat regarding its operations, related mainly to security and office space, among others.

40. The Secretariat also welcomed the visit of the following: the Chair of Canada Research, Ethnoecology, the Director at the *Institut Hydro-Québec en environnement, développement et société, Université de Laval*, senior officials from the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans, senior staff from the *Ministère des relations internationales du Québec*, and the President of AQPERE.

41. Following the successful completion of the agreement signed in 2007, the Canadian Forest Service had renewed its support in 2008 to provide the Secretariat with a part-time staff member to assist on the implementation of the forest programme of work. Further to this, a similar agreement for the period of 2009 had been recently signed between the CBD and the Canadian Forest Service.

42. A number of CBD staff took part in the Earth Day 2008 event, organized by the Montreal Children's Library. Interactive kiosk on biodiversity was set-up by the Secretariat, in which publications and other outreach materials were made available to the general public.

43. In the context of its education and public awareness programme, the Secretariat delivered presentations and workshops on biodiversity and *The Green Wave* for 25 Montreal-area schools and colleges, and four conferences for students and educators.

44. At the request of the Canadian Environmental Network (RCEN), the Secretariat provided support and information resources to the planning, execution and follow-up of events held in seven Canadian cities for the International Day for Biological Diversity. Several SCBD staff volunteered at the Montreal event.

45. During the reporting period, the Secretariat participated in a number of events held in Montreal, including: the Canadian-Jewish United Nations Model luncheon, the *ACNU-Grand Montréal Forum sur les opportunités d'emploi à l'ONU*, the *Colloque sur les plantes exotiques envahissantes* at the Montreal Botanical Gardens, a luncheon organized by *Les Conseils des Relations Internationales de Montréal* (CORIM), with guest Her Excellency Monique Gagnon-Tremblay, Quebec Minister of International Relations and Minister Responsible for La Francophonie, the opening of exhibit on Madagascar at the Montréal Biodôme, and the ModEthik fashion show, among others. The Secretariat also made 8 presentations on biodiversity-related issues at various Canadian universities. Students from Concordia University, McGill University and Université de Montréal also visited the Secretariat and met with relevant staff members.

D. Partnership with Parties

46. Following the agreement signed with the CBD in December 2007, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development has seconded a staff to the Secretariat to assist in the implementation of the Convention and poverty alleviation. Likewise, the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Protection and Nuclear Safety has agreed to support a position for a period of two years, to assist on issues related to access and benefit sharing issues, as well as act as CBD Liaison Officer between the CBD and the German COP Presidency. The Government of Italy (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) has sponsored a Junior Programme Officer to the Secretariat to act as a Donor Focal Point. In preparation for the COP-MOP and COP meetings in Nagoya in 2010, the Government of Japan (Ministry of Environment) has seconded a staff to the Secretariat, who will act as a liaison officer between the CBD and Japanese government officials and stakeholders.

47. The City of Nagoya in Japan has agreed to second a staff member to the Secretariat starting in February 2009 to assist in implementation of COP 9 decision on cities and biodiversity. The Government of Spain has also expressed its intention to second a staff member to assist in the work of Article 8(j) and access and benefit-sharing issues.

E. International organizations and multilateral environmental agreements

48. The Secretariat has continued its efforts aimed at enhancing its collaboration with the Rio conventions, the biodiversity-related conventions, and other multilateral environmental agreements.

1. Enhancing the collaboration between the Rio conventions

49. The Bonn Biodiversity Summit in May 2008 witnessed the strong partnership among the three Rio Conventions. The Executive Secretaries of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) too part and addressed the participants at the meeting. A Rio Conventions Synergies kiosk was setup at the meeting. The meeting also provided for the three Executive Secretaries to hold an informal meeting, to take stock on progress made since the last Joint Liaison Group meeting and ways to further enhance synergies. A High Level Dialogue on the theme “Coping with today’s Global Challenges in the Context of the Strategy of the UNCCD” was held, as well as a side on Biodiversity and Climate Change Adaptation. Thanks to the assistance provided by UNFCCC Secretariat, the daily proceedings of the Conference of the Parties were made available through live webcasting. Building on the success of this initiative, it is envisaged that live webcasting would be made available in future COP meetings.

50. The Secretariat also participated in a workshop on increased synergies between the secretariats of the CBD, UNCCD and UNFCCC on education, communications and web tools, held from 31 January-1 February 2008 in Bonn, Germany. As has been the case in recent years, through a collaborative arrangement, the Secretariat worked with the secretariats of the UNFCCC and the UNCCD on the production and distribution of a Rio Conventions calendar for 2009.

51. The Secretariat took part in the fourteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC in Poznan, Poland, as well as in the high-level segment of the meeting. A Rio Conventions Synergies was set-up at the meeting. The meeting provided an opportunity to organize side events, as well as to engage with relevant parties and bodies, and take part in various events and workshops in relation to the work of the Convention. The Secretariat also attended the EMG meeting held on 10 December.

52. On 31 October, the CBD Secretariat participated in an inter-agency teleconference hosted by the UNFCCC. The purpose of the teleconference was to develop a strategy to enhance children and youth participation in the UN climate change process, and to discuss planned and potential youth activities up to the UNFCCC's COP in 2009.

53. In September, a joint presentation on the outcome of COP-9 was made by the CBD Executive Secretary and the UNCCD Executive Secretary to the Permanent Missions in Geneva. With the participation of more than 40 participants, it was the first time that such a joint presentation briefing was held. Earlier in the year, the Executive Secretary met with the Managing Director, Global Mechanism of UNCCD in the margins of the SBSTTA-13 meeting in Rome, Italy. In the margins of SBSTTA-13 in Italy, the Executive Secretary met with the Managing Director of the UNCCD Global Mechanism.

2. Enhancing the collaboration with the biodiversity-related conventions

54. A message was issued by the Secretariat on the occasion of World Wetlands Day, in support of its partnership with the Ramsar Convention. The Secretariat was also represented at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands in Changwon, Republic of Korea. The Secretariat was invited to address the opening plenary of the meeting, in which the close partnership between the two conventions was stressed, giving emphasis on the endorsement of the CBD-Ramsar Joint Work Plan by the CBD COP-9. The Secretariat also assisted that meeting by providing relevant information on progress at CBD COP9 in particular regarding climate change, biofuels and transboundary water management. The Secretariat also attended the 14th meeting of Ramsar's Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP 14) in January 2008, as an observer.

55. During the second meeting of the Working Group on Protected Areas and the SBSTTA-13 meeting in Rome, the CBD Executive Secretary held meetings with the Secretary of the International Treaty for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA). Subsequent meetings with ITPGRFA staff were held in the margins of COP-9 meeting, including the convening of a joint COP and ITPGRFA Bureaux meeting. Following discussions during the joint Bureaux meeting, the Secretariat hosted the first meeting of Experts on the Standard Material Transfer Agreement and the Multilateral System of the International Treaty in July 2008. The Secretariat participated in the meeting as an observer.

56. On 31 May, the members of the Biodiversity-related Conventions held its sixth meeting in Bonn, Germany, a day after the successful conclusion of the Biodiversity Summit. The meeting took place following the renewed mandate of the BLG by COP-9. The Executive Secretary of CMS chaired the meeting. Issues discussed include: review of the implementation of the decisions adopted at the last meeting, cooperation on the implementation of decisions adopted by the Conventions, preparation of the GBO-3, progress in achieving the 2010 biodiversity target, celebration of the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity, among others. It should be noted that the Director of UNEP-WCMC participated in the meeting. The full report of the meeting can be accessed at: <http://www.cbd.int/cooperation/BLG-6-rep-final-en.doc>. The next BLG meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place in Rome, in the margins of the CMS COP.

57. The second meeting of chairs of the scientific advisory bodies of the biodiversity-related conventions was held on 25 May 2008, with the participation of the respective Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies or equivalent organs and representatives of the following organizations: Convention on Biological Diversity, Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Bern Convention), Convention on Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS), Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), International Treaty for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA), Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, United

Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), World Heritage Convention and World heritage Monitoring Centre (IUCN), United nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and United Nations Environment Programme-Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (UNEP-STAP). The meeting provided an opportunity to review processes and approaches of the Conventions' scientific bodies in providing scientific advice, and also to discuss strategic issues for future processes and approaches of the Conventions. The full report of the meeting can be accessed at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/csab/csab-02/official/csab-02-03-en.doc>.

3. *Heads of Agencies Task Force for 2010*

58. The Heads of Agencies Task Force for 2010, established in March 2006 to promote and enhance collective efforts for the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target, held a breakfast meeting on 30 May 2008, in the margins of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Bonn, Germany. The meeting took stock of the progress achieved since its first meeting in September 2006, activities to be undertaken in the next two years leading up to the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity, as well as post-2010 strategies. The date for the next meeting, to be chaired by the Convention on Biological Diversity, has not been decided yet. The CEO and Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility and a senior staff from the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization took part in the meeting.

4. *Enhancing partnership with international organizations and relevant multilateral environment agreements (MEAs)*

59. In February 2008, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) hosted the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas and the thirteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice. The FAO Assistant Director General of the Forestry Department delivered a statement at the opening session of the WPGA-2 meeting, while the FAO Deputy Director General addressed the opening session of the SBSTTA-13. In the margins of the two CBD meetings, meetings were held with: the Assistant Director General, FAO Knowledge and Communication Department and with the Director of Land and Water Division, Natural Resource Management and Environment Department at FAO. A joint meeting of the IPPC and CBD Bureaux, as well as an informal joint meeting of the CGRFA and SBSTTA Bureaux were also held.

60. In May 2008, the FAO initiated the Youth and United Nations Global Alliance (YUNGA), intended to facilitate collaboration between UN agencies and other organizations working with children and youth in order to enhance youth participation in activities of key environmental and social concern at the local and international level. The Secretariat has actively participated in the conception and development of YUNGA. The Secretariat will contribute to the public face of YUNGA by writing the biodiversity and climate change chapter for a youth publication on climate change and food security, due out in 2009. A similar publication on biodiversity may be produced for 2010.

61. Also in May 2008, during the celebrations in Bonn to mark the International Day for Biological Diversity, under the theme "Biodiversity and Agriculture", the Deputy Director General delivered a statement through a video feed, in which he underscored the mutually beneficial relationship between biodiversity and agriculture. The CBD Secretariat worked closely with FAO on the finalization of the CBD booklet for the 2008 International Day for Biological Diversity. The Secretariat also co-hosted, together with FAO, a side event on agricultural biodiversity in the margins of the COP-9 meeting.

62. During his mission to New York in July 2008, the Executive Secretary had an opportunity to meet with a senior staff from UNESCO in which the secondment of a New York staff to the CBD was

discussed, as well as UNESCO's contribution to the celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB).

63. In September 2008, while on mission in Paris, the Executive Secretary met with the Director General of UNESCO. The finalization of the draft revised Memorandum of Understanding between the CBD and UNESCO was discussed, among others. He also met with the Assistant Director General for Earth Science and the Assistant Director General for Natural Science.

64. Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding between FAO and CBD, and following previous discussions with senior officials at FAO, the Senior Agricultural Officer, Seed and Plant Genetic Resources Service, Plant Production and Protection Division, Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department at FAO has been seconded by FAO, on a part-time basis, to assist the Secretariat in the implementation of the COP-9 decisions related to agriculture and forests, including biofuels, as well as other areas of mutual interest.

65. The Secretariat has also expanded its work with UNESCO in the domain of mainstreaming biodiversity into education. CBD and UNESCO co-organised an expert workshop in March 2008. The results of the meeting were the basis for further work. In response to Decision IX/32, the Secretariat and UNESCO have also worked to include biodiversity as a topic in the 2009 UNESCO Conference on the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.

66. Following UNESCO's confirmation to host the seventh meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing in 2009, relevant staff from both the UNESCO and CBD offices are in discussion on logistical matters to ensure the smooth running and success of the meeting. In hosting the meeting, it not only underscores UNESCO's support to the Convention, but also to the international regime on access and benefit sharing.

67. In a September teleconference, the Secretariat explored opportunities to collaborate with UNESCO on *The Green Wave* and on an educational kit on biodiversity, as contributions to the CEPA programme of work, the Decade for Education for Sustainable Development and paragraph 12 of Decision IX/13. Collaboration is expected to continue through 2009 and 2010.

68. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Development Programme, in the margins of the COP-9 meeting in Bonn. The agreement aims to better integrate the objectives of the Convention into development and significantly to reduce the loss of biodiversity by 2010. Areas of cooperation include: knowledge, policy advice, advocacy, and technical support, relative to all aspects of the internalization of biodiversity considerations in development practice, in particular poverty reduction, democratic governance, crisis prevention and recovery, as well as on issues related to climate change and biodiversity. In accordance with the signed agreement, UNDP will second a staff for one year to the Secretariat to assist in the implementation of the MOU and to further explore and develop additional areas of cooperation. In December 2008, the Senior Policy Advisor of the UNDP Environment and Energy Group visited the Secretariat, and had an opportunity to meet with the Executive Secretary and relevant staff members.

69. In the margins of the COP-9 meeting in Bonn, an enhanced Memorandum of Cooperation was signed between the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats, known as the Bern Convention. With a view to advancing implementation of the threefold objective of the Convention, the agreement will also provide support in the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target. The Executive also addressed the plenary at the 28th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention in

Strasbourg, France. The Secretariat was also represented at the Bern Convention expert meeting on biodiversity and climate change.

70. The IUCN World Conservation Congress in Barcelona, Spain provided an opportunity for the Secretariat to enhance collaboration and underline the results of the successful Bonn Biodiversity Summit with IUCN and relevant partners at the meeting. The Executive Secretary took part in a number of events, including: *Soirée Francophone* organized by the *Organisation internationale de la francophonie* and IUCN, a workshop on “Mainstreaming Sustainability in the Tourism Industry: The Global Baseline Criteria for Sustainable Tourism”, workshop on “Local and regional governments authorities – key partners for biodiversity!”, the Countdown 2010 press conference on the results of the Countdown 2010 Readiness Assessment, and attended the joint event by His Royal Highness Prince Turki Bin Nasser Bin Abdelaziz of Saudi Arabia and IUCN on “World Sustainability Leaders VIP Tour”, among others.

71. The Executive Secretary contributed an article to the *Ecologie & Ontwikkeling* (Ecology & Development), an IUCN publication in Netherlands, on the Bonn Biodiversity Summit.

72. In the margins of the IUCN-WCC, the Executive Secretary was also invited to take part in the workshop on “Meeting the 2010 biodiversity target! A contribution to poverty alleviation and to the benefit of life on Earth”, organized by the Countdown 2010 Secretariat. He was also invited to join a press conference on the launch of the final results of the Countdown 2010 Readiness Assessment, and deliver remarks about the Global Biodiversity Outlook, fourth National Biodiversity Reports and the Ecological Footprint. The Executive Secretary also participated in the Countdown 2010 Partners Assembly, presented by Countdown 2010 and IUCN, in the margins of the COP-9 meeting.

73. Following the success of the first Forest Day held in 2007, the Centre for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) invited the CBD and other members of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests, to co-host the second Forest Day, which was held in the margins of the UNFCCC COP-14 in Poznan, Poland.

74. In their efforts to further enhance cooperation, the CBD and UNFF Secretariats engaged in a short-term staff exchange in July 2008. On 7-11 July, the Secretariat welcomed the UNFF Forest Policy Advisor for Biodiversity, which was then followed by the visit of the CBD Programme Officer for Forest Biodiversity to the UNFF Secretariat on 21-25 July. Discussions focused on the preparations for the UNFF-8 report on forests and biodiversity conservation, and possible elements of a draft joint work programme for the UNFF and CBD and cooperation on regional forest-related issues. It is envisaged that, due to the positive results of the staff exchange, both Secretariats will continue to seek opportunities for close collaboration.

75. The Secretariat is also in discussion with UNFF staff on possible joint activities in celebration of the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity and the 2011 International Year of Forests, as well as more options for a joint work programme.

76. A WWF side event was held in the margins of COP-9 for zero net deforestation by 2020. The Executive Secretary, joined by the Environment Ministers and the EU Commissioner for the Environment, signed postcards addressed to the head of WWF International in support of the WWF initiative.

77. Following their discussions in the margins of the sixth meeting of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, an agreement was signed between the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Global Earth Observations Secretariat in September 2008. The signing ceremony took

place at the UNEP Regional Office for Europe. The objective of the agreement is to enhance collaboration in supporting science-based decision-making, promoting the gathering, analysis and dissemination of biodiversity data and information, improving the scientific understanding of the status and trends of, and threats to, biodiversity, including the drivers of change, and encouraging interaction amongst scientists and decision makers.

78. In October 2008, an agreement was signed between the Secretariat and The Nature Conservancy. The agreement identified joint activities for collaboration on specific areas/issues, which includes: protected areas, island biodiversity, forest biodiversity, marine and coastal, invasive species, inland waters, sustainable use, climate change and biodiversity, among others. The agreement was signed in the margins of the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Barcelona, Spain.

79. Following previous discussions held with the Director General and other relevant staff of the Bioversity International, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed during COP-9 between the CBD and Bioversity International. As per the agreement, Bioversity International will contribute staff time to support the work of the CBD in areas of mutual relevance which shall include support for, but not limited to, the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity, the programme of work on forestry, support for the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, work on access and benefit-sharing and indicators of biodiversity. In line with the agreement, Bioversity International has seconded a staff to the Secretariat in October 2008. In September 2008, the Head of the Public Awareness Unit at Bioversity International paid a visit to the Secretariat and met with relevant staff.

80. In reference to the Hokkaido Toyako G8 Summit, and at the invitation of the United Nations University – Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS), the Executive Secretary contributed an article on “Biodiversity and Climate Change: A Little Known Truth the G8 Should Know”, as part of its “UNU G8 Think Piece” which was printed in a major Japanese newspaper. The Secretariat also contributed a chapter on traditional knowledge in the UNU publication entitled “*Bridging Different Worlds: Traditional Knowledge, Sustainable Development and Global Policy Making*”. Relevant staff at the UNU-IAS is providing assistance to the Secretariat, in particular with regard to the implementation of COP Decision IX/12 on access and benefit sharing.

81. In the margins of the COP-9 meeting, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity entered into an agreement with the Alpine Convention and Carpathian Convention, with a view of promoting synergies through exchanges of experiences and best practices on issues of mutual relevance. The partnership aims to promote, in the framework of the Mountain Partnership, participatory sustainable mountain development with all the relevant stakeholders, including: youth, women, NGOs, local authorities, local communities and the private sector.

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

83. Staff from the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) visited the Secretariat in June 2008 and had an opportunity to address the staff and provide information on the work GBIF and its relation to the work and objectives of the Convention, and also meetings with relevant CBD staff were held. In September 2008, following his participation at the European Community CHM workshop in Denmark, the CBD Clearing-House Mechanism Officer visited and met with relevant staff at the GBIF Secretariat office.

84. The Secretariat also welcomed the visit of: the Executive Director of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation, the Director of IUCN-Canada, the Executive Coordinator at the World Bank/GEF, UNDP/GEF Principal Technical Advisor on Biodiversity, representatives from the Society for Ecological Restoration International, staff from the UNFCU, among others.

E. Partnership with the Group of 77 and China on South-South cooperation

85. The Chairman and representatives of the Group of 77 paid a visit to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in March 2008. Discussions focused on the preparations for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 9), including the High-Level Segment of the meeting. Particular attention was devoted to major issues of interest to the Group of 77 and China, including the promotion of regional and sub-regional collaboration for the implementation of the three objectives of the Convention.

86. In April 2008, in the continuous efforts to strengthen the partnership with the Group of 77 and China on South-South cooperation, the Executive Secretary met with the Ambassadors of the Group of 77 countries, together with those from the JUSCANZ and EU, to brief them on the preparations of MOP-4 and COP-9 meetings. A meeting was also held with the Chairman and the Executive Secretary of the Group of 77.

87. The Executive Secretary was also invited as a special guest at the third meeting of the G-77 Panel of Eminent Experts on a development platform for the South, held in April 2008, with the participation of more than 20 eminent experts. The Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, in his capacity as Chairman of the Group of 77, opened and closed the meeting. Other guests include: the former President of Sri Lanka and the former Prime Minister of Jamaica. The meeting recommended the inclusion of biodiversity in the draft Development Platform for the South.

88. The ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties adopted, among others, decision IX/25 on South-South cooperation on biodiversity for development, aimed at promoting a multi-year plan of action on South-South Cooperation for the implementation of the three objectives of the Convention. A unique initiative in the history of the environmental movement, the decision requests the Executive Secretary to report on a multi-year plan of action on biodiversity for development at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in Nagoya, Japan, in October 2010. The full text of the decision is available at <http://www.cbd.int/decisions/?m=COP-09&id=11668&lg=0>.

89. At their meeting in September 2008, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 and China adopted a Ministerial Declaration, with reference to the Convention on Biological Diversity in paragraph 34, which states:

“The Ministers welcomed the successful outcome of the Ninth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP-9) held in Bonn from 19 to 30 May 2008 particularly the adoption of a decision for the elaboration of a multiyear plan of action on South-South cooperation on biodiversity for development. They noted the urgent need to meet the three objectives of the Convention and their target of reducing biodiversity loss by 2010 and welcomed the decision by the COP calling for a high level special event in conjunction with the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly to mark the International Year of Biodiversity in 2010.”

90. The full text of the Declaration is accessible at: <http://www.g77.org/doc/Declaration2008.htm>.

91. On 6-7 November 2008, an expert meeting on the multi-year plan of action on South-South cooperation for achieving biodiversity for development was held at the Secretariat office. The meeting,

organized in conjunction with the chair and Secretariat of the Group of 77 and China, was attended by the current Chair of G-77, the current President of the United Nations General Assembly High-Level Committee for South-South Cooperation, the Secretary General of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organisation, and the current Chair of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA). The two-day meeting reviewed the potential of South-South cooperation on biodiversity as a complement to the Development Platform for the South which has been devised by the G-77. It furthermore produced a content outline of the Multi-Year Plan of Action (MYPOA) for review and feedback along with a tentative timeline and guidance for the consultations and adoption of the MYPOA. Taking into account the comments made by participants at the meeting, it will be sent jointly to the Chair of the G-77 and China and the President of the UNGA HL Committee on South South Cooperation, in order to allow broader circulation and input. The report of the meeting is available at <https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=EMSSC-01>.

F. Partnership with local authorities: cities and biodiversity

92. In May 2008, three events on Cities and Local Authorities were held at the margins of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP9) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD):

- The Erfurt Conference on Urban Biodiversity and Design, 21-24 May 2008, organized by CONTUREC where 400 scientists, planners and other practitioners from around 50 countries summarized for the first time in a global context the current scientific and practical approaches of implementing the CBD in urban areas and founded an International Network URBIO for further scientific support of the Cities and Biodiversity Initiative. Their views that urban biodiversity is a vital part of achieving the aims of the Convention on Biological Diversity are summarized in the Erfurt Declaration available at: http://www.urbio2008.com/content/ErfurtDeclaration_Eng.php
- The Mayors Conference on Local Action for Biodiversity, organized by InWent, the City of Bonn and ICLEI/LAB, where more than 150 participants (including 50 mayors from 30 countries), representing over 100 million urban dwellers met in Bonn on 26-27 May 2008 to underline the importance of urban biodiversity and exchange their experiences and initiatives on urban biodiversity. Participants adopted the Bonn Call for Action, available at http://www.iclei.org/fileadmin/template/project_templates/LAB-bonn2008/user_upload/Press/BonnCall_FINAL_29May08.pdf.
- A side event on Cities and Biodiversity on May 26, 2008, where the mayors of Montreal, Curitiba, Bonn, Nagoya and Durban, and Dr. Leong Chee Chiew, Chief Operating Officer of the Singapore National Parks Board, informed Parties and delegates on progress in the implementation of the Curitiba Declaration and results obtained through their biodiversity strategies and action plans. The videostream of the event is available at: http://unfccc.metafusion.com/kongresse/CBD2008_2/templ/ply_cbd.php?id_kongresssession=1113&player_mode=isdn_real

93. At COP9, as a result of negotiations under agenda item 4.13, decision IX/28 on Cities and Local Authorities was adopted, inviting Parties to recognize the roles of cities and local authorities (CLAs) in national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), and to support cities to implement the goals of the Convention. In recognition of the critical role played by cities and local authorities in the Convention, the mayors of Curitiba, Nagoya, Bonn and Montreal addressed the high-level segment of the COP on May 29, 2008, followed by an intervention by the Minister of National Development of Singapore, Mr. Mah Bow Tan.

94. In July 2008, while on mission in New York, the Executive Secretary met with the Executive Director of UN-HABITAT, where the collaboration on the CBD initiative on cities and biodiversity was discussed.

95. At the invitation of the Minister of National Development of Singapore, the Executive Secretary participated and delivered an opening statement at the World Cities Summit in June 2008. The Executive Secretary was a member of the panel in the session on Biodiversity and Cities, with the participation of the Deputy Mayor of Busan Metropolitan City of Korea, as well the CEO of National Parks of Singapore. As a follow up on Singapore's initiative to develop a city biodiversity index, the Secretariat of the CBD is closely working with National Parks of Singapore in organizing the first Expert Expert Workshop on the Development of the City Biodiversity Index, due to take place 10-12 February 2009.

96. Also, to consolidate the results achieved in 2007 and 2008, the Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity was launched on 7th October 2008 at IUCN World Conservation Congress. It currently brings together UNEP, UN-HABITAT, UNESCO, international organizations, including ICLEI and IUCN, and local governments including the members of the steering committee and the task force created in Curitiba in 2007, to improve the management and conservation of biodiversity through technical cooperation, capacity building projects and communication campaigns.

G. Partnership with scientific institutions and partners

97. The Steering Committee of the Consortium of Scientific Partners on Biodiversity held its third meeting on 21 October in Brussels, hosted by the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (RBINS). The meeting took stock on progress achieved since their second meeting. The meeting also considered areas for potential collaboration on the celebration of the 2009 International Day for Biological Diversity (IBD) and the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity. The group agreed to report on their planned activities for IBD in advance. The Secretariat presented the IYB plan of action, which was well received by the group. The meeting welcomed the participation of the Higashiyama Botanical Gardens, its newest member. The Steering Committee met earlier in July via teleconference.

98. The Higashiyama Botanical Gardens signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in June 2008. It is expected that, in accordance with the signed agreement, the Higashiyama Botanical Gardens will organize a training seminar for the COP-10 participants with a view of promoting the effective implementation of Convention and its Protocol.

99. In strengthening partnership with universities, agreements were finalized during 2008, which complemented cooperation already in place with other universities. In March 2008, an agreement was signed between the Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences of the Tokyo University and the Convention on Biological Diversity with the aim of providing a framework for an internship programme for students of the School at the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

100. The meeting of the Liability and Redress held in Cartagena, Colombia provided an opportunity for the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies of the Kobe University and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity. The objective of the agreement is to provide a framework for an internship programme and other academic activities for students of the GSCIS in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

101. In June 2008, an agreement was signed between the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Nagoya City University, which aims focuses on the mobilization of the Nagoya academia for COP-10, is planned to further promote the effective implementation of the Convention and its Protocol.

102. In the margins of the COP-9 meeting, the Consortium of Scientific Partners in collaboration with the Botanical Gardens of the University of Bonn, organized training workshops for COP 9 participants, on the following issues: plant conservation in botanical gardens, the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, the UNEP-IUCN Issue-based Modules and the Barcoding of Life initiative. The training sessions were followed by a visit of the Botanical Gardens of the University of Bonn.

103. An agreement was signed between the ASEAN Centre of Biodiversity and the Convention on Biological Diversity, at the opening of the Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for South, Southeast and East Asia, held in Singapore City, Singapore in January 2008. The partnership establishes a collaborative partnership for, and share resources in, the areas of research, capacity-building and training, public education and awareness, exchange of information, policy development and coordination, technical and scientific cooperation and other areas of mutual interest for conservation and sustainable development of biodiversity in Southeast Asia.

104. In September 2008, representatives from the Natural History Museum of the Adirondacks visited the Secretariat, and met with the Executive Secretary and other relevant staff members to discuss possible collaboration.

H. Engaging indigenous and local communities in the work of the Convention

105. In 2008, a total contribution of US\$413,505 was received for the Voluntary Fund for the participation of indigenous and local communities in meetings held under the Convention. Thanks to the generosity of the Governments of Austria, Canada, Finland, Germany and Spain, a number of representatives from indigenous and local communities were able to participate in the following: the sixth meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing, the second meeting of the Ad hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas, the thirteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity. By the end of 2008, financial support was provided to a total of 55 indigenous and local community representatives for their participation in meetings held under the Convention. It is envisaged that financial assistance will be provided to representatives of the indigenous and local communities in 2009, to facilitate their involvement and engagement in the Convention process.

I. Engaging the parliamentarians in the implementation phase of the Convention

106. In order to increase the visibility of biodiversity at the national level and considering that parliamentarians are key players who can ensure that adequate legislation is adopted in order for national governments to honour their obligations as Parties to the CBD, the Secretariat has pursued the development of the Parliamentarians and Biodiversity initiative throughout 2008. In April 2008, the Executive Secretary attended a special meeting of the parliamentarians of the Christian Democratic Union/Christian Social Union (CDU/CSU) parliamentary group on COP-9 (statement available at: <https://www.cbd.int/information/statements.shtml>), with the participation of the German Chancellor, the President of Madagascar and the Vice President of Colombia, as well as the CEO of the Global Environment Facility, and also met the Chair Lady of the Environmental Committee of the Bundestag and the German Federal Environment Ministry's Secretary of State.

107. At the initiative of the Environment Committee of the German Parliament, and in collaboration with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, a high-level dialogue between parliamentarians and CBD Parties on biodiversity was held 27 May 2008, at the margins of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention. The event highlighted the important role of Parliamentarians in biodiversity conservation and sustainable use. The Bonn Declaration on

Parliamentarians and Biodiversity (available at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/groups/parliamentarians/bonn-declaration-2008-en.pdf>), demonstrating the commitment of parliamentarians toward the achievement of the objectives of the Convention, was adopted at the meeting.

108. In July 2008, several members of the German Parliament paid a visit to the Secretariat. A briefing was made on the objectives and work of the Convention, as well as ways to raise parliamentarians' outreach and define an action plan for 2008-2010. The CBD initiative on Parliamentarians and Biodiversity was presented, and Germany's possible role in the initiative was also discussed. As a follow up and in view of preparing the Parliamentary Summit which will take place during COP-10 in Nagoya, the CBD Secretariat and its partners are currently defining a 2009-2010 strategy on Parliamentarians and Biodiversity.

J. Private-sector engagement

109. In January 2008, the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity participated as a speaker in the session "Re-examining the business case for sustainability" during the Haas School of Business Seminar in Berkeley, California, U.S.A. The session provided an overview, among others, of the implications of the international negotiations on business – through the example of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

110. On 11 June, representatives of Canadian businesses gathered in Montreal for a one-day seminar to review their business links with biodiversity and to consider the establishment of a Canadian business forum for biodiversity. Jointly organized by the CBD Secretariat, IUCN and professional services firm Deloitte, the meeting was convened at the University of Quebec at Montreal (UQAM) and attracted more than sixty-five senior figures from industries ranging from oil and gas, mining, water, power, fisheries, finance and agri-business as well as representatives from government, environmental NGOs and international organizations. Concurrently, at the invitation of International Petroleum Industry Environmental Conservation Association (IPIECA), the CBD Secretariat participated in a stakeholder dialogue designed to help shape the direction and content of the IPIECA Strategic Plan, held in San Francisco on 11-12 June 2008.

K. Partnership with civil society organizations

111. The Secretariat worked with civil society representatives, in particular with the CBD Alliance and the NGO Focal Point of Germany for COP-MOP-4 and COP-9, to ensure the active participation of civil society in the conferences. In collaboration with the CBD Alliance and the German NGO Focal Point, a newsletter for civil society was published and distributed in the margins of COP-9. The Executive Secretary delivered remarks at the NGO meeting organized by the German NGO Forum in Berlin on 8 February 2008, 100 days before COP-9, at the "Planet Diversity" demonstration in Bonn on 12 May 2008 and at the CBD Capacity Building Day and the Civil Society Preparatory Session on 16 and 17 May, respectively. Several other substantive Secretariat staff participated in the latter meetings. The Secretariat also welcomed the visit of representatives of the CBD Alliance in March and April 2008 for preparations for COP-9, and in November 2008.

L. Engaging children and youth on biodiversity issues

112. Biodiversity addresses and workshops were given by the Executive Secretary and/or Secretariat staff at the following four international conferences for children and youth: Go4BioDiv, May 2008 in Bonn, Germany: 50 youth from 16 countries; Biodiversity on the Edge, May 2008 in Bonn, Germany: 75 youth from 26 countries; Tunza International Children's Conference on the Environment, June 2008 in Stavanger, Norway; 700 children, 300 adults from 105 countries; and at the Fourth World Youth

Congress, August 2008 in Quebec City, Canada: 600 youth from 120 countries. An additional eleven presentations and workshops were delivered at local, sub-national and national youth events reaching over 800 young people and educators in Canada.

113. There was a strong youth presence throughout COP-MOP-4 and COP-9. Inside the meeting, children and youth presented a dance and declarations at the COP-9 opening ceremony. Outside the official meetings, there were two international youth conferences (Biodiversity on the Edge and Go4BioDiv), one national children's conference (Kids for Earth Ancient Forests Festival), as well as creative interactive activities for schoolchildren such as painting "Traffic Art" murals. The Secretariat liaised with the conference organizers in the preceding months and provided on-the-ground support and speakers.

114. The Secretariat provided ongoing support to the Macoun Marsh Project and HabitatNet, the co-organizers of the 2009 International Youth Symposium for Biodiversity, an event aiming to educate young people on the vital importance of biodiversity. In addition to regular virtual assistance, a Secretariat staff member attended the "mini symposium" planning session in Ottawa, Canada on 10 October 2008 to promote the integration of the CEPA programme of work into the symposium.

III. ACHIEVING UNIVERSALITY OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

115. At the opening plenary of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, Brunei Darussalam was welcomed as the 191st Party to the Convention, on a provisional basis, as it was soon to become a Party after having deposited its instrument of accession to the Convention. The Convention entered into force for Brunei Darussalam on 27 July 2008. At the closure of the meeting, the representative of Iraq announced that his country had initiated the necessary internal measures in order to accede to the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Secretariat continues to make numerous efforts to secure the accession to the Convention by the few countries that are not yet parties.

IV. OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION

116. The Secretariat continued to increase its outreach and public awareness efforts, promoting the work and objectives of the Convention and its Protocol, and the visibility of the Secretariat in the local and international community.

A. Conveying the biodiversity message

117. In its continuous efforts to further raise the profile of the Convention and communicate the biodiversity message in international forums, the Executive Secretary delivered a total number of 76 statements and 18 messages on United Nations special observances. A full list of the statements and messages are available in annex IV and annex V, respectively. The Executive Secretary also participated in 24 press conferences at major local and international events, and also gave a total of 53 interviews with media. Furthermore, the Secretariat contributed articles for publication to local and international journals and periodicals. A total of 24 press releases and 20 communiqués were issued, with courtesy translations made available in French and Spanish. The Secretariat also supported development of a new television series for international broadcast on the economic value of biodiversity and ecosystems. The series, Nature Inc., was launched by the producers, One Planet Pictures, and the Executive Secretary at an event in the margins of COP-9. It was aired on BBC World TV in June and July 2008 and will continue broadcast in 2009 and 2010. It is also being produced in French and Arabic for transmission on other networks and is available for national broadcast, free of copyright fees.

B. Celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity

118. For the first time, the celebrations of the International Day for Biological Diversity coincided with the holding of a meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention. At that meeting, a special plenary session was held to commemorate the event. A keynote presentation was made by Dr. Robert Watson, United Kingdom Chief Scientific Adviser, who informed the participants about the findings of the report of the International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD). Statements were also made by the Lady Mayor of Bonn; the Director of UNEP-DELIC (speaking on behalf of the UNEP Executive Director); a UNCCD staff (speaking on behalf of the UNCCD Executive Secretary); the Director General of Nature Conservation and Sustainable Use of Natural Resources, BMU (speaking on behalf of the COP-9 President); the FAO Deputy Director-General; the Director-General of the Bioversity International and the CBD Executive Secretary. The message issued by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the occasion of the Day was also read out.

119. A special effort was made to include children and youth in the International Day for Biological Diversity. The Secretariat, with the Government of Germany, encouraged children and youth around the world to join in the launch of *The Green Wave* initiative on 22 May (see paras. 123-125 below). To raise awareness of the theme of the Day, the Secretariat launched an educational module on “biodiversity and agriculture” comprising an online educational web portal for primary school students and accompanying lesson plans for educators. This was hosted on the IBD web portal that carried information and resources on biodiversity and agriculture specially prepared to support national and international celebration of the IBD.

120. At the request of the Canadian Environmental Network (RCEN), the Secretariat provided support and information resources to the planning, execution and follow-up of events held in seven Canadian cities for the International Day for Biological Diversity. Several SCBD staff volunteered at the Montreal event.

C. World Environment Day

121. The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity celebrated the World Environment Day (WED), under the theme “CO₂ Kick the Habit: Towards a Low Carbon Economy”, by hosting an event at the Secretariat office, with the participation of representatives from the diplomatic corps in Montreal, as well as the Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations and Chairman of the Group of 77, the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the Chief of the UNCCD Liaison Office in New York and a representative of the Mayor of Montreal. Outreach materials in celebration of the important event were made available to all participants, as well as to the staff of the Secretariat. The World Environment Day celebration was preceded by the raising, for the first time, of the United Nations flag in front of the entrance of the World Trade Centre building, which houses the Secretariat office in Montreal.

D. CBD Linnaeus Lectures

122. Following the success of its inaugural session launched in May 2007, on the occasion of the 300th anniversary of the birth of Swedish scientist Carolus Linnaeus, with the aim of highlighting major issues of relevance to biodiversity, the second CBD Linnaeus Lectures was held on 23 May 2008, in the margins of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Opening remarks were made by Mr. Johan Bodegård, Swedish Species Information Centre. The two keynote speakers during the event were: Mr. Klaus Töpfer, former UNEP Executive Director, who made a presentation entitled “Biodiversity challenges and responses in a warming planet”; and Professor Jeffrey Sachs, Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University, who made a presentation on the global food crisis.

E. The Green Wave initiative

123. *The Green Wave* is a multi-year global educative biodiversity campaign for young people, contributing to the programme of work on communication, education and public awareness, particularly to the celebrations and objectives of the International Day for Biological Diversity. The campaign also contributes to the UNEP-led Billion Tree Campaign. Initiated by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) and the Office of the Environmental Response and Coordination of the Republic of Palau, the Green Wave, including the establishment and management of its web platform, has been coordinated by the Secretariat with the support of BfN and the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety.

124. *The Green Wave* was officially launched by the hosts of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in Bonn, Germany on 22 May 2008. Parallel *Green Wave* celebrations were held at the Nairobi National Museum of Kenya near the UNEP headquarters. *Green Wave* celebrations were also held in 67 schools in Australia, Canada, Colombia, Ecuador, Germany, India, Kenya, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Namibia, Nigeria, Paraguay, the Philippines, Russia, Seychelles, Singapore, South Africa, and the United States of America.

125. The project has attracted interest and supportive involvement of several organizations, including the Centre for Biodiversity of the Association of South-East Asian Nations, businesses, and several national ministries of education, UN agencies, broadcasting agencies, NGOs and botanical gardens. In particular, Airbus has launched a joint global communications campaign to raise awareness about the Green Wave and, on 16 July, at the Farnborough Airshow, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the CBD Secretariat in which Airbus agreed “to contribute to raising public awareness on the importance of biodiversity and engaging children and youth in the global biodiversity agenda.” In this respect, Airbus placed a major advertising campaign for the Green Wave in major newspapers and news journals including National Geographic between July and December 2008. With this support and work undertaken to expand its outreach and participation, including the launch of *The Green Wave 2009* at the UNEP Tunza International Children’s Conference on the Environment in Stavanger, Norway in June 2008, involvement of schools worldwide in the project is expected to grow significantly in 2009 and 2010. Further details on the project may be found at *The Green Wave* website (<http://greenwave.cbd.int>).

F. Notifications to national focal points

126. As of the end of November 2008, a total of 120 notifications were sent to national focal points for the Convention on Biological Diversity. Likewise, a total of 25 notifications were sent to the national focal points for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. The Secretariat continued to provide courtesy translations of notifications to French and Spanish through in-house capacity, thanks to the financial support of the Government of Spain and France.

G. Publications

127. During 2008, a number of publications were issued by the Secretariat. The fifth edition of the *Gincana* magazine was launched in the margins of the High-Level Segment of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Under the theme “From COP 9 to 2010”, the magazine includes articles from the Heads of State of Germany, Japan, Slovenia, Mexico, Antigua and Barbuda, New Zealand, as well as the United Nations Secretary-General and the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme, among others. The Secretariat is in the process of preparing the sixth edition of the *Gincana*, which will focus on the results of the recent Biodiversity Summit and its High Level Segment, held in May 2008.

128. The following brochures and newsletters were also published by the Secretariat in 2008: “Tourism for development and nature conservation”, “Mainstreaming Biodiversity – Workshops on national biodiversity strategies and action plans”, as well as “The Value of Nature - Ecological, Economic, Cultural and Social Benefits of Protected Areas”, which was launched in the margins of the second meeting of the Working Group on Protected Areas. In addition, a brochure, “Biodiversity and Agriculture: Safeguarding Biodiversity and Securing Food for the World”, together with topical fact sheets and a poster, were published for the International Day for Biological Diversity.

129. Three issues of the *Business.2010* newsletter were released, with issues focusing on: access and benefit sharing, agribusiness and business and biodiversity. The second issue of *Pachamama* was published, with a focus on “Biodiversity - An Integral Part of Our Response to Climate Change”. In 2008, the first newsletter devoted to Civil Society was published.

130. The Secretariat launched in April 2008 its first Biodiversity for Development newsletter. Three issues of the newsletter have been published, which are accessible on the webpage dedicated to biodiversity for development at: <http://www.cbd.int/development/>. A brochure on “Biodiversity for Development and Poverty Alleviation” was also published by the Secretariat.

131. In October 2008, the Secretariat launched an e-newsletter on reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD), a bi-monthly publication to inform the national focal points of the Convention and interested recipients about the biodiversity aspects in relation to REDD. The first issue is accessible on the Secretariat website at: <http://www.cbd.int/forest/redd/newsletters/>.

132. In addition, the following publications in the CBD Technical Series were issued:

- No. 33: Conservation and Use of Wildlife-Based Resources: The Bushmeat Crisis;
- No. 34: Mainstreaming Biodiversity Issues into Forestry and Agriculture;
- No. 35: Implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas: Progress and Perspectives;
- No. 36: Protected Areas in Today's World: Their Values and Benefits for the Welfare of the Planet;
- No. 37: Synthesis and Review of the Best Available Scientific Studies on Priority Areas for Biodiversity Conservation in Marine Areas beyond the Limits of National Jurisdiction;
- No. 38: Access and Benefit-Sharing in Practice: Trends in Partnerships across Sectors;
- No. 39: Cross-Sectoral Toolkit for the Conservation And Sustainable Management of Forest Biodiversity; and
- No. 40: Transboundary Water Resources Management: the Role of International Watercourse Agreements in Implementation of the CBD.

H. Preparations for the celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity in 2010

133. A strategy for the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB) was prepared and submitted to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. It was welcomed and Parties agreed to work to find resources for the year. Decision IX/33 also suggested that the General Assembly of the United Nations

hold a high-level segment on biodiversity for development in 2010. The Secretariat underwent a brainstorming session in the summer and conducted a number of focus groups with children, the general public and partner organizations. As a result, the Secretariat prepared an action plan in the summer of 2008 and has begun implementation. International organizations were invited to mark the year and integrate it into their annual events in 2010.

134. A number of partnerships have already been established. Bioversity International has already begun a campaign for 2010, and has started its planning for a series of events. UNESCO has agreed to organize a travelling exhibition for 2010 and to help launch the year at its headquarters. The World Association of Zoos and Aquariums (WAZA) has also agreed to mark the year. The Consortium of Scientific Partners has created a programme of events for the year.

135. Partnerships with media were also established. Television Trust for the Environment will produce episodes in the Earth Report Series for the year. The Wildscreen Film Festival and ARKive will provide films for use by Parties during the year as part of their celebrations. Programming with the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) for the year is under development.

136. In December 2008, a delegation from the Ishikawa Prefecture of Japan visited the Secretariat to discuss, among other things, the preparations for the International Year. The delegation had an opportunity to brief the Secretariat staff on their work and its relevance to the objectives of the Convention, in particular with the implementation in Ishikawa of the decisions of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. During the visit, meetings were also held with the Executive Secretary and relevant staff members.

I. Promoting the Secretariat website as a major communication tool

137. Continuous efforts are being made by the Secretariat in making its website a more effective tool in communicating the biodiversity message. Every effort is made to update the information and content of the website, ensuring its accuracy and relevance to the enhance phase of implementation of the Convention. The website recorded a total of 3,123,080² pages viewed as of 30 November 2008, with 602,020 page-views recorded on the first day of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as well as a significant increase in the pages viewed during the months leading up to and during the biodiversity meetings in Bonn.

138. Following the re-design of its website in 2007, the Secretariat was pleased to receive a message in February 2008 from the Chief of the Small Island Developing States Unit of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs at United Nations Headquarters, informing that, in consulting a number of websites as part of their plans to revamp and update the SIDSNet website, it was concluded that the CBD website was “the best of the best”.

139. The Secretariat continued to make every effort in having the French and Spanish versions of the website fully operational and also in finding ways to secure additional resources to make the website available in all United Nations official languages.

J. Gender considerations

140. With financial support of the Dutch Humanist Institute for Cooperation with Developing Countries (HIVOS), the CBD Secretariat and IUCN conducted jointly a workshop for the elaboration of a

² The statistics in this paragraph have been adjusted to exclude major web crawlers and internal access from the Secretariat.

CBD Gender Plan of Action held from 16 to 18 January 2008, in Geneva, Switzerland. Participants included staff from the Convention Secretariat, IUCN, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO), and indigenous and local community representatives.

141. Presented for consideration at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/12/Rev.1), the CBD Gender Plan of Action was welcomed by the Parties in decision IX/24. Reflecting the increasing awareness that gender equality and women's empowerment are important prerequisites for environmental conservation and sustainable development, the action plan defines the role of the Secretariat in stimulating and facilitating efforts, both in-house and with partners at the national, regional and global levels, to overcome constraints and take advantage of opportunities to promote gender equality.

142. In cooperation with IUCN, a series of factsheets were prepared and published in 2008 addressing gender and biodiversity, agricultural biodiversity, access and benefit-sharing and national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs). These factsheets have been translated into French and Spanish and will be made available on the CBD website for which a gender portal was also created in 2008. Draft guidelines for mainstreaming gender considerations into national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) are now being developed.

143. To express support for the objectives of the meeting, the Secretariat sent a statement at the Third Global Congress of Women in Politics and Governance, which took place in Manila in October 2008, which was presented and disseminated to the participants. Similarly, the Secretariat took part in the International Forum on Gender and Environment, held in Mexico in July 2008, in which a presentation on gender and biodiversity was made during one of the working group sessions.

K. SCBD Museum of Nature and Culture

144. At the January meeting of the Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing, a representative from the Kalash-Indigenous Survival Programme of Pakistan presented to the Executive Secretary a hand-woven tapestry for inclusion in the SCBD Museum for Nature and Culture. The Minister of Environment of Gabon also donated a piece of art.

145. In February 2008, in the margins of the second meeting meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Protected Areas, the Minister of Environment of Ecuador presented a donation to the Museum.

146. A beautiful painting of the Mahé Botanical Gardens was presented by the Minister of Environment of Seychelles to the Executive Secretary, in the margins of the high-level meeting in Seychelles in April 2008. During the same month, the Secretariat also received a hand-woven scroll from the Government of Tajikistan.

147. The ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties was an opportunity for a number of Governments to present their contribution to the Museum. This includes: Chad, China, Peru, New Zealand, Saint Lucia and Yemen. An egyptologist attending the meeting donated papyrus scrolls to the Secretariat.

148. While on mission in Reunion, the Executive Secretary met with the Director of the Museum of Civilization, to discuss collaboration with the Museum of Nature and Culture. As a contribution to the 2010 International Year of Biodiversity, it was suggested that the inauguration of the Civilization Museum to take place in 2010.

149. An updated list of donations to the Museum is available in annex VI.

V. NATIONAL REPORTING

150. The deadline for submission of the fourth national reports is 30 March 2009. A notification was sent to all Parties in April 2008 reminding them of the deadline for submission of the fourth national report (see <http://www.cbd.int/doc/notifications/2008/ntf-2008-052-nr-04-en.pdf>). The notification also informed about the tools available to assist Parties (see below) and highlighted the importance of the report for assessing progress towards the 2010 target, notably through the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook

151. To facilitate the timely submission of the fourth national report, the Secretariat has been contacting Parties through various means to learn about the status of preparation of the fourth national report and what assistance they may require. So far, of those contacted, some 60 countries have confirmed that a process has been initiated to prepare the fourth national report and that they would try to meet the deadline for submission (30 March 2009).

152. The Secretariat has been providing support to countries for the preparation of their fourth national reports through various means:

- All the regional and subregional capacity-development workshops on NBSAPs and mainstreaming organized in 2008 (totalling 9 workshops) have dedicated a session to the fourth national report. These sessions were very helpful in pushing countries to start the preparation of the fourth national reports.
- The Secretariat, together with the Japanese Ministry of the Environment and the Japanese Wildlife Research Center, are organizing a regional workshop on the fourth national report for South, Southeast and East Asia (2-4 December 2008, Tsukuba, Japan). This will be the first regional workshop ever held to assist countries in preparing national reports. Discussion is ongoing with Norway and other potential donors to support a regional workshop for Africa on the fourth national report, particularly for those countries that have never submitted a national report to the CBD, or were late in submitting previous national reports.
- A side event was organized on the margins of ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to introduce tools and guides developed to assist with the assessment of progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target and the preparation of the fourth national report. A few countries that had submitted sample chapters to the Secretariat also elaborated on their experiences in preparing these chapters or appendices.
- A portal for the fourth national report (<https://www.cbd.int/nr4/>) has been developed on the website of the Convention. The portal not only provides tools and resource materials to assist countries with the preparation of the fourth national report, but also serves as a communication tool for Parties, through which information concerning the status of funding requests can be obtained, as well as experiences exchanged on the preparation of national reports and case studies on the progress made towards the achievement of the 2010 target.
- The Secretariat has developed partnerships with some organizations, such as Birdlife and its national partners, the Global Biodiversity Information Facility, UNEP-WCMC and Countdown 2010 Secretariat, to provide support to countries in preparing the fourth national report.

- The Secretariat has updated some supporting tools such as the reference manual for the fourth national report to provide further assistance to countries.
- The Secretariat has been working in close collaboration with GEF and UNDP to facilitate timely provision of financial support from GEF to eligible Parties. The status of funding requests can be followed at the above-mentioned portal. Phase two of the GEF project has recently become operational and a third phase is envisaged.

153. The Secretariat, together with other related conventions and UNEP-WCMC, has been facilitating the harmonization of national reporting to the biodiversity-related conventions. In the past year, the Secretariat was involved in a number of activities in this regard:

- Development of a joint reporting framework between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands;
- Development of a proposal for harmonized reporting on drylands;
- Development of a proposal for a project funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and implemented by UNEP for harmonized reporting to biodiversity-related conventions in selected countries;
- Participation in meetings organized by UNEP and UNEP-WCMC on knowledge management and harmonization of reporting, and provided input to a paper prepared by UNEP-WCMC based on the discussions of these meetings;
- Participation in a regional workshop for Asia organized by FAO on harmonized reporting to the 2010 Global Forest Resources Assessment and other international processes;
- Participation in a meeting of the task force on streamlining forest-related reporting.

154. As of end of September 2008, a total of 146 third national reports had been received by the Secretariat.

VI. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION AND THE STRATEGIC PLAN

155. The Conference of the Parties at its ninth meeting adopted decision IX/9 on the process for the revision of the Strategic Plan, with a view to adopting a revised Strategic Plan at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-10). Furthermore, the Conference of the Parties requested the Working Group on the Review of Implementation, at its third meeting, to prepare, for consideration by COP-10, a revised and updated Strategic Plan. In this regard, Notifications were sent to the Parties and relevant organizations seeking their views on the updating and revision of the Strategic Plan. An electronic forum was also launched by the Secretariat to facilitate the sharing of views from Parties, other Governments, organizations and individuals in an informal manner. All these views, together with the views solicited through the notifications, will enable the Secretariat to prepare a first draft of the revised Strategic Plan early next year. It is envisaged that there will be a range of capacity-development activities and multi-stakeholder consultations to facilitate a broad engagement of stakeholders in the development of potential elements for the updated Strategic Plan and associated framework. The convening of an “eminent persons workshop” during the late 2008 or early 2009 to brainstorm on the post-2010 biodiversity target will provide a significant contribution to the process of the development of the Strategic Plan.

VII. NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLANS

Status of NBSAPs

156. By mid-November 2008, 164 Parties had completed their national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) and, of this total, 20 Parties had completed revisions to their NBSAP while 14 have revisions in process. The Secretariat has received the large majority of available NBSAPs and made them available on the Convention's website at <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/>. The Secretariat is also aware that 18 Parties are in the process of preparing their NBSAP, however, nine Parties have still not provided any information to the Secretariat concerning the status of this document.

157. Decision IX/8 of the Conference of the Parties urges all Parties to develop NBSAPs and to adopt existing strategies, plans or programmes prior to its tenth meeting, in 2010, where the Conference of the Parties will assess progress towards the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target and implementation of the Strategic Plan, for which effective national biodiversity strategies and action plans are a key element. Letters have been sent to Parties³ with NBSAPs under development, requesting information on the status of the NBSAP and asking that the relevant documents be sent to the Secretariat. In addition, all new Parties⁴ have been contacted requesting an update on plans to develop and adopt the NBSAP by 2010. Finally, Letters to other Parties⁵ that have not provided the Secretariat any information on the status of their NBSAP requesting this information.

158. By the end of 2008, the Secretariat will have organized nine regional and sub-regional capacity development workshops on NBSAPs and the mainstreaming of biodiversity, in line with decisions VIII/8 and IX/8.

- South, East and South-east Asia (Singapore, 14-18 January 2008)
- Southern and Eastern Africa (South Africa 4-7 February 2008)
- Mesoamerica (Mexico, 26-27 March 2008)
- South America (Brazil, 31 March- 4 April 2008)
- Europe (Germany, 26-30 April 2008)
- Central Africa (Cameroon, 22-25 September 2008)
- West Africa (Burkina Faso, 29 September-3 October 2008)
- Caribbean (Trinidad and Tobago, 3-7 November 2008)
- Arab States of North Africa and the Middle East (Egypt, 14-18 December 2008)

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

160. In total, 112 Parties participated in the first eight workshops, and an additional 18 Parties are expected to participate at the workshop for North Africa and the Middle East. These workshops have been funded by the governments of France, Canada, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain,

³ Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Dominican Republic, Greece, Haiti, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Malta, Monaco, Myanmar, Nauru, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, United Arab Emirates

⁴ Montenegro, Timor-Leste

⁵ Cyprus, Kuwait, Libya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, San Marino

and the UK, with the additional support of host governments as well as UNEP, ECOWAS and the League of Arab States. A webpage on the workshops has been developed, and provides access to all documents as well as country presentations: <http://www.cbd.int/nbsap/workshops.shtml>.

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

162. The workshop programmes have included the following elements:

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

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

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

165. From 22-25 September 2008, the Secretariat, together with the Central African Forest Commission (COMIFAC) and the Government of Cameroon, organized the Capacity Development Workshop for Central Africa on the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and the mainstreaming of biodiversity, in Limbé, Cameroon. Some 80 participants from nine countries – all members of COMIFAC – reviewed progress in implementing the Convention in the region and on integrating biodiversity into sectoral policies and national strategies for poverty reduction. Participants committed themselves to the strengthening the implementation of the Convention in the region, with COMIFAC's Working Group on Biodiversity playing a leading role in the follow-up.

166. The Capacity Development Workshop for West Africa on the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and the mainstreaming of biodiversity was held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, from 29 September to 3 October 2008, organized by the Secretariat in cooperation with the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the West African Economic and Monetary

Union (UEMOA), IUCN and the Government of Burkina Faso. Some 60 participants from 17 Parties participated in the meeting. National Focal Points or NBSAP coordinators presented reports on the implementation of NBSAPs in each country. Additional presentations and discussion focused on the integration of biodiversity into poverty reduction strategies. The use of strategic environmental assessment was highlighted, as was the central importance of communication, education, and public awareness. Other topics focused on at the workshop included environmental accounting, the valuation of biodiversity and ecosystem services.

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

168. As noted above, the workshop for the Arab states of North Africa and the Middle East is planned for 14-18 December 2008. Workshops for the Pacific, Central Asia and North America, as well as a second workshop for Europe, are planned for the first half of 2009, to complete the series.

VIII. THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY

169. The Secretariat continued to support the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Meetings and training workshops on various issues under the Protocol were organised. Continuously, the central portal of the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) was managed. Information and other support were also provided to Parties and other stakeholders.

170. The year was highlighted by two major milestones - the fourth meeting of the governing body of the Protocol, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety or COP-MOP, which was held in Bonn from 12 to 16 May 2008 and the fifth anniversary of the entry into force of the Protocol. In close cooperation with Parties and other stakeholders, the Secretariat also continued to support the implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety through organization of meetings, training workshops, side events, online conferences, discussion groups and other activities. The Protocol web pages have been redesigned to facilitate easier access to information by Parties and other stakeholders.

171. The number of ratifications and accessions to the Protocol grew from 143 countries to 151 (as of 15 November 2008). The countries that became Parties to the Protocol in 2008 are: Guinea, Guyana, Myanmar, Suriname, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Burundi and Georgia. During the year, the number of countries that finalized their first draft national biosafety frameworks funded by UNEP-GEF reached 104.

172. September 11, 2008 marked the 5th anniversary of the entry into force of the Protocol and presented an opportunity to review the progress and reflect on the challenges encountered in implementing the Protocol. The theme of the anniversary was: "The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety: Five years of global cooperation towards sustainable development". This theme was selected to highlight the spirit of consensus and cooperation that has characterized the Protocol process to date and to underline the contribution of the Protocol to the implementation of Agenda 21, the global programme of action on sustainable development, which was adopted during the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. The fifth anniversary was celebrated by Parties and other stakeholders around the world to promote further awareness of the Protocol, and mobilize support for its implementation.

173. Building on the achievements of the first three meetings, the fourth meeting of the Parties (COP-MOP 4) made additional important decisions aimed at advancing the implementation of the Protocol. The Parties adopted 18 decisions during COP-MOP 4. One major achievement is the decision to advance the process for the elaboration of international rules and procedures in the field of liability and redress for damage resulting from transboundary movements of living modified organisms (LMOs).

174. Other important decisions adopted by COP-MOP 4 included the following:

- A comprehensive decision on risk assessment and risk management including the establishment of an Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Risk Assessment and Risk Management (AHTEG) to develop further guidance on specific aspects of risk assessment and risk management, an online forum through the Biosafety Clearing-House to be convened prior to two meetings of the expert group and at least one online conference per region to be convened prior to each of the expert group meetings.
- Decisions to further advance and report on the capacity-building efforts to implement Protocol, including approval of a revised set of indicators for monitoring the updated Action Plan for Building Capacities for the Effective Implementation of the Protocol, measures to promote long-term education and training in biosafety and to strengthen the Coordination Mechanism, and adoption of new criteria and minimum requirements for experts to be nominated to the roster of biosafety experts.
- A request for the Secretariat to organize an online conference to identify existing standards with regard to the handling, packaging, transport and identification of LMOs and to identify any gaps in standards and suggest possible modalities to fill such gaps to further facilitate the implementation of Article 18 of the Protocol.
- A request to the Secretariat to implement a number of activities to facilitate ease of access to and use of the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH).
- Decisions on issues related to compliance based on the recommendations of the Compliance Committee.
- A decision to initiate a process to develop a draft programme of work on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of LMOs.

A. *Capacity-building*

175. Regarding capacity-building under the Protocol, the Secretariat organized two capacity-building meetings and one online conference and participated in a number of other related events.

176. The fourth Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing or Funding Biosafety Capacity-Building Activities was organized in New Delhi, India, on 11 to 13 February 2008. A total of 39 participants, including Government officials and representatives of organizations, attended. The main output was a report containing recommendations for COP-MOP 4 regarding measures for improving capacity-building for addressing socio-economic considerations in decision-making regarding LMOs and for implementation of the identification and documentation requirements under Article 18, paragraph 2, of the Protocol.

177. The fifth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety was convened in New Delhi, India, from 14 to 15 February 2008. It was attended by 22 participants who made recommendations to COP-MOP 4 regarding measures to further improve the roster of experts and to

develop further the preliminary set of indicators for monitoring implementation of the Capacity-Building Action Plan of the Protocol. COP-MOP 4 adopted most of the recommendations.

178. In March 2008, the Secretariat made a presentation on “biosafety capacity evaluation” at a workshop on capacity evaluation tools related to sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures in Geneva, Switzerland, organized by the Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF) coordinated by the World Trade Organization (WTO). More than 200 participants attended this workshop. The objective was to increase awareness and knowledge about the purpose and scope of the tools developed by international organizations to evaluate capacity in the areas of food safety, animal and plant health, as well as the experiences and results of their practical application.

179. With regard to the implementation of the coordination mechanism, the Secretariat entered into an agreement with the Government of Costa Rica to co-organize the fifth Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing or Funding Biosafety Capacity-Building Activities, back-to back with the sixth Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety in San José, Costa Rica, from 9 to 11 March 2009 and 12 to 13 March 2009, respectively.

180. The Secretariat also organised an online conference on capacity-building in environmental risk assessment and post-release monitoring of living modified organisms, which took place from 3 to 14 November 2008. The outcomes of the online conference will provide input for the background paper to be considered at the fifth coordination meeting in Costa Rica after which the recommendations will be submitted to the fifth meeting of the Parties for consideration and adoption, as appropriate.

181. Furthermore, the Secretariat continued to populate and maintain the capacity-building databases in the Biosafety Clearing-House. New records were added to the databases for capacity-building projects, short-term opportunities and biosafety training courses.

182. Finally, following a decision by COP-MOP 4, the Secretariat developed an online revised nomination form for the Roster of Biosafety Experts in the Biosafety Clearing-House. The Secretariat invited all Parties and other Governments to make new nominations to the roster in accordance with the new criteria, minimum requirements and updated guidelines. The registration of experts is being currently undertaken.

B. Liability and redress

183. In 2008, the Secretariat organized and serviced two meetings relating to liability and redress in the context of Article 27 of the Protocol.

184. The fifth meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress took place from 12 to 19 March 2008 in Cartagena, Colombia. The fifth meeting revised the working draft on approaches and options for rules and procedures in the context of Article 27 of the Protocol. The Working Group agreed to some core elements and reduced options for operational text. The Working Group submitted its final report to the fourth meeting of the Parties.

185. The fifth meeting of the Working Group also established a Friends of the Co-Chairs group that included representatives from each region. The group met from 7 to 10 May 2008 in Bonn, Germany, and continued the negotiations on the rules and procedures on liability and redress in the context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. The outcome of the meeting was submitted to the fourth meeting of the Parties. As a result of the deliberations of the Parties at their fourth meeting, the negotiations on liability and redress will continue in 2009 within the Group of the Friends of the Co-Chairs established by the Parties in decision BS-IV/12.

C. Risk assessment and risk management

186. With regard to risk assessment and risk management under the Protocol, the Secretariat also carried out and facilitated several activities during 2008. Among these, the Secretariat organized a workshop, launched the Open-ended Online Expert Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management through the Biosafety Clearing-House, and held the first round of discussion groups within the online forum.

187. An Asia Sub-regional Workshop on Capacity-building and Exchange of Experiences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms took place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 7 to 9 April 2008. The workshop was attended by 40 delegates from Governments and organizations. The main outcome of the meeting was a set of recommendations for the fourth meeting of the Parties regarding priorities for capacity-building for the effective implementation of risk assessment and risk management at the national/regional levels, with emphasis on the application of risk assessment principles on the emerging biotechnology applications, human and financial resources, guidance material on risk assessment and networking among risk assessment experts in the region. The recommendations were considered by COP-MOP 4, which also took note of the conclusions and recommendations of three past regional and subregional workshops held in three other regions prior to 2008.

188. The Open-ended Online Expert Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management will serve as a virtual platform where experts can interact and exchange opinions on specific aspects of risk assessment and risk management of LMOs. The online Forum will be comprised of discussion groups and real-time conferences. The outcomes of these events will serve as one of the inputs for the deliberations by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group, which will meet twice in the current intersessional period and will report to the Parties at their fifth meeting. At the time when the Forum was launched, 125 national experts and 30 observers had been registered as participants.

189. The first round of Discussion Groups within the Online Expert Forum took place from 10 to 23 November 2008. The aim of these Discussion Groups was to identify major issues related to risk assessment and risk management of specific types of LMOs (trees, fish, microorganisms and pharmaplants).

190. The risk assessment records in the Biosafety Clearing-House were reviewed and made more user-friendly. One hundred and twenty-one new records were created and linked to the relevant national decisions. Decisions taken on specific LMOs were also linked to the respective BCH LMO records to facilitate cross-referencing and improve retrieval of relevant data. Risk assessment records and records contained in the LMO, gene and organism registries were assessed for completeness. The Secretariat also developed new common formats for the submission of risk assessment reports, LMOs, gene and DNA sequences, and organisms.

191. The Secretariat held a presentation on risk assessment of LMOs at the science symposium “Plant Risk Assessment Challenges for the 21st Century: New Crops and New Uses”. The event was organized by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency in Ottawa, Canada, from 12 to 14 March 2008. An opening address highlighting the need for environmental risk assessment capacity-building in developing countries was made at the COP-MOP 4 side event “Tools to support environmental risk assessment of transgenic crops” organized by the GMO Environmental Risk Assessment Methodologies (GMO ERA) project. Also, a presentation on risk assessment under the Protocol was made to students of the International Master in Environmental Assessment course, McGill University, during their visit to the Secretariat on 1 October 2008.

192. The Biosafety Division became part of the IPPC Pest Risk Analysis Steering Committee and assisted on the development of a joint work plan, which is aimed at establishing synergies within the CBD and IPPC mandates. The work plan includes mechanisms of collaboration between the IPPC and

the CBD on issues related to living modified organisms, development of guidance materials on risk assessment and management of LMOs, standardization of terminology, capacity building and information sharing.

D. Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH)

193. During the year, the Secretariat initiated several activities on the Biosafety Clearing-House, the mechanism to facilitate the exchange of information on LMOs and assist Parties to implement the Protocol. Among these activities, the Secretariat organized the fourth meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH-IAC), organized and participated in six workshops relating to the BCH and improved several operational features.

194. At the BCH-IAC meeting, convened in November at the Secretariat in Montreal, the members of the Committee assessed the revamping of the BCH, reviewed the registration section and discussed the Multi-year programme of work for the operation of the BCH.

195. In collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme–Global Environment Facility (UNEP-GEF) Project on the BCH, the Secretariat organized four regional workshops for National Focal Points for the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH-NFPs). These were held in Cairo, Egypt, for the African and Asian sub-regions in March 2008 and a training workshop for BCH-NFPs was held before COP-MOP in Bonn, Germany in May 2008. Finally, in July 2008, the Secretariat participated in a training workshop in Fiji for Pacific countries.

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

197. Biosafety Clearing-House activities also focused on programme elements 1 and 3 of its multi-year programme of work, as approved by the Parties to the Protocol at their fourth meeting. To improve the ease of reporting information, the Secretariat redesigned the registration section of the BCH and developed new common formats for the submission of information. The Secretariat also initiated the implementation of the online registration pages which are expected to be completed before the end of 2008. Two online forums, the Open-ended Online Expert Forum on Risk Assessment and Risk Management and the Online Forum on Capacity-Building, were prepared and launched in November.

198. In September 2008, in accordance with a decision on the roster of biosafety experts, adopted by the Parties at their fourth meeting, all records in the roster were removed and a new roster was established. An online common format for the nomination of experts was made available on the BCH.

199. Following a decision on monitoring and reporting under the Protocol, adopted by the Parties at their fourth meeting, an updated analysis of the first national reports, that includes submissions received by the Secretariat after the deadline, was completed within three months after the fourth meeting of the Parties and made available through the BCH.

200. In accordance with a decision by the Parties at their third meeting, and thanks to a generous contribution from the Swiss Government, a security audit of the Central Portal was undertaken in April 2008. This was done in order to ensure full security of the information in the BCH and to minimize any chance of its loss.

201. Under programme element 5 ('Review of activities') of the Multi-year programme of work for the operation of the BCH, a survey of BCH users was launched on 1 December 2007 was made available

on the home page of the Biosafety Clearing-House (BCH) in four languages and in both electronic and printable format. A detailed breakdown of the results, as well as a comparison of the improvements against the previous existing baseline data (where available), are contained in document UNEP/CBD/BS/COP-MOP/4/INF/20.

202. In accordance with a decision by COP-MOP 3, the BCH has now been translated into all 6 official UN languages.

203. In collaboration with the UNEP-GEF BCH Project, the BCH help system has been extensively updated including comprehensive, context-sensitive 'Help' information made available from individual BCH pages.

E. Compliance

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

F. Public awareness and outreach

205. Concerning public awareness and outreach, the Secretariat undertook a number of public activities within the framework of the previous and new outreach strategies (2008-2012) for the Cartagena Protocol.

206. In January, the Secretariat participated in a gender workshop in Geneva to develop a plan of action and to mainstream gender issues in the CBD Secretariat. The workshop also included representatives of UN agencies and other stakeholders including International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

207. The Secretariat organized several side events during the fourth meeting of the Parties and a Communication, Education and Public Awareness fair on experiences of implementing the Protocol. The side events covered issues related to the BCH, capacity-building, cooperation, risk assessment and public awareness. During the fair, Parties and other stakeholders had the opportunity to display outreach materials and make presentations. Some of the presentations were also webcasted during COP-MOP 4: http://unfccc.meta-fusion.com/kongresse/CBD2008/templ/ovw_cbd.php?id_kongressmain=46

208. Together with the Aarhus Convention Secretariat, the CBD Secretariat facilitated the international workshop on access to information, public participation and access to justice regarding GMOs, which was held from 19 to 20 May 2008 in Cologne, Germany, immediately after the fourth meeting of Parties to the Protocol. More than 80 participants, including National Focal Points for the Biosafety Protocol, attended. The participants shared experiences, good practices and lessons learned regarding access to information, public participation and access to justice with respect to GMOs and identified the most pressing needs and challenges in respect to these issues and possible measures to address them.

209. The Secretariat continued to hold presentations for university students during the year. In April, a presentation was held regarding handling, transport, packaging and identification requirements under the Protocol during a sustainable development conference at Concordia University for students with a degree in business administration. In the summer, a presentation on the Protocol was given to a group of visitors to the SCBD from the summer school on 'International and European Environmental Law' at the Centre d'études et de recherches internationales from the University of Montreal. In October, one presentation was given to a visiting group of students from Concordia University to the Secretariat explaining, among

other things, the Protocol in general and the issue of liability and redress under the Protocol. In the same month, a presentation was given to an international development studies class at McGill University. The presentation discussed the Protocol in general and its role in sustainable development.

210. The Secretariat also participated in the First All Africa Congress on Biotechnology, organized by the African Biotechnology Stakeholders Forum in collaboration with several other entities, including the African Union, which was held in Nairobi from 22 to 26 September 2008. More than 200 participants, including agricultural research organizations, academic institutions, and representatives of international donors and the private sector attended the meeting. The participants shared information and experiences in the development and application of biotechnology for Africa's development. The representative of the Secretariat made a presentation on the nature and role of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in supporting the safe development and use of modern biotechnology.

211. Five publications were issued and a CD-ROM with the entire collection of the Protocol publications was set up during 2008. The CD-ROM was disseminated during major events such as COP-MOP 4. The Secretariat also published the fourth issue of the Biosafety Protocol News newsletter, which featured articles relating to the first five years of the entry into force of the Protocol. The fifth issue of the Biosafety Protocol News was also issued, which featured articles on capacity-building activities: best practices and lessons learned. The Secretariat also issued a publication on "Rules, Procedures and Mechanisms Applicable to Processes under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety" and a pamphlet to highlight the developments of the Protocol. The Secretariat also contributed relevant information on the Protocol to the *Green Customs Guide to Multilateral Environmental Agreements* published by the Green Customs Initiative.

212. A number of outreach materials to mark the fifth anniversary of the entry into force of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety were developed for a dedicated website and a CD-ROM. The CD-ROM was disseminated to all Parties and other stakeholders. The web page for the fifth anniversary of the entry into force of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety was viewed and linked through other websites by a number of Parties and other stakeholder (<http://www.cbd.int/biosafety/anniversary>). The outreach materials in the CD-ROM and web page contained messages from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the President of the fourth meeting of the Parties and the Executive Secretary of the Convention, the fifth edition of the *Biosafety Protocol News* focusing on the first five years of the Protocol, a press-release, several banners for an online exhibit, a poster and a document which contained milestones since the entry into force of the Protocol and news coverage of the anniversary.

213. Other outreach activities involved a comprehensive re-design and continuous update of the website of the Protocol, a kiosk for visibility of the Protocol, several interviews, webcasting during the fourth meeting of the Parties, participation during an event for the International Biodiversity Day and expansion of records on public awareness in the Biosafety Clearing-House under the capacity-building database and in the Biosafety Information Resource Center (BIRC).

G. Collaboration and partnerships with other organizations

214. In 2008, the Secretariat continued to strengthen its collaboration with different partner organizations. The Secretariat participated in the fourth meeting of the partners of the Green Customs Initiative held in Paris from 23 to 25 January 2008. The meeting was also attended by representatives of other partners in the Initiative and resulted in, amongst other things, a work plan for the Green Customs Initiative for 2008. In February 2008, the Secretariat provided materials for a presentation on the Protocol that was given during the first Green Customs workshop in the Latin American region, which was held in Venezuela.

215. The Secretariat also organized a side-event during the fourth meeting of the Parties to provide an introduction to the Initiative and its activities as well as an overview of the Secretariat's involvement. In September, the *Green Customs Guide to Multilateral Environmental Agreements* was published. The SCBD contributed information on the role of customs officers in the implementation of the identification and documentation requirements under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Guide.

216. With the Aarhus Convention, the Secretariat actively facilitated an international workshop on access to information, public participation and access to justice regarding genetically modified organisms held on 19 to 20 May 2008 in Cologne, Germany. More than 80 participants, including national focal points for the Protocol, attended. The participants shared experiences, good practices and lessons learned on the issue and identified the most pressing needs and challenges and possible measures to address them. The Secretariat also organized and held a presentation with the Aarhus Convention to discuss similar issues during the fourth meeting of the Parties.

217. A meeting between the secretariats of the Convention on Biological Diversity and the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) was held on 18 February 2008 at the margins of the thirteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA), in Rome, Italy. Among the issues discussed, the following were directly relevant to the Biosafety Protocol: development of standards of mutual interest under the IPPC and under the CBD and the Biosafety Protocol; capacity-building and technical assistance; mechanisms for sharing information through the International Phytosanitary Portal, the clearing house mechanism of the CBD and the Biosafety Clearing-House of the Biosafety Protocol. It was also re-affirmed at this meeting that the two secretariats will work together to avoid duplication, encourage cooperation at both the international, regional and national levels and use one another's expertise as appropriate.

Socio-economic considerations

218. The Secretariat assisted the UNEP-GEF Project on Biosafety in the organization of a workshop on socio-economic considerations, which was held from 21 to 23 July 2008 in Mexico City, Mexico. Sixteen experts in the field of socio-economic considerations and biosafety attended the workshop to discuss research being undertaken in a project funded by the United Kingdom Department for International Development.

Financial mechanism and resources

219. In July 2008, the Secretariat had a meeting with staff from the GEF Evaluation Office. Consequently, an invitation was sent to all Parties and other stakeholders to actively participate in the survey for the independent mid-term review of the GEF Resource Allocation Framework (RAF) and provide feedback on their experiences with the RAF with respect to the GEF support for the implementation of the Protocol and make suggestions for improvement. The findings of the review will be presented to the GEF Council at its November 2008 meeting.

Status of ratification or accession to the Protocol

220. As of 15 November 2008, with the recent ratifications of Georgia and Burundi, the number of Parties to the Protocol has increased to 151. The list of Parties is available on the website: <http://www.cbd.int/biosafety/signinglist.shtml>.

VIII. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

A. Recruitment and personnel issues

221. Since January 2008, a total of 37 memoranda were sent to UNON/UNEP regarding personnel issues. This compares with 40 in 2007 and 90 in all of 2006. This shows a very significant improvement

and collaboration between the Secretariat and UNON/UNEP in effectively carrying out its functions on matters relating to personnel resulting in an expeditious processing of recruitment in the Secretariat, with 37 Professional staff members being regularized on posts funded from the core budget. Additionally, six Professional staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources. The Executive Secretary has established procedures which ensure that vacant positions are regularised as soon as they are vacant.

222. In paragraph 8 of its decision VIII/16, the Conference of the Parties requested the Executive Secretary to secure more resources from the programme support to fund Convention activities, and in keeping with this decision the Secretariat sent requests and follow-ups letters to UNEP on 11 February 2007, 16 February 2007, 22 February 2007, 8 March 2007, 21 May 2007 and 28 May 2007 respectively requesting additional funding from the programme support funds. This resulted in 2008 in the approval by UNEP from the programme support funds of the following positions; Finance Assistant (G6) and Administrative Assistant (G6). The recruitment for the Administrative Assistant has been completed and the successful candidate has reported to work while the recruitment of the Finance Assistant is ongoing.

223. With regard to general service posts, 27 General Service staff members have been regularized on posts funded by the core budget. Additionally, seven staff members are regularized on posts funded from other sources. The recruitment of one post is ongoing. The number of interns and short-term staff members working at the Secretariat in 2008 was 34.

B. Enhancing collaboration for meeting conference services capacities

224. An agreement was reached with the Division of Conference Services of UNON for the provision of interpretation services for all meetings under the Convention from 2008 to 2010, which resulted in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 16 January 2008. As a result of this, UNON/DCS provided interpretation services for the COP 9/MOP 4 meeting held in Bonn, Germany, May 2008.

225. A number of initiatives designed to further streamline the services provided by the Conference and Editorial Services (CES) team have been launched in 2008. These include:

- An update of the Conference and Editorial Services folder located on the Secretariat's shared drive. The CES folder has been redesigned in alignment with the calendar of events 2008-2010 to contribute to the overall enhancement of the Secretariat's knowledge base. The CES folder will house standard meeting documents of relevance to all members of the Secretariat staff;
- The design of a meeting side events registration and on-site management and visual display system;
- The development of a Secretariat documents preparation calendar, in cooperation with the substantive divisions of the Secretariat, in order to enhance editorial and translation services planning; and
- Further to the development in 2007 of a Document Translation Management System (DTMS) to streamline the internal document translation process, which allows for easy generation of status reports and statistics (by meeting, translator and/or budget line), the CES team is working on the design and development of a standard CBD terminology lexicon in the 6 UN languages. Development and dissemination of the lexicon is expected to further streamline the Secretariat's document management workflow and reduce translation costs.

C. Implementing 2006 audit recommendation

226. In keeping with the decision of the Conference of the Parties at its eighth meeting, the Secretariat made the necessary arrangements for the United Nations External Board of Auditors to audit the accounts of the Secretariat during March 2008, prior to the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The audit report was issued in May 2008 and presented to the ninth meeting. The following recommendations were raised and are being addressed:

- Recommendation 1 - Preparation of separate Financial Reporting for SCBD.
- Recommendation 2 - Reporting of BVL Trust Funds in SCBD financial statements
- Recommendation 3 - Re-classification of BVL as a liability
- Recommendation 5 - Reconciliation of contribution statements with UNON reports
- Recommendation 11 – Disclosure of end-of-service liabilities
- Recommendation 12 – Implementation of Result-based-budget

227. At its ninth meeting, the Conference of the Parties made no provision for a separate audit of the Secretariat in the biennium 2009-2010. However, the United Nations Board of Auditors, in its annual audit of UNEP, plans to carry out a review of the Secretariat activities in the course of 2009.

D. Administrative arrangements between the Conference of the Parties and UNEP

228. The Executive Secretary wrote to the UNEP Executive Director on 15 June 2006, drawing his attention to decisions VII/33 and VIII/10 of the Conference of the Parties and to the draft revised administrative arrangements. By letter dated 31 July 2006, the Executive Director noted that the review of administrative arrangements between UNEP and the Secretariat would be conducted as part of a broader analytical review of other administrative arrangements with the UNEP-administered conventions.

229. The Executive Secretary reminded the Executive Director in January 2008 that the Conference of the Parties will address the issue of administrative arrangements between UNEP and the Secretariat at its ninth meeting and noted that in response to decision VII/33 a draft revised administrative arrangement had been submitted to UNEP for consideration. In a response dated 20 March 2008, the Executive Director indicated that he appreciated the relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties. However, he felt that the matter of administrative arrangements between UNEP and the UNEP administered Conventions should be addressed in a coherent and holistic manner and avoid the existing mechanism of dealing with issues in a piecemeal and ad hoc manner. Therefore, he was not yet in a position to provide specific or detailed comments on the draft submitted on revised administrative arrangements. The Executive Director further added that he would inform the Parties or the Bureau, as and when appropriate, on the coherent and integrated measures and actions that he has initiated with UNEP-administered multilateral environmental agreements with an objective of having an overarching framework arrangement with all of them.

E. Greening the operations of the Secretariat

230. The Greening task force established within the Secretariat continues to review all activities and to recommend measures to minimize the environmental impact of Secretariat activities.

231. At the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat submitted an information note entitled “A First Step Towards Environmental Reporting (2006-2007)” (UNEP/CBD/COP/9/INF/42).⁶

232. Also at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, a memorandum of cooperation to offset all carbon emissions arising out of the Secretariat’s operations between the ninth and tenth meetings of the Conference of the Parties, including the travel of funded Party representatives to attend official meetings under the Convention, was signed between the State of Paraná, Brazil and the Secretariat. This initiative is part of a larger award-winning project called the Riparian Reforestation Programme.

233. In October 2008, the Secretariat has submitted documentation to the Environmental Management Group (EMG) to support the progress made with respect to its commitment towards reaching climate neutrality.

234. For 2008, in support of the Secretary-General’s initiative for a C-Neutral UN, and to minimize the environmental impacts of the Secretariat’s processes, the Secretariat has decided to send electronic Christmas greeting cards instead of the customary paper cards.

F. Enhancing staff performance

235. Continuous efforts have been made to facilitate communication between the staff of the Secretariat. 15 all-staff meetings have been convened in 2008 and a total of 5 meetings of the Heads of Unit were held. To enhance the flow of information within the Secretariat, a total of 1,562 correspondences were sent to all staff from the Office of the Executive Secretary. In addition, in December 2008, the staff of the Resources Management Services, Conference Services, the Office of Executive Secretary, Social Economic and Legal Affairs as well as the Biosafety Unit were involved in individual team building sessions. This will continue in January 2009 with the remaining units.

G. Financial issues

236. With regard to budgetary matters, as at 31 October 2008, of the total pledged contributions of \$8,523,616 for 2008 to the General Trust Fund for the Convention on Biological Diversity (BY Trust Fund), the total contributions received amounted to \$8,617,453 of which \$1,539,721 were 2008 pledges paid in 2007, and \$7,077,732 were pledges paid in 2008 for 2008 and future years. Several Parties have contributed additional voluntary funds in support of approved activities under the Convention (BE Trust Fund). The total pledged for 2008 amounts to \$5,340,610 of which \$4,734,981 has been received. Total unpaid pledges for 2008 and prior years to the BE Trust Fund is \$944,438. Pledges totalling \$1,092,858 have been made in 2008 as additional voluntary contributions to facilitate the participation of Parties to the Convention Process (BZ Trust Fund). To date \$1,092,858 has been received. Total unpaid pledges, for 2008 and prior years, to the BZ Trust Fund, amount to \$208,134.

237. As at 31 October 2008, of the total pledged contributions of US\$ 1,718,790 for 2008 to the General Trust Fund for the Core Programme Budget for the Biosafety Protocol (BG Trust Fund), total contributions received is \$2,118,114 of which \$433,107 was received in advance of 2008 and \$1,685,007 has been received in 2008 for 2008 and future years. Six Parties have pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust Fund for Additional Voluntary Contributions in support of Approved Activities of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (BH Trust Fund). To date, \$495,534 has been received in 2008 for 2008 and future years. Five Parties have pledged and/or contributed to the Special Voluntary Trust

⁶ See <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=COP-09>

Fund for Facilitating Participation of Developing Country Parties in the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, (BI Trust Fund). Pledges totalling \$319,735 have been received in 2008, of which \$208,788 has been collected. Total unpaid pledges, for 2008 and prior years, to the BI Trust Fund, amount to \$163,290.

238. In keeping with decision VIII/5 D of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, 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) has been established. Pledges were received from: Canada (30,000 Canadian dollars); Finland (8,000 euros); Germany (32,404 euros); Spain (218,090 euros) and Austria (15,000 euros). Contributions of \$413,505 have been received in 2008. Total unpaid pledges, for 2008 and prior years, to the VB Trust Fund, amount to \$14,038. Details of the various trust funds are reproduced in annex VII below.

Status of expenditures:

239. At its eighth meeting, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention approved a budget of \$11,390,600 for the BY Trust Fund for 2008. As at 31 October 2008, a total of \$11,203,204 had been spent or committed. This represents 98.4% of the approved amount.

240. At their third meeting, the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol approved a budget of \$2,108,100 for the BG Trust Fund for 2008. As at 31 October 2008 a total of \$1,494,452 has been spent or committed. This represents 70.9% of the approved amount.

IX. THE WAY FORWARD

241. In June 2008, a month after the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, at the kind invitation of the Government of Japan, the Executive Secretary participated as a keynote speaker at the kick-off seminar for the success of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, which took place in Nagoya, Japan. The meeting, organized by the Japanese Ministry of Environment, in collaboration with the COP 10 Promotion Committee of Aichi Prefecture and the City of Nagoya, attracted more than 1,100 participants. The Executive Secretary had an opportunity to meet the Minister of Environment of Japan. During the event, a song for the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties was performed by 191 children, representing the number of Parties to the Convention. The Executive Secretary also delivered a presentation on the Nagoya challenges at the G8 Dialogue Series, organized by the United Nations University. Meetings were held with: senior officials from the Ministry of the Environment, representatives of Japanese non-governmental organizations, senior officials from the Aichi Prefecture, officials from the City of Nagoya, among others. While on mission in Nairobi in April 2008, the Executive Secretary had an opportunity to meet with the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations Environment Programme on the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

242. In September, the Executive Secretary paid a visit to Japan, at the invitation of the Science Council of Japan, the Executive Secretary delivered a presentation on "Biodiversity, well-being and Sustainable Society", which took place in Tokyo, Japan. The Executive Secretary participated and addressed the participants of the sixteenth Environment Congress for Asia and Pacific 2008. A presentation was made on "Biodiversity challenges and responses: Towards the Nagoya Biodiversity Summit". The ES was also invited to attend the opening of the First National meeting on Satoyama-Satoumi Sub-Global Assessment. During his mission in Japan, the Executive Secretary had the privilege to meet the new Japanese Environment Minister, as well as other senior staff at the Environment Ministry. He also met senior officials from the Foreign Affairs Ministry.

243. To ensure the success of the Nagoya meetings in 2010, the Ministry of Environment of Japan has seconded a staff member to the Secretariat, who will act as the focal point/liaison officer between the Secretariat and the Government of Japan, providing assistance on major scientific issues on the agenda of

the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Likewise, the City of Nagoya will provide a staff member to the Secretariat to assist in the matters related to the engagement of cities and local authorities in the implementation of the Convention.

244. The Secretariat and the Government of Japan are in discussion with regard to the Host Government Agreement (HGA). A preliminary draft HGA has been submitted to the Government of Japan for comments.

Annex I

LIST OF CBD MEETINGS IN 2008

	Dates	Meeting	Venue
1	7 - 10 January 2008	Workshop to strengthen national and regional capacities in the sub-region of Francophone Africa with a view to promoting and facilitating the implementation of the Programme of work on Protected Areas	Libreville, Gabon
2	14 - 18 January 2008	Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for South, Southeast and East Asia	Singapore City, Singapore
3	16 - 18 January 2008	Workshop on the Elaboration of a Gender Plan of Action for the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Secretariat	Geneva, Switzerland
4	18 - 19 January 2008	Capacity-building Workshop and Briefing of African Delegates Prior to the ABSWG-6 Meeting	Geneva, Switzerland
5	20-Jan-08	Second meeting of the Informal Consultations on the Development of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization	Geneva, Switzerland
6	20-Jan-08	COP Bureau meeting	Geneva, Switzerland
7	21-Jan-08	COP MOP Bureau meeting	
8	21 - 25 January 2008	Sixth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing (WG ABS 6)	Geneva, Switzerland
9	23 January 2008	COP MOP Bureau meeting	Geneva, Switzerland
10	26 January 2008	SBSTTA Bureau meeting	Geneva, Switzerland
11	26 January 2008	Informal Consultative Meeting on the Suggested Draft Budget for the Convention on Biological Diversity for the Biennium 2009-2010 - 26 January 2008 (Geneva)	Geneva, Switzerland
12	28 - 29 January 2008	Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA IAC)	Bonn, Germany
13	4 - 8 February 2008	Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Southern and Eastern Africa	Rustenberg, South Africa
14	10 February 2008	COP Bureau meeting	Rome, Italy
15	11 - 15 February 2008	Second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Protected Areas (WG PA 2)	Rome, Italy
16	11 - 13 February 2008	Fourth Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing or Funding Biosafety Capacity-Building Activities	New Delhi, India
17	14 - 15 February 2008	Fifth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety	New Delhi, India
18	16 February 2008	Third meeting of the Informal Consultations on the Development of the Strategy for Resource Mobilization	Rome, Italy
19	16 February 2008	Workshop on the development of national/regional biodiversity-related targets and indicators and their integration in national biodiversity strategies and action plans	Rome, Italy
20	17 February 2008	SBSTTA Bureau meeting	Rome, Italy
21	18 - 22 February 2008	Thirteenth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 13)	Rome, Italy
22	12-19 March 2008	Fifth meeting of the Open-Ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the context of the Protocol	Cartagena, Colombia

	Dates	Meeting	Venue
23	17-19 March 2008	Priority Activity 10 of the Programme of Work on Communication, Education and Public Awareness: Expert Workshop on Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Education	Paris, France
24	25-28 March 2008	Opportunities and challenges of responses to climate change for Indigenous and Local Communities, their Traditional Knowledge and Biological Diversity	Helsinki, Finland
25	26-27 March 2008	Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Central America	Mexico City, Mexico
26	31 March-3 April 2008	Workshop for Portuguese-Speaking Countries on Training and Implementation of Methodologies for Conservation of Biodiversity and Management of Protected Areas	Maputo, Mozambique
27	31 March-4 April 2008	Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for South America	Rio Branco, Acre, Brazil
28	7-9 April 2008	Asia Sub-Regional Workshop on Capacity-Building and Exchange of Experiences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
29	26 - 30 April 2008	Capacity-Building Workshop on Implementing NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Europe	Vilm, Germany
30	7-9 May 2008	Meeting of the Friends of the Co-Chairs of the fifth meeting of the Open-Ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Bonn, Germany
31	9-10 May 2008	Biosafety Clearing-House Training Workshop	Bonn, Germany
32	11-May-08	Meeting of the COP-MOP Bureau	Bonn, Germany
33	12-16 May 2008	Fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP 4)	Bonn, Germany
34	17-18 May 2008	LAC Prep meeting	Bonn, Germany
35	17-18 May 2008	African Prep meeting	Bonn, Germany
36	17-18 May 2008	Asia and the Pacific Prep meeting	Bonn, Germany
37	17-May-08	Capacity building Workshop for Women on CBD processes in preparation for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity	Bonn, Germany
38	18-May-08	COP Bureau meeting	Bonn, Germany
39	18-May-08	Meeting of the Clearing-House Mechanism Informal Advisory Committee (CHM-IAC)	Bonn, Germany
40	19-30 May 2008	COP-9 meeting	Bonn, Germany
41	24-May-08	First meeting of the Advisory Group for the preparation of the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook	Bonn, Germany
42	24-May-08	Open-ended Workshop of the Informal Advisory Committee (IAC) for Communication, Education and Public Awareness	Bonn, Germany
43	25-26 May 2008	Biodiversity Training Workshop for Journalists attending COP 9	Bonn, Germany
44	25-May-08	Second meeting of the Chairs of the Scientific Advisory Bodies of Biodiversity-Related Conventions	Bonn, Germany
45	31-May-08	GTI coordination mechanism meeting	Bonn, Germany
46	11-Jun-08	Business and Biodiversity Conference	Bonn, Germany

	Dates	Meeting	Venue
47	22-25 September 2008	Capacity-building Workshop for Central Africa on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and Mainstreaming of Biodiversity	Limbé, Cameroon
48	23-25 September	Latin American Sub-Regional Workshop on Protected Areas	City of Salinas, Province of Santa Elena, Ecuador
49	29 September - 3 October 2008	Capacity-building Workshop for Western Africa, Comoros and Djibouti on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) and Mainstreaming of Biodiversity	Ougadougou, Burkina Faso
50	4-5 October	COP Bureau meeting	Barcelona, Spain
51	21-Oct-08	Third Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Consortium of Scientific Partners	Brussels, Belgium
52	1-4 November 2008	Expert Workshop on Integrating Protected Areas into wider Land- and Seascapes	Isle of Vilm, Germany
53	3-6 November 2008	Workshop on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) for the Caribbean region	Trinidad and Tobago
54	3-7 November 2008	Capacity-building Workshop for the Caribbean region for National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs), Mainstreaming of Biodiversity and the Integration of Climate Change	Trinidad and Tobago
55	3-5 November 2008	Pacific Region Workshop on Indigenous Communities, Tourism and Biodiversity: New Information and Web-based Technologies	Apia, Samoa
56	6-7 November 2008	Expert Meeting on South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development	Montreal, Canada
57	12-14 November 2008	Global Indigenous Peoples' consultation on potential impacts of "Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD)" on Indigenous and Local Communities	Baguio, Philippines
58	17-18 November 2008	Fourth meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House	Montreal, Canada
59	17-21 November 2008	First meeting of the Second Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change	London, UK
60	19-21 November 2008	Fifth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
61	26-27 November 2008	COP Bureau meeting	Berlin, Germany
62	26-27 November 2008	SBSTTA Bureau meeting	Berlin, Germany
63	27-Nov-08	Joint COP and SBSTTA Bureau meeting	Berlin, Germany
64	28-Nov-08	COP-MOP Bureau meeting	Berlin, Germany
65	2-4 December 2008	Capacity-building workshop for the South, East and South East Asia on preparation of the fourth national reports	Tsukuba, Japan
66	2-5 December 2008	Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Concepts, Terms, Working Definitions and Sectoral Approaches	Windhoek, Namibia
67	14-18 December 2008	Capacity Development Workshop for the Arab states on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAP), and the Mainstreaming of Biodiversity	Cairo, Egypt

Annex II

**MEETINGS WITH HEADS OF AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER EVENTS
ATTENDED BY THE SECRETARIAT**

Date	Meeting
08 January 2008	'A billion trees for the planet' event organized by the City of Montreal – Montreal, Canada
08 January 2008	Teleconference with Germany, ABS Co-Chairs
10 January 2008	Participate as UNEP Expert for the Day on the issue of Marine and Coastal biodiversity
11 January 2008	Meet with the Brunei Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, the Vice Minister and the Ministry in charge of biodiversity, as well as meet with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Vice Minister of Development, and around 100 representatives of different stakeholders - Brunei Darussalam
11 January 2008	Held interviews with journalists of the Brunei Times and Borneo Bulletin as well as Brunei TV - Brunei Darussalam
12 January 2008	Deliver a presentation to various stakeholders in Brunei on the Convention on Biological Diversity - Brunei Darussalam
14 January 2008	Meet with representatives from different organizations in preparation for upcoming meetings (in association with CBD) on business and biodiversity, , Ottawa, Canada: National Resources-Canada, Environment Canada, Export Development Canada, Forest Products Association of Canada, Parks Canada, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Mining Association of Canada, and Tourism Industry Association of Canada
14 January 2008	Teleconference with the ABS Co-Chairs on final preparations for WG-ABS6
14 January 2008	Signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation with ASEAN Centre of Biodiversity - Singapore City, Singapore
14-16 January 2008	GEO Biodiversity Observation Network Workshop - Geneva, Switzerland
15 January 2008	Meeting with the Singapore Minister of National Development - Singapore City, Singapore
15-16 January 2008	Attend the European Invasive Alien Species Conference - Madrid, Spain
16 January 2008	Keynote speaker at the Singapore Environment Lecture - Singapore City, Singapore
16 January 2008	Interview with a journalist from the Singapore Straits Times as well as from a Chinese newspaper - Singapore City, Singapore
16-18 January 2008	Participate in the Workshop on a Gender Plan of Action - Chavanne-de-Bogis, Switzerland
18 January 2008	Attend the BioNET Fund Supervisory Board meeting - London, U.K.
18-19 January 2008	Participate in the Capacity-building Workshop and Briefing of African Delegates Prior to the ABSWG-6 Meeting - Geneva, Switzerland
21 January 2008	Deliver a lecture in biodiplomacy series: on "The future of biodiversity: the road to Nagoya 2010 and beyond" - United Nations University, Yokohoma, Japan
21-22 January 2008	Meet with representatives of the UNEP/GEF Team on Capacity Building Projects - Geneva, Switzerland
23 January 2008	Meeting with the delegation of Italy, attending ABS-6 – Geneva, Switzerland
23-25 January 2008	Attend the Strategic Planning Workshop on Global Ocean Issues in Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction in the context of Climate Change - Nice, France

Date	Meeting
23-25 January 2008	Take part in the Fourth meeting of the Partners to the Green Customs Initiative - Paris, France
24 January 2008	Meeting with the delegation of Japan, attending ABS-6 - Geneva, Switzerland
24 January 2008	Meeting with the Director of the Group on Earth Observations - Geneva, Switzerland
24 January 2008	Meeting with Senior Advisor, Consortium for the Barcode of Life, Smithsonian Institute - Geneva, Switzerland
25 January 2008	Meeting with the Head of Delegation of Switzerland attending ABS-6 - Geneva, Switzerland
28 January 2008	Meeting with Prof. Dr. Jessel, Head of BfN - Bonn, Germany
28-29 January 2008	Visit to Germany to meet with representatives from the Federal Ministry for the Environment as well as with officials from UNOV Security in preparation for the COP-MOP 4 and COP 9 meetings - Bonn, Germany
28-29 January 2008	Participate in the meeting of the UNEP-IUCN Payments for Ecosystem Services Review - Geneva, Switzerland
28-30 January 2008	Attend the Australian-Swiss Region-Led Initiative (RLI) on regional input in support of the United Nations Forum on Forests - Geneva, Switzerland
28 Jan–1 Feb 2008	Attend the 14 th Meeting of the Ramsar STRP - Gland, Switzerland
30 January 2008	Meeting with Mr. John Herity, Director of IUCN Canada Office - Montreal, Canada
30 January 2008	Participate in the Hass Business School Seminar - Berkeley, California, U.S.A.
30 January 2008	Meet with representatives from BMU with regard to COP-9 press issues - Bonn, Germany
30 January 2008	Represent CBD at a lecture on Negotiating Nature: Insights in the Process of a CBD Conference of the Parties - Bonn University, Germany
31 January 2008	Meeting via teleconference with the ABS Co-Chairs
31 January - 1 February 2008	Participate in a workshop on increased synergies between the secretariats of the CBD, UNCCD and UNFCCC on communications and outreach - Bonn, Germany
4-6 February 2008	Take part in the meeting of the International Organizing Committee for the Third World Climate Conference - Geneva, Switzerland
4-6 February 2008	Participate in the WTO Trade and Environment Regional Workshop for Caribbean Countries - Bridgetown, Barbados
4 February – 14 March 2008	Participate in the e-Discussion on Achieving Sustainable Development, hosted by MDGNet, organized by UN-DESA and UNDP (online discussion)
05 February 2008	Meet with Mr. Thierry Lefèvre, researcher from <i>Collège de France</i> (Paris) and Prof. Dr. Thora Martina Herrmann, Chair of Canada Research in Ethno-ecology and Biodiversity Conservation - Montreal, Canada
05 February 2008	Meet with Mr. Felipe Adrián Vázquez-Gálvez, Executive Director of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) - Montreal, Canada
6-8 February 2008	Attend the 61 st Council of the Federation of International Civil Servants Association - Torino, Italy
7-8 February 2008	Participate and deliver a statement at the International Conference: "100 Days to the U.N. Biodiversity Conference, Bonn 2008 - Civil Society's Demands to CBD Parties" - Berlin, Germany
8 February 2008	Press conference, in the margins of the International Conference: "100 Days to the U.N. Biodiversity Conference, Bonn 2008 - Civil Society's Demands to CBD Parties" - Berlin, Germany
08 February 2008	Interview with Mr. Marcus Frabken of the Green Magazine - Berlin, Germany

Date	Meeting
11 February 2008	Attend the side event organized by the Federal Government of Germany on 'The Lifeweb Initiative' - A Global Initiative on Protected Areas - Rome, Italy
12 February 2008	Meet with Mr. Peter Bos, Senior Officer, Directorate for Nature, Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality - Rome, Italy
13 February 2008	Meet with Mr. Jan Heino, FAO Assistant Director-General, Forestry Department - Rome, Italy
13 February 2008	Meet with Mr. Peter Hilliges of the <i>Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau</i> (KfW) - Rome, Italy
14-16 February 2008	Participate in the meeting of the Collaborative Partnership on Forests - UNFCCC Secretariat, Bonn, Germany
16 February 2008	Meet with Mr. Shakeel Bhatti - Rome, Italy
17 February 2008	Joint IPPC-CBD Secretariat meeting - Rome, Italy
17 February 2008	Meet with the Aichi-Nagoya delegation attending SBSTTA-13 - Rome, Italy
19 February 2008	Side event "Follow up of the consultative process towards an IMOSEB" - in the margins of SBSTTA-13, Rome, Italy
19 February 2008	Side event "Regional forest cooperation- reaching the 2010 biodiversity target and the UNFF global objectives on forests by 2015", in the margins of SBSTTA-13 - Rome, Italy
19 February 2008	Side event "Strengthening the knowledge base for implementation of the CBD - Presentation of the outcomes from the Fifth Trondheim Conference on Biodiversity", in the margins of SBSTTA-13 - Rome, Italy
19 February 2008	Meet with Mr. Christian Mersmann, Managing Director of the Global Mechanism of the UNCCD - Rome, Italy
19 February 2008	Joint informal meeting of the Bureaux of SBSTTA-13 and the Eleventh regular session of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture - Rome, Italy
19 February 2008	Meet with Ambassador Steffanini of France attending SBSTTA-13 - Rome, Italy
20 February 2008	Meet with NGOs, , Rome, Italy
20 February 2008	Meeting with Mr. Shakeel Bhatti - Rome, Italy
20 February 2008	Side event "UNEP GEF projects on conservation and sustainable use of agricultural biodiversity", in the margins of SBSTTA-13 - Rome, Italy
20 February 2008	Meeting with Mr. Parviz Koohafkan, Director Land and Water Division, Natural Resource Management and Environment Department, FAO - Rome, Italy
20 February 2008	Meet with Mr. Emile Frison, Director General of Bioversity International - Rome, Italy
20 February 2008	Meet with Mr. Christoph Bail, United Nations University - Rome, Italy
21 February 2008	Joint informal meeting of the Bureaux of SBSTTA-13 and the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources - Rome, Italy
22 February 2008	Meet with NFP for Japan, Ms. Horiuchi - Rome, Italy
22-23 February 2008	Workshop in preparation of the 12th session of the Intergovernmental Committee of WIPO - Chateau de Bossey, Switzerland
25-29 February 2008	Twelfth session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore - Geneva, Switzerland
24-28 February 2008	Participate in the workshop on Ecotourism and Sustainable Development - San Salvador, El Salvador
25-28 February 2008	Take part in the second International Conference on Health and Biodiversity - Galway, Ireland

Date	Meeting
26 February 2008	Visit and meeting with Ambassador Raymundo Magno, Permanent Representative of Brazil to ICAO, and two senior staff representatives - CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
26 February 2008	Interview via telephone with Mr. Eric Lyman, Special correspondent, BNA, Inc.
26 February 2008	Meet with representatives from the Museums Nature Montréal regarding IBD 2008 - Biodôme de Montréal, Canada
26-27 February 2008	Attend the Consultative Stakeholder meeting of the upcoming Programme for Capacity-Building for Multilateral Environmental Agreements in African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries - Brussels, Belgium
26-27 February 2008	Participate in the OHCHR-IASG Meeting - Geneva, Switzerland
26-28 February 2008	Take part in the United Nations Inter-Agency Security Management Network meeting - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
27 February 2008	Meet with Mrs. Tebib - Montreal, Canada
29 February 2008	Participate in a COHAB-2 Satellite Workshop on Business and Ecosystems: Innovation, opportunities and challenges for the private sector - Shannon, Ireland
3-14 March 2008	Participate as an expert in the UNEP-GEF Regional Training Workshop on the Biosafety Clearing-house for Africa, Asia and CEE - Cairo, Egypt
5-6 March 2008	Attend the international workshop on "The Economics of the Global Loss of Biological Diversity", organized by the European Commission and the German Federal Ministry of Environment - Brussels, Belgium
6-7 March 2008	Take part in the International Workshop on Biodiversity and Climate Change - Beijing, China
7-9 March 2008	Participate in the UNEP Workshop on Knowledge Management among Biodiversity-related Conventions - UNEP-WCMC Office, Cambridge, U.K.
11-14 March 2008	Attend the Sub-regional Workshop on Mechanism for Biodiversity Data-Sharing and Information - Hanoi, Vietnam
12 March 2008	Meet via teleconference with UNEP Nairobi regarding the UNEP Executive Management Retreat
12 March 2008	Deliver a presentation entitled " <i>Faire carrière à l'ONU dans le domaine de l'environnement</i> " at the ACNU-Grand Montréal Forum sur les opportunités d'emploi à l'ONU - Montreal, Canada
12-14 March 2008	Attend the CFIA Canada – Science Symposium on Plant Risk Assessment Challenges for the 21 st Century: New Crops and New Uses - Ottawa, Canada
13 March 2008	Visit of Ms. Linda Collette, Senior Agricultural Officer at FAO
13 March 2008	Meet with Mr. Dever, Scientific Advisor at the French Embassy in Ottawa - Ottawa, Canada
13 March 2008	Visit of Mr. Robert Lamb, Television Trust for the Environment TVE - Montreal, Canada
14 March 2008	Meet with the ABS Co-Chair to discuss follow up of the sixth meeting of the <i>Ad hoc</i> Working Group on Access and Benefit-Sharing - Montreal, Canada
14 March 2008	Meet with representatives of IUCN on biodiversity for development - Montreal, Canada
14 March 2008	Meet with Mr. Suhel Al-Janabi, GeoMedia / German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) - Montreal, Canada
14 March 2008	Meet with Ms. Jessica Dempsey (NGO Alliance), Mr. Eric Darier (Greenpeace) and Mr. Jim Thomas (ETC Group) - Montreal, Canada
17 March 2008	Deliver a statement and take part in the Jewish-Canadian Youth Model United Nations conference (luncheon) - Montreal, Canada

Date	Meeting
17 March 2008	Meet with senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Canada - Ottawa, Canada
18 March 2008	Meeting via teleconference with the Chairs of COP-9 Working Groups I and II
18 March 2008	Meet with the Consul General of Chile in Montreal on the preparation of the Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Preparatory meeting for COP-9 - CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
18-20 March 2008	Attend the first meeting of the Working Group on Marine Spatial Management Guidelines and Principles” - UNESCO-IOC office, Paris, France
19 March 2008	Guest speaker on biodiversity challenges at the Gala organized by <i>La Fondation québécoise en environnement</i> - Montreal, Canada
19-20 March 2008	Participate in the Equator Initiative Board meeting - New York, U.S.A.
20 March 2008	Meet with Mr. Walter Erdelen, UNESCO Assistant Director General for Natural Sciences - Paris, France
20 March 2008	Visit of the Chair and representatives of the Group of 77 to the Secretariat - Montreal, Canada
20 March 2008	Visit of His Excellency Mr. Daniel Jouanneau, Ambassador of France to Canada - Montreal, Canada
20 March 2008	Meeting with a private company CONVENTION from Japan on COP-10 - Montreal, Canada
25 March 2008	Participate in the meeting of the OECD Working Group on Economic Aspects of Biodiversity (WGEAB) - Paris, France
25 March 2008	Visit of senior officials of the Aichi-Prefecture and Nagoya to the Secretariat - Montreal, Canada
25-27 March 2008	Participate as a speaker in the second meeting of the "International Indigenous Caucus on Access and Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Biodiversity" - Brasilia, Brazil
25-28 March 2008	Participate in the Scientific Committee of DIVERSITAS - Paris, France
25 March- 7 April 2008	Visit of the External Auditors from the United Nations Board of Auditors - Montreal, Canada
25-27 March 2008	Deliver a statement and participate at the second meeting of the International Indigenous Caucus on Access and Protection of Traditional Knowledge and Biodiversity - Brasilia, Brazil
26 March 2008	Meet via teleconference with the Chair of COP-9 Working Group I
26 March 2008	Attend and deliver presentations at the OECD Workshop of biodiversity and climate experts on reducing deforestation: linkages, synergies and limitations - Paris, France
27 March 2008	Visit of Ms. Amy Fraenkel, Director, UNEP Regional Office for North America
27 March 2008	Participate as a speaker in « <i>Le Colloque sur les plantes exotiques envahissantes</i> » at the Montreal Botanical Gardens - Montreal, Canada
27 March 2008	Presentation at the McGill University on the topic “Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility Dialogue” - Montreal, Canada
27-28 March 2008	Attend and deliver the welcoming address at the opening session of the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Finance Conference - New York, U.S.A.
28 March 2008	Take part in the « <i>Planète Nature</i> » RTBF (<i>Télévision Belge</i>) show on biodiversity, via satellite from Belgium - RDI/SRC studio, Montreal
28-29 March 2008	Take part in the discussion on IMoSEB and MA follow up - Paris, France
31 March 2008	Meet with senior representatives from the Finnish Environment Ministry -

Date	Meeting
	Helsinki, Finland
02 April 2008	Meet with Ms. Louise-Esther Fortin, <i>Ministère des relations internationales du Québec</i> - CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
02 April 2008	Meet via teleconference with the two ABS co-Chairs
2-4 April 2008	Participate in the International Expert Group Meeting on Indigenous Peoples and Climate Change - Darwin, Australia
2-6 April 2008	Attend the Third Conference of the School of Athens and take part in the panel on biodiversity and disaster management and biodiversity and climate change - Athens, Greece
03 April 2008	Brief the Ambassadors of G-77, JUSCANZ and EU on the preparation of MOP-4 and COP-9 - New York, U.S.A.
03 April 2008	Meet with the President and the Executive Secretary of the G-77 - New York, U.S.A.
04 April 2008	Meet with the United Nations External Auditors
07 April 2008	Visit of Steve Gorman, Executive Coordinator, World Bank/GEF
7 April 2008	Meet via teleconference with the Chairs of the COP-9 Working Groups I and II
7-9 April 2008	Take part and act as presenter at the Indigenous Training Workshop on the CBD process and enhanced preparation for COP-9 - Kuna Yala, Panama
7-11 April 2008	Participate in the Fourth Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts and Islands: Advancing ecosystem management and integrated coastal and ocean management in the context of climate change, organized by Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts and Islands - Hanoi, Vietnam (To also attend the pre-conference on 6 April 2008)
7-15 April 2008	Attend the UNEP Training Course on Sustainable Management for the Iraqi - Damascus, Syria
08 April 2008	Deliver a statement on the occasion of the KfW and BioFrankfurt Evening on "Achievements of the CBD and Challenges of COP 9 and Beyond" - Frankfurt, Germany
08 April 2008	Meet with representatives of KfW - Frankfurt, Germany
09 April 2008	Meet with Ms. Petra Bierwirth, Chairwoman of the Committee on Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of the German Bundestag - Berlin, Germany
9-11 April 2008	Attend the expert workshop on Preventing Biological Invasions: Best Practices in Pre-import Risk Screening for Species of Live Animals in International Trade - University of Notre Dame, Indiana, U.S.A.
09 April 2008	Attend and address the International Conference on the Conservation of biological diversity at the German Parliament with the Chancellor of Germany - Berlin, Germany
10 April 2008	Meet with NGO representatives - Montreal, Canada
10-12 April 2008	Participate and contribute to the Meeting of African Leaders on Access and Benefit-Sharing in preparation for the High-Level Segment of COP-9 - Mahé, Seychelles and meetings with the Ministers of Environment attending the meeting
12 April 2008	Interview with local Seychelles TV and Radio stations - Mahé, Seychelles
12 April 2008	Participate in the Symposium on Environmental Economics for Sustainable Development at the Université de Sherbrooke à Longueuil - Montreal, Canada
14-18 April 2008	Participate in the UNEP Retreat for MEAs - Nairobi, Kenya
15 April 2008	Meet with the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Environment Programme and deliver a presentation on COP-9 - Nairobi, Kenya

Date	Meeting
15 April 2008	Attend the Baobab Awards Ceremony - UNEP, Nairobi, Kenya
15-16 April 2008	Attend the preparatory meeting organized by a consortium of partners (WWF, IUCN, Wetlands International, FIBA) for COP-9 - Banjul, The Gambia
17 April 2008	Meeting on UNEP Poverty and Environment Initiative - Nairobi, Kenya
17 April 2008	Attend the CPF strategic meeting on forests and climate change at FAO - Rome, Italy
17 April 2008	Meet with FAO staff to discuss COP-9 side events - Rome, Italy
18 April 2008	Meet with Regional Directors of UNEP - Nairobi, Kenya
18 April 2008	Represented (by Ramsar) at the Bystroe Canal Project - Bucharest, Romania
19 April 2008	Take part in the Montreal Children's Library Earth Day Children's Event - Montreal, Canada
20-25 April 2008	Attend the first Asia Pacific Forestry Week, and Asia Pacific Regional Forestry Commission meeting and take part in the panel discussion to regional forest activities - Hanoi, Vietnam
21 April 2008	Take part as a panelist for the opening press conference of the UNPFII - New York, U.S.A.
21-25 April 2008	Attend and address the opening plenary of the Sixth session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues - New York, U.S.A.
22 April 2008	Meet with the United Nations Assistant Secretary General of Policy Coordination and Strategic Planning in the Office of the Secretary General - New York, U.S.A.
22 April 2008	Meet with the Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations - New York, U.S.A.
22-23 April 2008	Attend the Inception Workshop on BIGMAP-CABI Compendium on GM Agriculture and Biosafety - Iowa, U.S.A.
23 April 2008	Meet with the UNEP Deputy Executive Director - New York, U.S.A.
23 April 2008	Meet with the Director of UNEP New York Office - New York, U.S.A.
23 April 2008	Meet with the Executive Secretary of the Group of 77 - New York, U.S.A.
23 April 2008	Meet with the Director of Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination - New York, U.S.A.
23 April 2008	Meet with the Ambassador of the Permanent Mission of Andorra to the United Nations - New York, U.S.A.
23 April 2008	Attend the launch of the publication "Sustaining Life: How Human Health Depends on Biodiversity" - New York, U.S.A.
24 April 2008	Attend a luncheon organized by Les Conseils des Relations Internationales de Montreal (CORIM), with guest Her Excellency Monique Gagnon-Tremblay, Quebec Minister of International Relations and Minister Responsible for La Francophonie, to speak on the theme: "Politique internationale du Québec: bilan et perspectives d'avenir" - Montreal, Canada
24 April 2008	Meet with Chair, Independent Panel on Safety and Security of U.N. Personnel and Premises Worldwide - New York, U.S.A.
25 April 2008	Meet with the Officer-in-charge of the United Nations Forum on Forests - New York, U.S.A.
28 April – 2 May 2008	Attend the second meeting of 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 - New York, U.S.A.
29-30 April 2008	Participate in the Group of 77 Panel of Eminent Experts on a Development Platform for the South, - St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda

Date	Meeting
29-30 April 2008	<i>Atelier organisé par le GTZ (Tunisie) en vue de préparer une nouvelle composante d'un projet de coopération tuniso-allemande qui devrait porter sur la synergie entre les trois conventions</i> - Tunis, Tunisia
1-2 May 2008	Visit of Ms. Nandhini Iyer Krishna, UNCCD-CBD Liaison Officer in New York - Montreal, Canada
1-2 May 2008	Take part in the ASEAN Pre-CBD COP-9 Workshop - Manila, Philippines
05 May 2008	Participate and deliver an opening statement at the sixteenth session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development - New York, U.S.A.
05 May 2008	Visit of Consul General of Algeria in Montreal - Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
05 May 2008	Visit of Vice President, Montreal International - Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
06 May 2008	Meet via teleconference with the ABS Co-Chairs, COP-9 Chairs of the Working Groups and representatives from the German Federal Ministry of Environment
07 May 2008	Visit and meeting with the two ABS Co-Chairs - Montreal, Canada
7-9 May 2008	Take part in the Meeting of the Friends of the Co-Chairs of the fifth meeting of the Open-Ended Ad Hoc Working Group of Legal and Technical Experts on Liability and Redress in the Context of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety - Bonn, Germany
08 May 2008	Take part in the panel on "Confronting Environmental Intolerance – Art, Action and Human Security" in the margins of the "Art Changing Attitudes toward the Environment" seminar series - New York, U.S.A.
08 May 2008	Meeting via teleconference with the Chair of Working Group II for COP-9
08 May 2008	Biodiversity panelist at Environment Canada-AIRD scenarios workshop - McGill University, Montreal, Canada
10-11 May 2008	Take part in the Africa Union Preparatory Meeting of African Delegates to the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, COP-MOP 4 - Bonn, Germany
12-16 May 2008	Took part in several press conferences: opening of COP-MOP4; briefing on Liability and Redress; briefing on Handling, Transport, Packaging and Identification; briefing CBD Secretariat: Risk Assessment; and closing of COP-MOP 4
12-16 May 2008	Interviews during COP-MOP 4 with a number of media organizations, including Deutschwelle Radio, Deutschlandradio, Reuters Berlin, and Deutschwelle French Programme, among others
12-16 May 2008	Bilateral meetings held with heads of delegation/senior representatives from Governments attending the COP-MOP 4 meeting
12-16 May 2008	Bilateral meetings held with heads and/or representatives of United Nations specialized agencies, international and non-governmental organizations attending the COP-MOP 4 meeting
12 May 2008	Meeting with the Minister Frau Ursula Heinen, Deputy Minister, German Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection, in her capacity as COP-MOP 4 President
12 May 2008	Took part in the Planet of Diversity Conference
12 May 2008	Side event: Training and the BCH Regional Advisors
13 May 2008	Side event "Biodiversity Research – Safeguarding the Future"

Date	Meeting
13 May 2008	Participate in the Policy Dialogue “Climate Change, biodiversity and food security in marine environments”
13 May 2008	Reception hosted by the Council of the European Union
14 May 2008	Participate in a public panel on Addressing Climate Change: A challenge for International Cooperation
14 May 2008	Opening remarks at the International Youth Conference "Biodiversity on the Edge"
14 May 2008	Biodiversity on the Edge - International Youth Conference for the Protection of Biological Diversity
14 May 2008	Attend the European Parliament hearing, as well as participate in an interview, on biodiversity and climate change
15 May 2008	Meeting with Mr. Abdul-Hakim Elwaer, Director, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission
15 May 2008	Meeting with Ms. Maryam Niamir-Fuller, Director, UNEP/DGEF
15 May 2008	Meet with Mr. Luc Gnacadja, Executive Secretary, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
16 May 2008	Deliver opening remarks at the “CBD Alliance - CBD Capacity Building Day”
16 May 2008	Side Event on Planet Diversity - Presentation of Results and the Bonn Manifesto
16 May 2008	Address at the COP 9 IIFB Preparatory Meeting
18 May 2008	Naturathlon – The Course of the World
18 May 2008	Business and Biodiversity Forum Inaugural session
18 May 2008	Consultations with the ABS Working Group Chairs
19 May 2008	Greenpeace 'Kids for Earth Event
19 May 2008	Concert on the occasion of the 9th COP - LIVE NATURE
19-30 May 2008	Bilateral meetings held with heads and/or representatives of United Nations specialized agencies, international and non-governmental organizations attending the COP 9 meeting
19-30 May 2008	Bilateral meetings held with heads of delegations/senior representatives from Governments attending the COP 9 meeting
19-30 May 2008	Interviews during COP 9 with a number of media organizations, including: Radio France, Channel Africa, local German newspapers, <i>Tokyo Shimbun</i> newspaper, Channel 3 Algerian National Radio in Arabic and French, State of Parana TV Network, Nikkei Ecology, among others
19-30 May 2008	Took part in several press conferences: opening and closing of COP 9, greening of COP 9, International Day for Biological Diversity, launching of CBD publication on ABS, among others
19-30 May 2008	Took part in several press briefings: on reducing the loss of biodiversity by 2010, on agricultural biodiversity, and the signature of agreement with the State of Parana, among others
20 May 2008	LifeWeb Initiative Side Event
20 May 2008	Side Event: Progress in implementing the global strategy for plant conservation and launch of the plant conservation report
21 May 2008	International Year of the Planet Earth and the CBD Side Event

Date	Meeting
21 May 2008	International Polar Year Side Event
21 May 2008	Meeting of the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions
21 May 2008	Reception - Integrating biodiversity Conservation into Agricultural production
21 May 2008	Launch of 'Sustaining Life' publication
22 May 2008	Breakfast Meeting with Minister Gabriel, ABS Co-Chairs, Working Group Chairs and Jochen Flasbarth
22 May 2008	Meeting with representatives of the Business Community attending COP-9
22 May 2008	Opening of the Countdown 2010 Assembly
22 May 2008	Launch of the Green Wave initiative
22 May 2008	International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Celebrating the International Day for Biological Diversity
22 May 2008	International Day for Biological Diversity: A business perspective
22 May 2008	Side Event on Best Practices for Development, Implementation and Evaluation of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and Mainstreaming Biodiversity- Findings from Regional Workshops on NBSAPs
23 May 2008	Signature of Memorandum of Understanding with the Bern Convention
23 May 2008	Side Event on the Programme of Work of Protected Areas
27 May 2008	High Level Dialogue with Parliamentarians
24 May 2008	Opening remarks at the Biodiversity for Poverty Reduction Day
24 May 2008	GBO-3 Advisory Group meeting,
24 May 2008	UNEP Biodiversity Forum meeting
24 May 2008	Quick Time Film Festival Aware Ceremony
26 May 2008	Side event on Cities and Biodiversity, followed by media event
26 May 2008	International Year of the Reef side event
26 May 2008	Launch of Nature Inc, a new series putting an economic value on biodiversity
26-28 May	Mayors Conference: Local Action for Biodiversity
27 May 2008	High Level Policy Dialogue on theme "Coping with Today's Global Challenges in the Context of the Strategy of the UNCCD"
27 May 2008	International Youth Summit - Go4 BioDiv
27 May 2008	Heart of Borneo : Bridging Conservation and Sustainable Development in Three Countries, Side Event
27 May 2008	Two Practical Tools to Help In The National Implementation of ABS: A Folder and an Electronic Presentation Templates (Quebec)
27 May 2008	High level panel discussion on Biodiversity for Development and Poverty Alleviation
27 May 2008	Global Island Partnership Event: A celebration of island leadership: Voluntary Commitments to Conservation and Sustainable Livelihoods on Islands
28 May 2008	Opening of the High Level Segment of COP-9
28 May 2008	Official Luncheon with German Chancellor Angela Merkel
28 May 2008	Signature of WWF Commitments on Forests

Date	Meeting
28 May 2008	Side Event: High Level Window on COP10: Biodiversity in Japan's Satoyama and Satoumi (Traditional Rural Landscapes)
28 May 2008	Signature of COMIFAC Memorandum of Understanding
29 May 2008	Meeting of a Network of Women Ministers and Leaders for Environment
29 May 2008	Side event: Indigenous Entrepreneurship and Biological Diversity, organized by AVEDA
29 May 2008	Big Win for Dinaric Arc high-level event
29 May 2008	Side event: The Alpine Ecological Network – A Contribution to the Global Network of Protected Areas
29 May 2008	Signature of Memorandum of Cooperation with Alpine Convention and the Carpathian Convention
29 May 2008	Side event: Natura 2000 – Europe's practical commitment to the 2010
30 May 2008	Heads of Agency Task Force Breakfast meeting
31 May 2008	Biodiversity-related Conventions Liaison Group meeting
31 May 2008	Meeting of the Global Taxonomy Initiative Coordination Mechanism
01 June 2008	Attend a meeting on soil biodiversity, organized by the Joint Research Center of the European Commission - Ispra, Italy
2-3 June 2008	Participate in the United Nations Ocean Meeting - Paris, France
2-5 June 2008	Participate in the Global Invasive Species Information Network (GISIN) Data Providers Workshop - Athens, Georgia
04 June 2008	Attend the UNEP Initiative on assessing trade impacts on biodiversity in six APC countries National Review Meeting - Yaoundé, Cameroon
04 June 2008	Panelist at "The Arctic – A Barometer for Global Climate Change" event, organized by the Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region, together with the Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations - New York, U.S.A. (also met with the panelists at the Norwegian Mission prior to the event)
04 June 2008	Held meetings in New York with: Ambassador Johan Lovald of Norway, the Chief of the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, the President of the United Nations General Assembly, the Special Assistant of the newly-elected President of the United Nations General Assembly, the President of the Group of 77, as well as the Executive Secretary of the Group of 77
04 June 2008	Working lunch with the UNDP Director of Environment and Energy - New York, U.S.A.
09 June 2008	Meet with the Mayor of Montreal - Montreal, Canada
09 June 2008	Luncheon meeting hosted by the Premier of Quebec - Montreal, Canada
9-12 June 2008	Attend the FAO Forestry Commission Meeting for North America - San Juan, Puerto Rico
11 June 2008	Visit of students from Concordia University - Montreal, Canada
11 June 2008	Business and Biodiversity Seminar – Université de Montréal, Québec
11-12 June 2008	Attend the IPIECA stakeholder engagement meeting - San Francisco, U.S.A.
12 June 2008	Meet representatives from the Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs du Québec - Quebec City, Canada

Date	Meeting
14 June 2008	Deliver a keynote statement at the Kick Off seminar for the success of COP-10 held in Nagoya, organized by the Ministry of Environment of Japan in collaboration with the "COP10 promotion Committee" of Aichi prefecture and the city of Nagoya - Nagoya, Japan, also took part in a press conference at the end of event covered by all the 4 TV channels of Nagoya as well as major newspaper
14 June 2008	Meet with representatives of NGOs based in Nagoya - Nagoya, Japan
15 June 2008	Deliver a keynote presentation at the Asahi Forum on COP10 - Nagoya, Japan
15 June 2008	Held bilateral meetings with the Parliamentary Minister, with the Governor and the Vice-Governor of Aichi as well as the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on the preparation of COP-10 - Nagoya, Japan
16 June 2008	Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Higashiyama Botanical Gardens, as well as with the Nagoya City University - Nagoya, Japan
16 June 2008	Briefing on COP-10 with Deputy Mayors - Nagoya, Japan
16 June 2008	Deliver a presentation on Nagoya challenges at the G8 Dialogue Series organized by United Nations University - Tokyo, Japan
16 June 2008	Held bilateral meeting with the Vice-Rector of the United Nations University - Tokyo, Japan
16 June 2008	Meet with representatives of NGOs based in Tokyo - Tokyo, Japan
17 June 2008	Held bilateral meeting with the Minister of the Environment, and other senior officials from the Ministry - Tokyo, Japan
17 June 2008	Meet with relevant Directors of all Japanese Ministries, including the Ministry of Industry - Tokyo, Japan
17 June 2008	Meet with the Director General and the Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Tokyo, Japan
17 June 2008	Meet with all the members of the Nippon Keidaren Committee - Tokyo, Japan
17 June 2008	Three interviews with major newspapers and TV - Tokyo, Japan
17-21 June 2008	Take part in the Tunza International Children's Conference on the Environment - Stavanger, Norway
18 June 2008	Meet with the Vice President of JICA - Tokyo, Japan
18 June 2008	Attend the opening of the Madagascar exhibit at the Montréal Biodôme - Montreal, Canada
19-22 June 2008	Meet with the Executive Director and other senior officials of the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) on the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between the CBD and ACB - Manila, Philippines
19-20 June 2008	Visit of senior staff members from the Global Biodiversity Information Facility - Montreal, Canada
19-20 June 2008	Visit of Peter Bos, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, Netherlands - Montreal, Canada
20 June 2008	Meet with Philippine Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, as well as with Philippine Senator Juan Miguel Zubiri, principal author of the Wildlife Conservation Act and founder of the Philippine Deer Foundation - Manila, Philippines
21 June 2008	Meet with more than 30 representatives of civil society, and held a press conference with over 50 foreign and Filipino journalists. The Executive Secretary also met the Los Baños science community, comprising over 20 partners, with the participation of the Honourable Caesar Perez, the Mayor of Los Baños - Manila, Philippines

Date	Meeting
21 June 2008	Held four bilateral interviews with local Philippine media, with the participation of a Japanese newspaper accredited in Manila - Manila, Philippines
23 June 2008	Meet with the CEO of the National Parks of Singapore - Singapore City, Singapore
24 June 2008	Took part in the “World Cities Summit”, and participated as panelist in the session on “Biodiversity in Sustainable Cities” - Singapore City, Singapore
24-25 June 2008	Meet with Minister Mah, the Director of the National Biodiversity Center, as well as Professor Tommy Koh - Singapore City, Singapore
24-25 June 2008	Meet with the Deputy Mayor of Nagoya and the Deputy Mayor of Busan, Mayor of Wellington and the Vice Minister of Industry and Primary Resources of Brunei - Singapore City, Singapore
24-25 June 2008	Held interviews with <i>The Straits Times</i> and the <i>Singapore Press Holdings</i>
25-26 June 2008	Hosting of the second meeting of the 2010 Biodiversity Indicators Partnership – CBD Secretariat, Montreal, Canada
26 June 2008	Presentation by Charles Besançon, Head of the Protected Areas Programme at UNEP-WCMC on the advances made on the World Database on Protected Areas - Montreal, Canada
26-27 June 2008	Participate via teleconference at the First Meeting of the Inter-Agency Task Force on UNCCD Reporting Guidelines - Bonn, Germany
27 June 2008	Meeting with officials of AIRBUS - Toulouse France
28 June-5 July 2008	Take part as a resource person in the UNITAR training workshop on Wetlands, Biodiversity and Climate Change – Kushiro, Japan
01 July 2008	Meeting with the Director, Outreach Division, UN/DPI - New York, U.S.A
1 July 2008	Briefing of the Ambassadors of the Group of 77 on the outcome of COP-9 - New York, U.S.A.
02 July 2008	Participated in the High-Level Dialogue on “The Role of Ecosystem Services in Sustainable Development” - New York, U.S.A.
03 July 2008	Meeting with the Coordinator of the United Nations Regional Commissions - New York, U.S.A
03 July 2008	Meeting with the United Nations Under Secretary-General for Safety and Security - New York, U.S.A.
03 July 2008	Meeting with the Executive Director, UN-HABITAT - New York, U.S.A.
1-3 July 2008	Attend the second international review meeting - UNEP Initiative on assessing impacts of trade liberalization on biodiversity - Geneva, Switzerland
05 July 2008	Take part in the celebrations of the National Day of Algeria - Ottawa, Canada
07 July 2008	Telephone interview with Radio Algeria
07 July 2008	Attend the Forum on Gender and Environment - Mexico City, Mexico
7-11 July 2008	Visit of Catalina Santamaria of UNFF, as part of UNFF-CBD staff exchange programme
7-11 July 2008	Participated in the European Union and its Overseas Entities: Strategies to counter Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss”, including attendance at GLISPA side event - St. Denis, Reunion Island
08 July 2008	Teleconference with ABS Co-Chairs
10 July 2008	Interview with One Planet Pictures - St. Denis, Reunion Island
11 & 16 July 2008	Meeting via teleconference for the socio-economic considerations project

Date	Meeting
12-13 July 2008	Attend the International Coral Reef Initiative General meeting - Florida, U.S.A.
16 July 2008	Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with AIRBUS, in the margins of the Farnborough International Airshow - Farnborough, U.K.
16 July 2008	Sustainable Aviation Briefing Event, in the margins of the Farnborough International Airshow - Farnborough, U.K.
16 July 2008	Visit of the members of the German Parliament
16 July 2008	Visit of Ryo Kohsaka
21 July 2008	Visit of Nooriya Koshen Chief, Staff Development & Training Unit Human Resources Management Services (UNON), followed by a meeting with the CBD Retreat Task Force
21-25 July 2008	Visit and meet with staff of the United Nations Forum on Forests - New York, U.S.A.
21-25 July 2008	Attendance as expert to UNEP-GEF Regional Training Workshop on the BCH for Asia-Pacific - Nadi, Fiji
21-25 July 2008	Take part in the scoping exercise on socio-economic considerations, organized by UNEP-GEF - Mexico City, Mexico
24 July 2008	Meeting via teleconference of the Consortium of Scientific Partners on Biodiversity
30-31 July 2008	Meeting with the Algerian Ministers of Agriculture and Environment, to discuss IYB meeting in 2010 - Algiers, Algeria
30-31 July 2008	Interview with Algeria Radio TV and other local newspapers - Algiers, Algeria
04 August 2008	Visit of Judith Hushagen from MANNET for debriefing on the Staff Opinion Survey for UNEP and the UNEP MEA Secretariats
05 August 2008	Visit of the new Consul General of Chile to Montreal
06 August 2008	Visit of the new Consul General of Algeria to Montreal
07 August 2008	Meet with the United Nations Secretary General, with the participation of the Chef du Cabinet, the Director of the Secretary-General's Climate Change Support Team and the joint UNCCD-UNCBD Liaison Officer - New York, U.S.A.
07 August 2008	Take part in the CI/UNEP-WCMC Workshop on REDD Biodiversity Benefits - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
7-9 August 2008	Deliver presentations and participate as a resource person in two meetings organised for countries of the COMIFAC region: Capacity development workshop for Indigenous and Local Community representatives of the Central African region on the CBD, in particular ABS and 8(j) programmes of work, 5-6 August 2008; Meeting of the GTBAC on the COP 9 outcomes and ABS process in the region - Hotel Makepe Palace, Douala, Cameroon
08 August 2008	Visit the Parque de Papa (Potato Park) - Pisco, Peru
08 August 2008	Meet with the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, as well as the Officer-in-Charge of CSD - New York, U.S.A.
08 August 2008	Meet with the Secretary of the Doha meeting on financing for development - New York, U.S.A.
08 August 2008	Meet with the Director for Programmes, UNICEF - New York, U.S.A.
11 August 2008	Meet with the Chief of Security Section at ICAO, , Montreal, Canada
9-12 August 2008	Attend the GISIN Data Providers Workshop - Elmira, New York, U.S.A.
10-11 October 2008	Keynote presentation and panel member: GTZ Workshop "Integrating biodiversity conservation into climate protection" - Bonn, Germany

Date	Meeting
12 August 2008	Visit of Timothy Hodges, Co-chair, Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing
12-13 August 2008	Visit of the representative of the COP-9 President and German focal point
13 August 2008	Take part in the World Youth Congress - Quebec City, Quebec, Canada
13-14 August 2008	Deliver a presentation at the APEC Working Group on Intellectual Property on ABS and Traditional Knowledge - Lima, Peru
14 August 2008	Visit of senior officials from the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans
14 August 2008	Visit of Mr. Robert Litzler, President of AQPERE, <i>Trésorier de l'organisation internationale Planet'ERE, Co-organisateur du 5e Congrès mondial d'éducation relative à l'environnement</i> - Montreal, Canada
15 August 2008	Meet with Peruvian Society for Environmental Law as well as deliver a presentation on current developments regarding the ABS International Regime to the <i>Centro Internacional de Papas/International Potato Centre</i> - Lima, Peru
16-17 August 2008	Participate in the ninth coordination meeting of the United Nations Water - Stockholm, Sweden
17-23 August 2008	Attend the World Water Week - Stockholm, Sweden
18 August 2008	Participate in the third coordination meeting of the United Nations Water Task Force on Transboundary Waters - Stockholm, Sweden
18 August 2008	Meeting with Ms. Line Beauchamp, <i>Ministre du Développement Durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs, Québec</i> - Montreal, Canada
20 August 2008	Meeting with Mr. André Gamache, Director of Montreal International - Montreal, Canada
22 August 2008	Meeting with senior officials from the <i>Ministère des relations internationales du Québec</i> - Montreal, Canada
21-23 August 2008	Take part as a commentator in the panel on "Marine Genetic Resources and Bioprospecting" at the international conference "The World Ocean in Globalization: Challenges for Marine Regions" - Oslo, Norway
25-28 August 2008	Take part in the Asian Regional Workshop on Biodiversity Indicators and Database Use and Applications, organized by the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity - Siem Reap, Cambodia
26 August 2008	Attend the WIPO Symposium on Patent Landscaping and Transfer of Technology under the Multilateral Environment Agreements - Geneva, Switzerland
27 August 2008	Take part in the MEA Management Team meeting via teleconference
28-29 August 2008	Meet with UNEP-WCMC staff to discuss collaboration on the POW on Protected Areas, WDPA and CHM-related matters - Cambridge, U.K.
29 August 2008	Launching of the web page dedicated for the fifth anniversary of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
1 – 2 September 2008	Meeting with Brazilian officers of the Ministry of Environment and Brazilian National Park Service (ICMbio) Sao Paulo, Brazil
3-5 September 2008	Participate in the second meeting of the International Organizing Committee for the World Climate Conference-3 (WIOC-2), Geneva, Switzerland
3-7 September 2008	Keynote presentation and contribution to Adventure Travel World Summit – South America, organized by the Adventure Travel Trade Association and the Brazilian Adventure Travel Association, Sao Paulo, Brazil
7 – 26 September 2008	Handover of the BCH Help System Project from UNEP-GEF to SCBD, including training (with developers) on system building process and final transfer of all help and training material, Montevideo, Uruguay

Date	Meeting
03 September 2008	Bilateral meetings with senior officials of the cabinet of the Minister and the Secretary of State of Environment as well as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France, in their capacity as EU President, Paris, France
04 September 2008	Meeting with the Director of the <i>Institut du développement durable et des relations internationales</i> (IDDRI), Paris, France
04 September 2008	Meeting with the Director General of UNESCO, as well as the Assistant Director General for Earth Sciences and Assistant Director General for Natural Sciences, Paris, France
04 September 2008	Meeting with the new Director, Environment Management Group (EMG), Paris, France
04 September 2008	Attend the planning meeting of Airline Companies, Paris, France
05 September 2008	Keynote presentation at the “Cycle des Conference 2008” focused on biodiversity, Paris, France
08 September 2008	Meeting with the Swiss Ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva
08 September 2008	<i>Presentation at L’Institut de Formation de l’Environnement, Geneva, Switzerland</i>
08 September 2008	Joint presentation with the Executive Secretary of UNCCD on COP9 to the Diplomatic Corps in Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland
08 September 2008	Signature of the MOU with the Group on Earth Observations Secretariat, Geneva, Switzerland
8 – 10 September 2008	Take part in a training workshop on climate neutrality, New York, U.S.A.
09 September 2008	UNEP Expert for the Day on the 5th Anniversary of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
9 – 10 September 2008	Participate in a refresher training course on security, organized by the Security section of ICAO, in conjunction with the Montreal Fire Department, Montreal, Canada
11 September 2008	Bilateral meetings with the new Minister of Environment of Japan, Director General of nature Conservation and relevant Directors at the Ministry of Environment, Tokyo, Japan
11 September 2008	Fifth anniversary of the entry into force of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
11 September 2008	Meeting with representatives of Japanese NGOs, Tokyo, Japan
12 September 2008	Presentation at the 6 th International Conference on Science and Technology on “Biodiversity, well-being and sustainable society”, Tokyo, Japan
11 – 12 September 2008	Participate in the Bern Convention Expert Meeting on biodiversity and climate change, Strasbourg, France
13 - 15 September 2008	Presentation at the 16 th Environment Congress for Asia and Pacific (ECO ASIA 2008) on Biodiversity Challenges and responses: Towards the Nagoya Biodiversity Summit”, Nagoya, Japan
14 September 2008	Meeting with the COP10 Promotion Committee Nagoya, Japan
14 September 2008	Meeting with members of the COP-10 Promotion Committee, including the Mayor of Nagoya and the Vice-Governor of Aichi, Nagoya, Japan
14 September 2008	Meeting with representatives from the Keideran, Nagoya, Japan
14 September 2008	Visited and COP10 booth on “energy and environment, at the international trade fair Messe Nagoya, Nagoya, Japan
14 September 2008	Meeting with the representative of Dentsu, Inc., Nagoya, Japan
15 September 2008	Visit of Ruth Raymond, Biodiversity International

Date	Meeting
15-16 September 2008	Attend the EC-CHM workshop, organized by EEA: The Biodiversity Clearing-House Mechanisms in Europe: Challenges for the next 3 years”, Copenhagen, Denmark
15-17 September 2008	Represent the Secretariat in the annual meeting of the Inter-agency Support Group on Indigenous People’s Issues (IASG), Paris, France
16 September 2008	Meeting with the Governor of Ishikawa, Ishikawa, Japan
16 September 2008	Filming of a short video for CEPA toolkit by CEC crew at the Secretariat
16 September 2008	Open the meeting of the first national meeting on Satoyama and Satoumi Sub-Global Assessment in Japan, Tokyo, Japan
16 – 17 September 2008	Participate in the Global Forest Leaders Forum on Forests and Climate Change, Washington D.C., U.S.A.
17 September 2008	Meeting with GBIF technical staff, Copenhagen, Denmark
17 September 2008	Meeting with the Senior Executive Officer as well as the General Manager of Konica Minolta, Tokyo, Japan
17 September 2008	Meeting with the new Director General for Global Affairs and the Director of Global Environment Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tokyo, Japan
17 September 2008	Attend the <i>Deutscher Naturschutztag</i> , symposium on the German NBSAP, Bonn, Germany
18 September 2008	Deliver opening remarks at the ModEthik fashion show, Montreal, Canada
18 September 2008	Visit of representatives from the UNFCU
18 September 2008	Attend the TEEB Phase II Stakeholder workshop, Bonn, Germany
18 September 2008	Take part and represent FICSA at the 16 th session of the High Level Committee on Management, New York, U.S.A.
21-23 September 2008	Attendance of Vilm workshop on Biodiversity Conservation and Poverty Reduction – Taking an Economic Perspective, Isle of Vilm, Germany
22 September 2008	Visit of representatives from the Society for Ecological Restoration International
22 September 2008	Visit of representatives from the Natural History Museum of the Adirondacks
22-26 September 2008	Participate in the first all African Biotechnology Congress organized by the African Biotechnology Stakeholders Forum, and make a keynote address about the Biosafety Protocol and its processes, Nairobi, Kenya
23 September 2008	Visit of Mr. Philippe LePrestre, <i>Directeur/Professeur, Institut Hydro-Quebec en environnement, développement et société, Université de Laval</i>
23 September 2008	Visit of Ms. Roslyn Slawner, Hart Resources
24 – 25 September 2008	Meeting via teleconference on the cities and biodiversity initiative
24 September 2008	Attend the side event “Water and Sanitation for All”, in the margins of the High-Level Event on the Millennium Development Goals - New York, U.S.A
29-30 September 2008	Attend the 22 nd Session of the Latin American Forestry Commission - Quito, Ecuador
25 September 2008	Visit of the Permanent Representative of ICAO of Brazil
01 September 2008	Contributed an article to the Centre for Global Environmental Research (Japan) newsletter, Volume 19, Number 6, September 2008 issue
1 October 2008	Visit of representatives from the Biotechnology Industries Organization
01 October 2008	Visit of students from the Environmental Law: International Governance for Environmental Security course at Concordia University
01 October 2008	Visit of students from the International Master in Environmental Assessment course at McGill University
2 October 2008	Visit of Mr. David Miller, the new ABS Focal Point for the U.S. Government

Date	Meeting
03 October 2008	Interviewed by the Algerian newspaper <i>El Watan</i>
04 October 2008	Met with the ABS Co-Chairs - Barcelona, Spain
5-14 October 2008	Participated in and delivered a statement at the IUCN World Conservation Congress, as well as took part in several side events - Barcelona, Spain
06 October 2008	Attended the Press Breakfast to launch the Global Sustainable Tourism Criteria - Barcelona, Spain
06 October 2008	Interviewed by the BBC - Barcelona, Spain
06 October 2008	Met with the Minister of Environment of Italy, Mrs. Stefania Prestigiacomo - Barcelona, Spain
06 October 2008	Participated as a panel member at the Mainstreaming Sustainability in the Tourism Industry event - Barcelona, Spain
06 October 2008	Interviewed by NHK-Japan Broadcasting Corporation - Barcelona, Spain
06 October 2008	Participated in the Alliances workshop on Local and regional governments authorities – key partners for biodiversity - Barcelona, Spain
06 October 2008	Took part and delivered a statement at La Soirée Francophone pour les participants au Congrès Mondial de l'IUCN, organisée par l'Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) et l'Union Mondiale pour la Nature (IUCN), à l'Institut National d'Education Physique de Catalogne (INEFC) - Barcelona, Spain
07 October 2008	Met with the President and CEO of The Nature Conservancy, followed by the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the CBD and The Nature Conservancy - in the margins of the IUCN World Conservation Congress, Barcelona, Spain
07 October 2008	Participated in a High-Level Ministerial Meeting on Intergovernmental Science Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) - Barcelona, Spain
07 October 2008	Participated in the Sustainable Leadership dialogue on a private yacht of Prince Turki Ibn Naser, The President of Metereology and Environment of Saudi Arabia - Barcelona, Spain
07 October 2008	Took part as a panellist and delivered a statement at the High Level Dialogue on Local Authorities - in the margins of the IUCN World Conservation Congress, Barcelona, Spain
08 October 2008	Participated in the High Level Panel on 2010 target and poverty alleviation and delivered a statement “Meeting the 2010 biodiversity target: A contribution to poverty alleviation and the benefit of life on Earth” - in the margins of the IUCN World Conservation Congress, Barcelona, Spain
08 October 2008	Interviewed by Reuters - Barcelona, Spain
08 October 2008	Press conference on the results of the Countdown 2010 Readiness Assessment - Barcelona, Spain
08 October 2008	Interviewed by two Japanese newspaper, the Kyodo newspaper and an Algerian newspaper, in the margins of the IUCN World Conservation Congress
8-9 October 2008	Held bilateral meetings with some African ministers on the preparation of the November ministerial meeting on Climate Change in preparation for UNFCCC COP14, the margins of the IUCN World Conservation Congress
10 October 2008	Participated in a planning meeting for the Second International Youth Symposium on Biodiversity - Ottawa, Canada
10 October 2008	Met with representatives from UNESCO to discuss IYB, DESD conference and participation in the POW for CEPA - Paris, France

Date	Meeting
10 October 2008	Met with officials of the Minister of Environment of Singapore - Singapore
10-11 October 2008	Took part in the Global Indian Diaspora Conference and deliver a statement on "Sustainable Development: Which way next" - Singapore City, Singapore
13-16 October 2008	Attended the Regional Workshop on Harmonization in National Reporting on Forests for Asia - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
17-19 October 2008	Attended the XII Sommet de la Francophonie - Quebec City, Canada
19-22 October 2008	Participated in the Foire Internationale du Tourisme Solidaire - Bamako, Mali
20 October 2008	Met via telephone with Mr. Charles-Mathieu Brunelle, the new director of Montreal's Nature Museums
20 October 2008	Met with representatives of TVE to discuss role in the IYB celebrations - London, U.K.
20 October 2008	Attended the Wildscreen Film Festival, and meet with officials from Wildscreen to discuss their role in the IYB celebrations - London, U.K.
20-24 October 2008	Visit of representatives from the UN Ombudsman's office
21 October 2008	Met via teleconference of the Inter-agency task force on Access and Benefit-Sharing
22 October 2008	Attended the opening event of the Conservation Exhibition "Gateways to Conservation: Connecting People to Nature", a joint UN-UNESCO and Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) initiative - U.N. Headquarters, New York, U.S.A.
22-23 October 2008	Took part as panel speaker on "Forest Biomass for Energy" at the European Forestry Week - Rome, Italy
23 October 2008	Visit of Dominique Bikaba, from Pole Pole Foundation/Kahuzi-Biega National Park in DRC and one of the 2006 Equator Initiative prizewinners, who delivered a presentation on wildlife conservation and community involvement in the DRC
23 October 2008	Represented the CBD at the 7th International Congress on Perfumery and Natural Raw Materials – Centifolia 2008 - Nice, France
23 October 2008	Met via teleconference with representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan to discuss preparations for the meeting of the Group of Technical and Legal Experts on Compliance in the context of the International Regime on Access and Benefit-Sharing
24 October 2008	Attended the 10th anniversary of the Jumelage Montreal-Hiroshima - Hotel de Ville, Montreal, Canada
24-25 October 2008	Visit of Ian Thompson, Canadian Forest Service, to discuss REDD climate change and expert group
27-29 October 2008	Attended and presented the report of the CBD to the United Nations General Assembly, as well as met with UN senior officials - New York, U.S.A.
27-28 October 2008	Attended the Southern African Regional Dialogue on Novel Foods meeting - Cape Town, South Africa
28 October 2008	Met with the Permanent Representative of the Somali Republic to the United Nations in New York - New York, U.S.A.
29 October 2008	Meet with the Director of UNDP's Environment and Energy Group, Bureau for Development Policy - New York, U.S.A.
27-31 October 2008	Participated in the Thirtieth Consultative Meeting of Contracting Parties to the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other matter (London Convention) and the Third meeting of Contracting Parties to the 1996 Protocol to the London Convention, organized by IMO - London, U.K.
28 October-4 November 2008	Attended the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands - Changwon, Korea

Date	Meeting
29-30 October 2008	Held series of strategy meetings on U.S. ratification - Washington D.C., U.S.A.
31 October 2008	Met with the Canada Research Chair in Ethnoecology and Biodiversity Conservation - Montreal, Canada
3-5 November 2008	Participate in Workshop on Governance of Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction - Singapore
3-7 November 2008	Participate in the training of participants in the second regional ABS capacity-development workshop for French speaking North and West African countries - Dakar, Senegal
10-12 November 2008	Take part in the Ad hoc Intergovernmental and Multi-stakeholder meeting on an Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
11-13 November 2008	Attend the GEF Council meeting - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
12 November 2008	Participate and deliver a presentation at the George Washington University Law School Washington, D.C. on "The United States and the Convention on Biological Diversity" - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
12-13 November	Meeting with representatives of the CBD Alliance - Montreal, Canada
13-14 November	Attend the Darwin Lecture and TEEB workshop, as well as the TEEB communications strategy meeting - London, U.K.
17-19 November 2008	Participate and present in the International Technical Workshop on Indicators relevant for Indigenous Peoples, organized by ILO and Tebtebba Foundation - Baguio, Philippines (Also took part and made a presentation at the UNU, Packard Foundation and Tebtebba Regional Asian capacity-building workshop for ILCs on REDD and climate change).
17-19 November 2008	Take part in the Consortium for the Barcode of Life workshop on the topic of "Basic Research and Access and Benefit Sharing" - Bonn, Germany
18 November 2008	Deliver a statement at the Biodiversity and Industry meeting: "Industry meets Science" - Paris, France
19-21 November 2008	Take part in the <i>Conference Africaine des Ministres de l'Environnement sur les changements climatiques pour l'Après 2010</i> - Algiers, Algeria
24 November 2008	Participate in the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention - Strasbourg, France
24 November 2008	Meeting with UNESCO staff for the preparations for ABS-7 meeting - Paris, France
24-28 November 2008	Participate in the training of participants in the third regional ABS capacity-development workshop for Africa - Antsiranana, Madagascar
25-26 November 2008	Visit of representatives from the State of Parana and delivered a presentation on the Riparian Reforestation programme and the SCBD park in the State of Parana, Brazil
25-26 November 2008	Take part in a panel discussion at the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Finance Conference - London, U.K.
25-27 November 2008	Attend the 10th Global Meeting of the Regional Seas Convention and Action Plans, organized by UNEP and hosted by the Permanent Commission of the South Pacific - Guayaquil, Ecuador
30 November 2008	Presentation at the St. George's School - Montreal, Canada

Annex III

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY THE SECRETARIAT IN 2008

As of 30 November 2008

	Title	Subject	Signature
1	AIRBUS	The agreement aims to contribute to raising public awareness on the importance of biodiversity and engaging children and youth in the global biodiversity agenda.	July 2008
2	Alpine Convention and Carpathian Convention	To promote synergies through exchanges of experiences and best practices on issues of mutual relevance. The agreement also aims to promote, in the framework of the Mountain Partnership, participatory sustainable mountain development with all the relevant stakeholders, including: youth, women, NGOs, local authorities, local communities and the private sector.	May 2008
3	ASEAN - Centre for Biodiversity	The agreement establishes a collaborative partnership for and share resources in the areas of research, capacity-building and training, public education and awareness, exchange of information, policy development and coordination, technical and scientific cooperation and other areas of mutual interest for conservation and sustainable development of biodiversity in Southeast Asia.	January 2008
4	Bern Convention - Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats	With a view to advancing implementation of the threefold objective of the Convention, the enhanced agreement will also provide support in the achievement of the 2010 biodiversity target.	May 2008
5	Bioversity International	With the aim to strengthen collaboration, Bioversity International will contribute staff time to support the work of the CBD in areas of mutual relevance which shall include support for, but not limited to, the programme of work on agricultural biodiversity, the programme of work on forestry, support for the implementation of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation, work on access and benefit-sharing and indicators of biodiversity.	May 2008
6	Brazil - State of Parana	To offset CBD greenhouse gas emissions from 2008 to 2010, and its support to CBD's commitment in reducing the environmental footprint of its operations, the State of Parana, through its Riparian Forest Program, will plant about 100,000 native trees covering approximately 100 hectares in the next two years.	May 2008
7	COMIFAC – Central African Forest Commission	To strengthen sustainable forest management in Central Africa, through capacity building for national biodiversity strategies and action plans, mainstreaming biodiversity into sectoral development planning and poverty reduction strategies, and production of informational materials on lessons learned and good practices from the Congo basin countries' experiences.	May 2008

	Title	Subject	Signature
8	Higashiyama Botanical Gardens	The agreement aims to promote the effective implementation of Convention and its Protocol through the organization of a training seminar for the COP-10 participants, and also makes the Higashiyama Botanical Gardens the newest member of the Consortium of Scientific Partnership on Biodiversity.	June 2008
9	GEO - Group on Earth Observations	To collaborate in supporting science-based decision-making, promoting the gathering, analysis and dissemination of biodiversity data and information, improving the scientific understanding of the status and trends of, and threats to, biodiversity, including the drivers of change, and encouraging interaction amongst scientists and decision makers.	September 2008
10	Kobe University - Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies	The objective of the agreement is to provide a framework for an internship programme and other academic activities for students of the GSCIS in cooperation with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.	February 2008
11	Nagoya City University - Public University Corporation	The agreement aims to further promote the effective implementation of the Convention and its Protocol. The partnership focuses on the mobilization of the Nagoya academia for COP-10.	June 2008
12	The Nature Conservancy	To enhance cooperation on issues of common interest relating to the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity. Detailed activities to be developed in an annual work plan, setting out priorities, deadlines, responsibilities, potential partners.	October 2008
13	Tokyo University - Graduate School of Agricultural and Life Sciences	The agreement aims to provide a framework for an internship programme for students of the School and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.	March 2008
14	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) - Environment and Energy Group	The agreement aims to better integrate the objectives of the Convention into development and significantly reduce the loss of biodiversity by 2010. Areas of cooperation include: knowledge, policy advice, advocacy, and technical support, relative to all aspects of the internalization of biodiversity considerations in development practice, in particular poverty reduction, democratic governance, crisis prevention and recovery, as well as on issues related to climate change and biodiversity.	May 2008
15	Union for Ethical BioTrade	To enhance cooperation with a view to encouraging companies involved in biotrade to adopt and promote good practice as a contribution towards the 2010 target and the objectives of the Convention.	November 2008

Annex IV

LIST OF MESSAGES FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IN 2008

	Date	Meeting
1	2 February	Message from Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity, on the Occasion of World Wetlands Day
2	3 March	Message on the celebration of the African Environment Day
3	8 March	Message from Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary, on the Occasion of International Women's Day, 8 March 2007
4	22 March	Message from Dr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary, on the occasion of the World Water Day
5	23 March	Message from Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary, on the Occasion of World Meteorological Day - 23 March 2008
6		Message from Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary, on the Occasion of World Health Day - 7 April 2008
7	10-11 May	Message by Dr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the Occasion of the World Migratory Bird Day 2007 - Migratory Birds in a Changing Climate
8	22 May	Message from Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary, on the Occasion of the International Day for Biological Diversity
9	08 June	Message from the Executive Secretary Ahmed Djoghlafl on the occasion of World Ocean Day
10	17 June	Message from the Executive Secretary Ahmed Djoghlafl on the Occasion of World Day to Combat Desertification
11	20 June	Message from the Executive Secretary, Ahmed Djoghlafl, on the Occasion of World Refugee Day, 20 June 2007
12	09 August	Message from the Executive Secretary, Ahmed Djoghlafl on the Occasion of the International Day of the World's Indigenous People
13	12 August	Message from the Executive Secretary, Ahmed Djoghlafl, on the Occasion of International Youth Day
14	08 September	Message from the Executive Secretary, Ahmed Djoghlafl, on the Occasion of International Literacy Day
15	16 September	Message from the Executive Secretary, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, on the Occasion of the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
16	01 October	Message from the Executive Secretary, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, on the Occasion of World Habitat Day
17	16 October	Message from the Executive Secretary, Dr. Ahmed Djoghlafl on the occasion of World Food Day
18	17 October	Eradication of Poverty
19	11 December	Message from the Executive Secretary, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, on the Occasion of the International Mountains Day
20	19 December	South-South Cooperation

Annex V

CBD STATEMENTS IN 2008

	Date	Meeting
1	8 January	Address of the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Mr. Ahmed Djoghla, on the participation of the city of Montreal in the “Plant for the Planet: Billion Tree Campaign”
2	14 January	Statement by Dr. Ahmed Djoghla, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity at the Opening of the Regional Workshop for South, South-East and East Asia on Capacity Building for National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and Mainstreaming of Biodiversity - Singapore City, Singapore
3	16 January	Keynote Statement by Dr. Ahmed Djoghla, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, on the Occasion of the Singapore Environment Lecture 2008, Hosted by the Singapore Environment Council - Singapore City, Singapore
4	21 January	Statement by Mr. Ahmed Djoghla, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity at the sixth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing - Geneva, Switzerland
5	22 January	Message from the Executive Secretary on the occasion of the Beijing International Conference on Combating Desertification - Beijing, China
6	28 January	Statement by Mr. Ahmed Djoghla, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity at the Meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee for the Programme of Work on Communication, Education and Public Awareness
7	8 February	Statement of Dr. Ahmed Djoghla, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, at the Closure of the International Civil Society Forum “100 Days to the UN Biodiversity Conference” - Berlin, Germany
8	11 February	Statement by Ahmed Djoghla, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, at the Opening Session of the Second Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group on Protected Areas - FAO, Rome, Italy
9	18 February	Statement at SBSTTA-13 – Rome, Italy
10	18-21 February	Statement at the Sixteenth session of the African Forestry and Wildlife Commission - Khartoum, Sudan
11	19-20 February	Statement by Dr. Ahmed Djoghla, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, on the Occasion of the International Conference-Workshop on Biodiversity and Climate Change in Southeast Asia: Adaptation and Mitigation - Manila, Philippines
12	20-22 February	Statement by Ahmed Djoghla, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, at the Tenth Special Session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum “Mobilizing Finance for the Climate Challenge” - Monaco

	Date	Meeting
13	25-29 February	Statement by Dr. Ahmed Djoghla, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, at the Twelfth Session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore, World Intellectual Property Organization – Geneva, Switzerland
14	26 February	Message from the Executive Secretary on the occasion of the opening of the Svalbard Global Seed Vault - Svalbard, Norway
15	1 March	International Conference on Forests, Bioenergy and Climate Change - Casablanca, Morocco
16	5-7 March	Meeting on the development of biosafety capacity "Biosécurité et Renforcement des Capacités Nationales dans la Ummah" organized by CRAT (Centre Régional Africain de Technologie)- Dakar, Senegal
17	19 March	Discours du Secrétaire exécutif, M. Ahmed Djoghla À l'occasion du Gala bénéfice de la Fondation québécoise en environnement – Montreal, Canada
18	20-21 March	Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD IV) Ministerial Preparatory Meeting - Libreville, Gabon
19	7-11 April	Third session of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures - FAO, Rome, Italy
20	8 April	Statement by the Executive Secretary Ahmed Djoghla on the occasion of the KfW and BioFrankfurt Evening “Achievements of the CBD and Challenges of COP 9 and Beyond” -Frankfurt, Germany
21	8-11 April	Workshop on Forest Governance and Decentralisation in Africa - Durban, South Africa
22	9 April	Statement by the Executive Secretary Ahmed Djoghla on the occasion of the Congress of The CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group of the German Bundestag “Assuming Responsibility – Conserving Creation”: Conservation of Biodiversity as a Challenge for International Politics - Berlin, Germany
23	9-11 April	Message from Dr. Ahmed Djoghla, Executive Secretary of CBD, on the occasion of the Expert Workshop on Preventing Biological Invasions - University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA
24	10-12 April	Statement by Dr. Ahmed Djoghla at the Meeting of African Leaders on Access and Benefit-Sharing in preparation for the High-level Segment of the 9th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity - Mahé, Seychelles
25	21 April	Statement by Dr. Ahmed Djoghla, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, at the Opening Press Conference for the 7th Session of the UNPFII, UN Headquarters - New York, U.S.A.
26	23 April	Sustaining Life: How Humans Health Depends on Biodiversity - Statement by the Executive Secretary, Ahmed Djoghla, on the Occasion of the United Nations Book Launch - New York, U.S.A.
27	30 April-2 May	International Expert Meeting on Addressing Climate Change through Sustainable Management of Tropical Forests - Yokohama, Japan
28	8 May	“Planting seeds of peace with nature in the mind of people”, Statement by the Executive Secretary Dr. Ahmed Djoghla on the Occasion of the United Nations Unlearning Intolerance Seminar: Art Changing Attitudes toward the Environment – New York, U.S.A.

	Date	Meeting
29	12 May	Statement by Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary, at the Opening Session of the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity Serving As the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety - Bonn, Germany
30	14 May	Statement by Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, at the Sixteenth Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development - United Nations Headquarters, New York, U.S.A.
31	19 May	Statement of Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary, at the Opening Session of the Ninth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity - Bonn, Germany
32	19-21 May	Fourth meeting of the Parties to the UNECE Convention on Environment, Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context - Bucharest, Romania
33	21-24 May	Message from the Executive Secretary Ahmed Djoghlafl to the participants of the Conference of the Competence Network Urban Ecology "Urban Biodiversity & Design – Implementing the Convention on Biological Diversity in towns and Cities" - Erfurt, Germany
34	24-26 May	Message to the G8 Environment Ministers Meeting - Kobe, Japan
35	27 May	Statement from the Executive Secretary, Ahmed Djoghlafl, on the occasion of the 2008 CIC Markhor Award Ceremony for Outstanding Conservation Performance - Bonn, Germany
36	30 May	Statement by Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity at the Closure of the High Level Segment of the Ninth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention – Bonn, Germany
37	30 May	Statement by Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity at the Closing Session of the Ninth Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity - Bonn, Germany
38	3-5 June	Statement at the High-Level Conference on World Food Security and the Challenges of Climate Change and Bioenergy - Rome, Italy
39	4 June	UN Treaty Event: Seminar/Panel Discussion
40	6 June	Message from the Executive Secretary, Ahmed Djoghlafl, to the participants of the 38th biennial World Farmers' Congress - Warsaw, Poland
41	9-12 June	Statement on behalf of Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, on the occasion of the 24th Session of the North American Forestry Commission (NAFC) - San Juan, Puerto Rico
42	7-12 June	Statement from Dr. Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, on the occasion of the Twelfth Regular Session of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment - Johannesburg, South Africa
43	11 June	Message from Ahmed Djoghlafl, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity to the Business and Biodiversity Conservation Seminar – Montreal, Canada

	Date	Meeting
44	16 June	Statement by Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary, at the G8 Dialogue Series convened by the Institute of Advanced Studies of the United Nations University (UNU-IAS): “Climate Change and Biodiversity or the Unprecedented Planetary Environmental Challenge Facing Mankind” - Tokyo, Japan
45	16-21 June	International Model Forest Network Global Forum - Hinton, Alberta
46	23-25 June	Statement by Executive Secretary, Ahmed Djoghlaif, on the occasion of the World Cities Summit – Singapore
47	30 June – 2 July	Message du Secrétaire exécutif Ahmed Djoghlaif à l’occasion de la Conférence sur l’agriculture maghrébine: défis et perspectives - Fès, Maroc
48	1 July	Statement by the Executive Secretary, Ahmed Djoghlaif, at the Annual Ministerial Review of the High-level Segment of the 2008 Substantive Session of the Economic and Social Council, United Nations - New York, U.S.A.
49	2-5 July	Fourth International Conference on Sustainable Agriculture for Food, Energy and Industry - Sapporo, Japan
50	11 July	Déclaration de M. Ahmed Djoghlaif, Secrétaire exécutif, à l’occasion de la Conférence de haut niveau sur « L’Union Européenne et l’Outre-Mer : Stratégies face au changement climatique et à la perte de biodiversité » - St Denis de La Réunion
51	14 July	Message of the Executive Secretary, Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, on the occasion of the Technical Workshop on Protected Areas in the Amazon - Amacayacú National Park, Colombia
52	5 September	Intervention du Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif lors du Cycles de Conférences 2008 « Relever le défi de la Biodiversité » organisés par l’Institut de Formation de l’Environnement et le Ministère français de l’Écologie, de l’Énergie, du Développement durable et de l’Aménagement du territoire
53	3-5 September	International Workshop on Forests in the changing environment - Finland
54	12 September	Statement by the Executive Secretary Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif on “Biological Diversity, Well-being and Sustainable Society” at the Sixth International Conference on Science and Technology for Sustainability 2008 - Tokyo, Japan
55	14 September	Statement by the Executive Secretary Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif on “Biodiversity challenges and responses: Towards the Nagoya Summit on Biodiversity” at the Sixteenth Environment Congress for Asia and the Pacific -Nagoya, Japan
56	16 September	Statement by the Executive Secretary at the first national meeting of the Satoyama Satoumi Sub-Global Assessment Inter-Cluster Meeting, Ishikawa
57	29 September – 3 October	25th session of the Latin American and Caribbean Forestry Commission (COFLAC) - Quito, Ecuador
58	6 October	Statement from Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, on the occasion of the IUCN World Conservation Congress - Barcelona, Spain

	Date	Meeting
59	6 October	Intervention du Secrétaire exécutif M. Ahmed Djoghlaïf à l'occasion de la Soirée francophone de l'Organisation internationale de la francophonie au Congrès mondial de la nature - Barcelone, Espagne
60	7 October	Statement from Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaïf, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the occasion of the High Level Roundtable on Local and Regional Authorities, IUCN World Conservation Congress - Barcelona, Spain
61	8 October	"Meeting the 2010 biodiversity target: A contribution to poverty alleviation and the benefit of life on Earth", Statement by Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaïf, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity at the IUCN World Conservation Forum - Barcelona, Spain
62	9-11 October	"Sustainable Development: Which way next", Statement by Executive Secretary, Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaïf, on the occasion of the Global Indian Diaspora Conference towards a Dynamic Indian Diaspora - Singapore
63	13-17 October	WIPO IGC - Geneva, Switzerland
64	17-19 October	Message du Secrétaire exécutif Ahmed Djoghlaïf à l'occasion du <i>XIIe Sommet de la Francophonie</i> - Quebec City, Canada
65	27-31 October	Le Sixième Forum Mondial du Développement Durable: « <i>Afrique, Environnement, Mondialisation</i> » - Brazzaville, Congo
66	28 Oct-4 Nov	Message from Ahmed Djoghlaïf, Executive Secretary to the 10th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar, Iran, 1971) - Changwon, Republic of Korea
67	3 November	Statement by Executive Secretary, Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaïf at the occasion of the WTO Committee on Trade and Environment in Regular Session
68	6 November	Statement by Executive Secretary, Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaïf, on the occasion of the Expert Meeting on South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity for Development - Montreal, Canada
69	10-12 November	Statement by Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaïf, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity at the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental and Multi-Stakeholder Meeting on an Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services - Putrajaya, Malaysia
70	11 November	Statement by Ahmed Djoghlaïf, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity to the Thirty-Fourth Meeting of the Council of the Global Environment Facility, Washington D.C., U.S.A.
71	12-14 November	Statement by the Executive Secretary, Ahmed Djoghlaïf on "Climate Change, REDD and Biodiversity" on the occasion of the International Expert Meeting on Potential Impacts of "Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation" on Indigenous and Local Communities - Baguio City, Philippines
72	12 November	"The United States and the Convention on Biological Diversity": Statement Delivered by Ahmed Djoghlaïf, Executive Secretary of the Convention, at George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

	Date	Meeting
73	16-18 November	Message from the Executive Secretary, Dr. Ahmed Djoghla, to the International Mountain Biodiversity Conference on “Biodiversity Conservation and Management for Enhanced Ecosystem Services: Responding to the Challenges of Global Change” - Kathmandu, Nepal
74	17-21 November	International Conference on Biofuels: biofuels as a driving force of sustainable development - Sao Paulo, Brazil
75	17-21 November	Statement by the Executive Secretary, Dr. Ahmed Djoghla, on the occasion of the First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change - London, United Kingdom
76	18 November	Discours de M. Ahmed Djoghla, Secrétaire exécutif de la Convention sur la diversité biologique, à l’occasion de la Journée biodiversité & entreprises de l’European Platform for Biodiversity Research Strategy - Paris, France
77	24 November	Statement by the Executive Secretary, Dr. Ahmed Djoghla, at the 28th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention - Strasbourg, France
78	9 December	Statement by the Executive Secretary, Dr. Ahmed Djoghla, on the occasion of the 9th National Conference on Science, Policy and the Environment organized by the National Council for Science and Environment on the theme of Biodiversity in a Rapidly Changing World - Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
79	17 December	Disaster Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation, statement by the Executive Secretary, Ahmed Djoghla, on the occasion of the 5th Annual United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation and the Launch of the Global South-South Development Expo organized by the United Nations Development Programme - New York, U.S.A.

Annex VI

LIST OF DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM OF NATURE AND CULTURE

As of 7 November 2008

No.	Country	Donated by	Description	Date Received
1	Republic of Croatia	Minister of Culture, Mr. Bozo Biskupic	Painting "Uvala" - Painted by Tihomir Loncar	February 2006 (presented during Biodiversity in Europe meeting) -received at SCBD 2 March 2006
2	Slovak Republic		Eight (8) artistic drawings by children and two (2) landscape pictures	13 March 2006
3	Guinea Bissau		2 wooden statues	March 2006 (COP 8)
4	Federative Republic of Brazil	Minister of Environment, H. E. Ms. Marina Silva	Artisanal items including: wooden shaker, wooden crocodile, 4 bowls "placa rupestre", artisan ceramic tile with figure of man, Wooden Chess Board "Arte Nossa", Ceramic bowl signed Marivaloo "Cuias Parana"	March 2006 (COP 8)
5	Federative Republic of Brazil	Mayor of Curitiba, Mr. Carlos Alberto Richa	Pencil sketch of the Botanical Gardens of Curitiba - drawn by Leila Pugnaroni	March 2006 (COP 8)
6	Federative Republic of Brazil	Governor of Parana, Mr. Roberto Requião	Wood carving – perched bird	March 2006 (COP 8)
7	Cote d'Ivoire		Poster of Palm tree with 8 Trunks dated from 1944	March 2006 (COP 8)
8	Chile		Wood carving – plough with oxen	March 2006 (COP 8)
9	People's Democratic Republic of Algeria	Minister of Environment, Mr. Chérif Rahmani	Mosaic – port of Algiers	29 March 2006 (COP 8)
10	Czech Republic		Framed child's artwork	March 2006 (COP 8)
11	Republic of Mauritius	Minister of Agroindustry and Fisheries, Hon. Dr. Arvin Boolell, artist Ms. Mila Gupta	Painting "Waterfall" - 2005	20 March 2006
12	Hungary	Ministry of Environment and Water, H.E. Minister Dr. Miklos Persanyi	Ceramic Plant Holder-goods were damaged when received at SCBD, donor notified	2 May 2006
13	Austria	Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management	Stone Pine (Pinus cembra L.) Wooden Bowl	15 May 2006
14	Canada - Government of Quebec	On loan	"Planète Captive" - steel cage encompassing planet Earth	23 May 2006
15	Islamic Republic of Pakistan	Honorable Minister for Environment in Pakistan, Mr. Tahir Iqbal	Decorative wooden vase	8 June 2006
16	Islamic Republic of Pakistan	Honorable Minister for Environment in Pakistan, Mr. Tahir Iqbal	"Gabba" - Traditional Embroidered Tapistry	8 June 2006

No.	Country	Donated by	Description	Date Received
17	Islamic Republic of Pakistan	Honorable Minister for Environment in Pakistan, Mr. Tahir Iqbal	Handmade wood carved box	8 June 2006
18	Ireland	Minister of State, Heritage and Local Government, Mr. Batt O'Keeffe T. D.	Sculpture, Bog Oak; Artist: Michael Thatcher	8 June 2006
19	Republic of Poland	Minister of Environment, Mr. Jan Szyszko	Woodcarving – Bison bonasus	14 June 2006
20	Kingdom of Bhutan	National Environment Commission Secretariat, H.E. Mr. Nado Richhen	Thankgka - Mural Scroll	3 July 2006
21	People's Democratic Republic of Algeria	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Mosaic – Algiers Casbah	19 July 2006
22	Republic of India	Ministry of Environment and Forests, Mr. Desh Deepak Verma	Two (2) Vases - Handcrafted with Image of Peacocks	November 2006 (presented during visit to India)/rec'd by SCBD on 10 October 2007
23	Republic of Tunisia	H.E. President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali - presented by the Ambassador of Tunisia in Ottawa, H.E. Ambassador Abdessalem Hetira	Mosaic "Solidarity for a Sustainable Biodiversity" - Place and date - El Jem; in the third century A.D. (Original is in the Bardo National Museum in Tunisia)	12 October 2006
24	Canada	Canadian Council for the Arts - On Loan	Indigenous Art Painting - Artist Norval Morrisseau	24 Nov 2006
25	Canada	Canadian Council for the Arts - On Loan	Sculpture made from the skull of a whale- Artist Ruben Anton Komangapix	24 Nov 2006
26	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg	Minister of Environment, H.E. Mr. Lucien Lux	Framed photograph - "Vallée de la Haute-Sûre »	29 January 2007
27	Canada - City of Montreal	Mayor of Montreal, Mr. Gerald Tremblay	Four (4) framed photographs depicting insects, photographer Jacques Godefroy de Tonnancour	22 February 2007
28	Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka	Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Mr. Gamini Gamage	Commemorative IBD stamps and souvenir postcards	6 July 2007
29	Republic of Cameroon	Minister of Environment and Nature Protection, H.E. Mr. Pierre Hele	Wood-carving depicting biodiversity in the shape of the country of Cameroon	8 October 2007
30	Gabon	Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development and Protection of Nature, H.E. Ms. Georgette Koko	Framed elephant stone carving	29 January 2008
31	Pakistan	Kalash-Indigenous Survival Programme	Tapestry	29 January 2008
32	Ecuador	Minister of Environment, H.E. Marcela Aguiñaga	Statue in the Image of the Virgin of Quito	February 2008
33	Republic of Tajikistan	National Biodiversity & Biosafety Centre	Hand woven Scroll	22 April 2008
34	Republic of Seychelles	Minister of Environment, Natural Resources and Transport, H.E. Joël Morgan	Sketch of the Botanical Gardens	April 2008

No.	Country	Donated by	Description	Date Received
35	Saint Lucia	Government of Saint Lucia through the Ministry of Agriculture, Lands, Forestry and Fisheries	Painting of National Bird - Saint Lucian Parrot (Amazona Versicolor) - artist Christopher Cox	22 May 2008 (COP 9)
36	Peru		Basket of ceramic potatoes from the Peruvian area of Cusco, in honor of the International Year of the Potato	22 May 2008 (COP 9)
37	Egypt	Mr. Nabil Labib – an Egyptologist from Cairo	2 Papyrus Scrolls	May 2008 (COP 9)
38	New Zealand	Minister of Environment of New Zealand, H.E. Ms. Steve Chadwick	Framed hand woven basket	May 2008 (COP 9)
39	Republic of Yemen	Minister of Water & Environment, H.E. Eng. Abdurhman Fadl Al-Eriany	Frame of landscape - Socotra, the Island of the Dragon Blood Tree	May 2008 (COP 9)
40	The People's Republic of China	Ministry of Environmental Protection of the People's Republic of China	Two Traditional Chinese Double-Sided Embroidered Silk Screens - One depicting the Giant Panda, the other flowers (Peony)	May 2008 (COP 9)
41	Republic of Chad		Wood figurines - one camel and one rhinoceros	May 2008 (COP 9)

**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO FACILITATE
THE PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN THE
WORK OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (VB)**

Status of Contributions as at 31 October 2008 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.07	Adjustments		Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior years	Collections in 2008 for 2008 & fut yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2008 & prior years
Austria			8/	20,216		20,216	0
Canada	41,235		3/		41,235		0
Canada			4/	30,054		30,054	0
EC	10,132		1/				10,132
Finland			5/	12,461		12,461	0
Germany			6/	50,551		50,551	0
Norway	3,906		2/				3,906
Spain			7/	300,223		300,223	0
Total	55,273	0		413,505	41,235	413,505	14,038

55,274

1/EC pledged EUR 25,000

2/Norway pledged US\$ 50,000

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

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

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

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

7/Spain pledged EUR 218,090 for the programme of work on Article 8j and related provisions

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

TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BY)
Status of Contributions as at 31 October 2008

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Afghanistan	211	220		211	651	0	(431)	(431)
Albania	0	550			550	0	0	0
Algeria		8,363	8,363			0	0	0
Angola		110	2,068			0	(1,958)	(1,958)
Antigua & Barbuda		330	330			0	0	0
Argentina	0	105,194				0	105,194	105,194
Armenia	0	220			220	0	0	0
Australia		175,177	175,177		231,038	0	(231,038)	(231,038)
Austria		94,521	94,521		114,679	0	(114,679)	(114,679)
Azerbaijan	0	550			550	0	0	0
Bahamas		1,430	1,430			0	0	0
Bahrain		3,301	3,301		8,917	0	(8,917)	(8,917)
Bangladesh	0	852			1,777	0	(925)	(925)
Barbados		1,100	1,100		1,164	0	(1,164)	(1,164)
Belarus	33,081	1,981		4,000		29,081	1,981	31,062
Belgium	112,643	117,628		112,643	117,628	0	0	0
Belize	105	110				105	110	215
Benin		220	283		207	0	(270)	(270)
Bhutan		110	110		270	0	(270)	(270)
Bolivia	1,678	990			990	1,678	0	1,678
Bosnia & Herzegovina		330	330			0	0	0
Botswana		1,320	3,904			0	(2,584)	(2,584)
Brazil	85,881	167,584		85,881	140,259	(0)	27,325	27,325
Brunei Darussalam	0	1,615			1,615	0	0	0
Bulgaria	0	1,871			1,871	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	1,146	220		713		433	220	653
Burundi	896	110				896	110	1,006
Cambodia		220	220			0	0	0
Cameroon		880	506			0	374	374
Canada	0	309,530			309,530	0	0	0
Cape Verde	3,746	110				3,746	110	3,856
Central African Rep.	111	110				111	110	221
Chad*		110	2			0	108	108
Chile	0	24,538			24,538	0	0	0
China	0	225,903			225,903	0	0	0
Colombia		17,056	391			0	16,665	16,665
Comoros	3,004	110				3,004	110	3,114
Congo	123	110				123	110	233
Congo Dem.Rep	5,808	330				5,808	330	6,138

TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BY)
Status of Contributions as at 31 October 2008

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Cook Islands	308	110		308	110	0	0	0
Costa Rica	10,325	3,301		6,947		3,378	3,301	6,679
Cote d'Ivoire	1,047	1,100				1,047	1,100	2,147
Croatia	0	4,071			4,071	0	0	0
Cuba	33,896	4,732		4,700		29,196	4,732	33,928
Cyprus	0	4,291			4,291	0	0	0
Czech Republic		20,137	20,137			0	0	0
Denmark		79,006	78,976			0	30	30
Djibouti	406	110				406	110	516
Dominica	339	110				339	110	449
Dominica Rep.	3,688	3,851		3,688	3,831	0	20	20
Ecuador	0	2,091			2,091	0	0	0
EEC	0	213,048			213,008	0	40	40
Egypt	0	13,204			26,408	0	(13,204)	(13,204)
El Salvador	0	2,421				0	2,421	2,421
Equatorial Guinea	400	220				400	220	620
Eritrea		110	362		48	0	(300)	(300)
Estonia		1,320	1,320			0	0	0
Ethiopia		440	440		388	0	(388)	(388)
Fiji		440	3,944			0	(3,504)	(3,504)
Finland		58,649	58,649		72,919	0	(72,919)	(72,919)
France	0	663,515			663,515	0	0	0
Gabon		990	24,379			0	(23,389)	(23,389)
Gambia		110	442			0	(332)	(332)
Georgia	2,084	330		2,084	718	(0)	(388)	(388)
Germany	0	953,129			953,129	0	0	0
Ghana	2,189	440				2,189	440	2,629
Greece	0	58,319				0	58,319	58,319
Grenada	105	110		105	110	0	0	0
Guatemala	0	3,301				0	3,301	3,301
Guinea	1,221	330				1,221	330	1,551
Guinea-Bissau	2,525	110				2,525	110	2,635
Guyana		110	429			0	(319)	(319)
Haiti	316	330				316	330	646
Honduras	3,087	550		3,087	526	0	24	24
Hungary	0	13,865			13,865	0	0	0
Iceland		3,741	3,699		4,826	0	(4,784)	(4,784)
India	0	46,325			46,325	0	0	0
Indonesia		15,625	15,625		20,815	0	(20,815)	(20,815)
Iran	48,464	17,276				48,464	17,276	65,740

TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BY)
Status of Contributions as at 31 October 2008

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Ireland		38,513	38,513			0	0	0
Israel		51,387	51,387			0	0	0
Italy		537,525	537,525			0	0	0
Jamaica		880	880			0	0	0
Japan	0	1,874,818			1,874,818	0	0	0
Jordan	1,088	1,210		1,088	1,210	0	0	0
Kazakhstan	5,475	2,751		2,634	2,751	2,841	0	2,841
Kenya		990	990			0	0	0
Kiribati		110	88		268	0	(246)	(246)
Korea, Dem. People's Rep.	1,115	1,100				1,115	1,100	2,215
Korea, Rep. of	0	197,624				0	197,624	197,624
Kuwait	0	17,826				0	17,826	17,826
Kyrgyzstan		110	110			0	0	0
Lao PDR		110	110		270	0	(270)	(270)
Latvia		1,651	1,651			0	0	0
Lebanon	6,216	2,641				6,216	2,641	8,857
Lesotho		110	111			0	(1)	(1)
Liberia	841	110		841	110	0	0	0
Libya	44,303	14,525				44,303	14,525	58,828
Liechtenstein	0	550			550	0	0	0
Lithuania		2,641	2,641			0	0	0
Luxembourg	0	8,473			8,473	0	0	0
Macedonia, FYR		660	660			0	0	0
Madagascar		330	361		510	0	(541)	(541)
Malawi		110	110			0	0	0
Malaysia		22,337	22,337		24,550	0	(24,550)	(24,550)
Maldives		110	110			0	0	0
Mali		220	238			0	(18)	(18)
Malta	0	1,541			1,541	0	0	0
Marshall Island	105	110				105	110	215
Mauritania	1,835	110				1,835	110	1,945
Mauritius	0	1,210			1,210	0	0	0
Mexico	13,674	207,197			207,197	13,674	0	13,674
Micronesia, Fed. States	105	110				105	110	215
Moldova, Rep. of	0	110				0	110	110
Monaco		330	330			0	0	0
Mongolia		110	110			0	0	0
Montenegro	165	110		165	110	0	0	0
Morocco	4,952	5,172				4,952	5,172	10,124
Mozambique		110	110		270	0	(270)	(270)

TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BY)
Status of Contributions as at 31 October 2008

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Myanmar	1,624	852		1,624	374	0	478	478
Namibia	632	660		632	1,436	0	(776)	(776)
Nauru	3,124	110				3,124	110	3,234
Nepal	332	440				332	440	772
Netherlands	0	185,960			185,960	0	0	0
New Zealand		24,318	24,318		33,098	0	(33,098)	(33,098)
Nicaragua	105	110				105	110	215
Niger	2,860	110				2,860	110	2,970
Nigeria		4,622	4,622			0	0	0
Niue	222	110				222	110	332
Norway	0	74,714			74,714	0	0	0
Oman		7,703	7,703			0	0	0
Pakistan		6,052	5,687			0	365	365
Palau		110	102			0	8	8
Panama	1,485	2,091			2,091	1,485	0	1,485
Papua New Guinea	316	330				316	330	646
Paraguay	12,782	1,320				12,782	1,320	14,102
Peru	59,961	10,123				59,961	10,123	70,084
Philippines	22,635	10,453		22,635	1,784	(0)	8,669	8,669
Poland		50,726	50,726			0	0	0
Portugal		51,717	1,026		50,691	0	0	0
Qatar		7,042	7,042			0	0	0
Romania		6,602	6,602			0	0	0
Russian Federation	0	121,039			121,039	0	0	0
Rwanda		110	110			0	0	0
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	2,175	110				2,175	110	2,285
Samoa	130	110				130	110	240
San Marino	0	330			330	0	0	0
Sao Tome Principe	677	110				677	110	787
Saudi Arabia	0	78,455				0	78,455	78,455
Senegal		550	2,973			0	(2,423)	(2,423)
Seychelles		220	285			0	(65)	(65)
Sierra Leone	402	110				402	110	512
Singapore		42,694	42,694		44,843	0	(44,843)	(44,843)
Slovak		5,612	5,612		8,145	0	(8,145)	(8,145)
Slovenia		9,023	9,023			0	0	0
Solomon Is.		110	110			0	0	0
South Africa		32,130	32,130			0	0	0
Spain	0	277,290			277,290	0	0	0

TRUST FUND FOR THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BY)
Status of Contributions as at 31 October 2008

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$	US \$
Sri Lanka	1,791	1,871			1,871	1,791	0	1,791
St. Lucia		220	215			0	5	5
St. Kitts & Nevis		110	110			0	0	0
Sudan	7,569	852				7,569	852	8,421
Suriname		110	1,597			0	(1,487)	(1,487)
Swaziland	211	220				211	220	431
Sweden	0	109,816				0	109,816	109,816
Switzerland		131,713	131,713		157,189	0	(157,189)	(157,189)
Syria	0	4,181			4,181	0	0	0
Tajikistan		110	447		100	0	(437)	(437)
Thailand	0	22,997			22,997	0	0	0
Togo		110	92			0	18	18
Tonga		110	100			0	10	10
Trinidad & Tobago	0	2,421			2,421	0	0	0
Tunisia		3,521	3,521			0	0	0
Turkey	0	40,933			40,933	0	0	0
Turkmenistan	527	550		527		0	550	550
Tuvalu		110	503			0	(393)	(393)
U. K.	0	674,189			674,189	0	0	0
Uganda		660	1,262		1,878	0	(2,480)	(2,480)
Ukraine	4,136	4,291		4,136	4,291	0	0	0
Un.Rep. of Tanzania		660	17,487			0	(16,827)	(16,827)
United Arab Emirates	70	25,858			25,833	70	25	95
Uruguay	5,058	5,282		5,058		0	5,282	5,282
Uzbekistan	11,959	1,541			1,541	11,959	0	11,959
Vanuatu	105	110		105	110	0	0	0
Venezuela		18,816	17,731			0	1,085	1,085
Viet Nam		2,311	2,311			0	0	0
Yemen	7,684	660				7,684	660	8,344
Serbia		2,091	2,091			0	0	0
Zambia		220	966			0	(746)	(746)
Zimbabwe	2,162	770		2,162	1,214	0	(444)	(444)
Sub Total	589,442	8,523,616	1,539,721	265,974	7,077,732	323,468	(93,837)	229,631

Additional Contributions								
Canada	0	660,620			660,620	0	0	0
Quebec	0	208,080			208,080	0	0	0
Grand Total	589,442	9,392,316	1,539,721	265,974	7,946,432	323,468	(93,837)	229,631

GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT
OF APPROVED ACTIVITIES UNDER THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BE)
Status of Contributions as at 31 October 2008 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.07		Adjustments	Pledges for 2008		Collections in 2008 for prior years	Collections in 2008 for 2008 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2008 & prior years
Belgium				66,470	29/			66,470
Canada	21,592				2/			21,592
Canada	127,202				10/	127,202		0
Canada				46,598	35/			46,598
CIFOR				2,000	23/			2,000
COMIFAC				13,928	26/		13,928	0
Czech Republic				36,928	33/		36,928	0
EC	59,065				3/			59,065
EC	91,193				4/			91,193
EC	324,484				5/	249,725		74,759
France				134,771	37/			134,771
Fundacion Biodiversidad				908	15/		908	0
GEF				150,000	22/		150,000	0
Germany	30,000				1/	30,000		0
Germany				14,909	16/		14,909	0
Germany				819,689	21/		819,689	0
Germany				1,467,480	31/		1,467,480	0
Germany				54,318	34/		38,980	15,338
Italy	50,000				6/			50,000
Italy				20,710	12/			20,710
Italy				36,982	13/			36,982
Institute of Energy & Environment				16,032	17/			16,032
Japan				10,000	14/		10,000	0
Japan				176,796	32/		176,796	0
Nature Conservancy				6,000	20/		6,000	0
Netherlands				380,000	18/		380,000	0
Netherlands				231,828	19/		231,828	0
Norway	15,626				7/			15,626
Norway				74,902	11/		74,902	0
Norway				30,091	36/			30,091
Spain	(924,556)			924,556	30/			0
Spain				388,077	27/		388,077	0
Sweden	13,287				8/			13,287

**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT
OF APPROVED ACTIVITIES UNDER THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BE)**
Status of Contributions as at 31 October 2008 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.07		Adjustments	Pledges for 2008		Collections in 2008 for prior years	Collections in 2008 for 2008 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2008 & prior years
Sweden	13,288				9/			13,288
UK				198,413	25/			198,413
UK				19,841	24/			19,841
UK				18,382	28/			18,382
Total	(178,820)			5,340,610		406,927	3,810,425	944,438

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

2/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 125,000 for meetings convened under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

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

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

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

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

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

8/Sweden pledged SEK 450,000 towards the cost of a Programme Officer for the Global Taxonomy Initiative in 2002

9/Sweden pledged SEK 700,000 towards the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j), Spain, 2006

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

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

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

13/Italy pledged EUR 25,000 towards the GLIPSA Meeting

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22/GEF pledged US\$ 150,000 towards the development of South-South Plan of Action

23/CIFOR pledged US\$ 2,000 towards the printing of CBD Technical Series document on bushmeat, in French

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

25/UK pledged GBP 100,000 towards GBO-3

26/COMIFAC pledged EUR 10,000 for the Forest Biodiversity activities in Central Africa

27/Spain pledged EUR 281,910 for the programme of work on Article 8j and related provisions

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

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

30/Spain pledged EUR 625,000 towards Additional Approved Activities

31/Germany pledged EUR 1,000,000 towards Poverty Alleviation

32/Japan pledged US\$ 176,796 towards the secondment of a JPO - Ms. Moriwake

33/Czech Republic pledged EUR 25,000 towards the Meetings: Access and Benefit Sharing in 2009 and Protected Areas in 2010

34/Germany pledged EUR 39,000 towards the COP-9 Bureau Meeting, Barcelona, Spain, 4 - 5 December 2008

35/Canada pledged Cdn\$ 50,000 for the AHTEG on Access and Benefit Sharing, Namibia, 2-5 December 2008

36/Norway pledged US\$ 30,091 towards the SBSTTA Bureau Meeting, Berlin, Germany, 26 - 27 November 2008

37/France pledged EUR 100,000 towards Biodiversity and Development

**GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO FACILITATE
THE PARTICIPATION OF PARTIES IN THE PROCESS OF THE CONVENTION
ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY (BZ)**

Status of Contributions as at 31 October 2008 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.07	Adjustments	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior years	Collections in 2008 for 2008 & fut yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2008 & prior years
Canada		11/	170,307		170,307	0
Denmark	40,000	2/				40,000
Denmark	27,076	3/				27,076
Denmark		8/	84,383		84,383	0
EC	32,425	4/				32,425
EC	530,973	5/		435,703		95,270
Finland		12/	26,480		26,480	0
Germany		14/	202,492		202,492	0
Iceland		15/	1,000		1,000	0
Ireland		10/	77,500		77,500	0
Norway	3,906	6/				3,906
Norway		9/	172,456		172,456	0
Spain	(258,876)	1/	258,876			0
Sweden	9,457	7/				9,457
Sweden		13/	99,364		99,364	0
Total	384,962	0	1,092,858	435,703	833,982	208,134

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

2/Denmark pledged for the support of participants from Central and Eastern European countries to CBD meetings

3/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

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

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

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

7/Sweden pledged SEK 500,000 towards the Article 8(j) Meeting, Spain in 2006

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CORE PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIOSAFETY PROTOCOL (BG)
Status of Contributions as at 31 October 2008

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
	US\$	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Albania	176	133		176	133	0	0	0
Algeria		1,991	1,991			0	0	0
Antigua and Barbuda	105	79				105	79	184
Armenia	70	52		70		0	52	52
Austria		22,498	22,498		24,589	0	(24,589)	(24,589)
Azerbaijan	407	135				407	135	542
Bahamas	455	340		455	784	0	(444)	(444)
Bangladesh	591	165				591	165	756
Barbados		262	262		544	0	(544)	(544)
Belarus	0	471			471	0	0	0
Belgium	25,974	27,998			27,998	25,974	0	25,974
Belize	35	26				35	26	61
Benin	0	54			82	0	(28)	(28)
Bhutan		26	26		30	0	(30)	(30)
Bolivia	315	236				315	236	551
Botswana		314	314			0	0	0
Brazil	0	39,889				0	39,889	39,889
Bulgaria	0	445			445	0	0	0
Burkina Faso	70	52		70	405	0	(353)	(353)
Cambodia		52	52			0	0	0
Cameroon	790	210				790	210	1,000
Cape Verde	61	28				61	28	89
Chad*	0	28				0	28	28
China	0	55,884			55,884	0	0	0
Colombia		4,060	129			0	3,931	3,931
Congo	57	28				57	28	85
Costa Rica	702	827				702	827	1,529
Croatia	0	969			969	0	0	0
Cuba	4,246	1,126				4,246	1,126	5,372
Cyprus	0	1,021			1,021	0	0	0
Czech Republic		4,793	4,793		7,804	0	(7,804)	(7,804)
Democratic Republic Of Congo	247	81				247	81	328
Denmark	25,107	18,805				25,107	18,805	43,912
Djibouti	98	26				98	26	124
Dominica	98	26				98	26	124
Dominican Republic	15	969		15	969	0	0	0
Ecuador	0	498			498	0	0	0
Egypt	773	314		773	314	0	0	0
El Salvador	0	576				0	576	576

GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CORE PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIOSAFETY PROTOCOL (BG)
Status of Contributions as at 31 October 2008

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
	US\$	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Eritrea	83	27		83	55	0	(28)	(28)
Estonia		314	314		444	0	(444)	(444)
Ethiopia		105	105		201	0	(201)	(201)
European Community	0	41,155			41,120	0	35	35
Fiji	140	105				140	105	245
Finland		13,960	13,960		15,637	0	(15,637)	(15,637)
France	0	157,932			157,932	0	0	0
Gabon	135	248				135	248	383
Gambia	98	26				98	26	124
Germany		226,866	226,866		237,717	0	(237,717)	(237,717)
Ghana	395	105				395	105	500
Greece	0	13,881				0	13,881	13,881
Grenada	98	26				98	26	124
Guatemala		788	788			0	0	0
Guinea		64				0	64	64
Guyana		14				0	14	14
Hungary	0	3,300			3,300	0	0	0
India		11,026	11,006			0	20	20
Indonesia	0	3,751			7,942	0	(4,191)	(4,191)
Iran	15,504	4,112				15,504	4,112	19,616
Ireland		9,167	9,167			0	0	0
Italy	0	127,943			128,730	0	(787)	(787)
Japan	0	362,164			362,164	0	0	0
Jordan	378	288		378	288	0	0	0
Kazakhstan*		43					43	43
Kenya	315	236		315	236	0	0	0
Kiribati	0	26			56	0	(30)	(30)
Korea, Democratic Republic	988	262				988	262	1,250
Korea, Republic of	0	47,020				0	47,020	47,020
Kyrgyzstan		28	28			0	0	0
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	0	165				0	165	165
Latvia		393	393		499	0	(499)	(499)
Lesotho		26	63			0	(37)	(37)
Liberia	98	26		98	26	0	0	0
Libya	9,576	3,457				9,576	3,457	13,033
Lithuania		629	629			0	0	0
Luxembourg	0	2,017			2,017	0	0	0
Macedonia		163	163			0	0	0
Madagascar		79	81			0	(2)	(2)
Malaysia		5,317	5,307		5,274	0	(5,264)	(5,264)

GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CORE PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIOSAFETY PROTOCOL (BG)
Status of Contributions as at 31 October 2008

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
	US\$	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Maldives		26	26		28	0	(28)	(28)
Mali	8	52				8	52	60
Malta	371	386		371	386	0	0	0
Marshall Islands	98	26				98	26	124
Mauritania	69	26				69	26	95
Mauritius	21	288		21	613	0	(325)	(325)
Mexico		49,318	49,318		55,574	0	(55,574)	(55,574)
Mongolia	35	26				35	26	61
Montenegro	52	28				52	28	80
Mozambique	0	26			54	0	(28)	(28)
Myanmar		166				0	166	166
Namibia	167	160		167	160	0	0	0
Nauru	98	26				98	26	124
Netherlands		44,263	44,263			0	0	0
New Zealand	7,801	5,915				7,801	5,915	13,716
Nicaragua		26	26			0	0	0
Niger	98	26				98	26	124
Nigeria	0	1,100			286	0	814	814
Niue	63	26		63	7	0	19	19
Norway	20,006	17,784		20,006	17,784	0	0	0
Oman		1,833	1,833			0	0	0
Palau	98	26				98	26	124
Panama	1,876	498		1,876	124	0	374	374
Papua New Guinea	187	83				187	83	270
Paraguay	1,185	314				1,185	314	1,499
Peru	9,085	2,410				9,085	2,410	11,495
Philippines	3,377	2,618				3,377	2,618	5,995
Poland	22	12,074				22	12,074	12,096
Portugal	0	12,310				0	12,310	12,310
Qatar	1,270	1,764				1,270	1,764	3,034
Republic of Moldova	35	26				35	26	61
Romania		1,571	1,571			0	0	0
Rwanda		26	26			0	0	0
Saint Kitts and Nevis		26	28			0	(2)	(2)
Saint Lucia		54	71			0	(17)	(17)
Saint Vincent & Gren.	98	26				98	26	124
Samoa	0	26				0	26	26
Saudi Arabia	3,778	19,361		3,778	19,361	0	0	0
Senegal	340	131				340	131	471
Serbia		526	526			0	0	0
Seychelles		52	52		55	0	(55)	(55)

GENERAL TRUST FUND FOR THE CORE PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIOSAFETY PROTOCOL (BG)
Status of Contributions as at 31 October 2008

Countries	Unpaid Pledges as at 31/12/07	Pledges for 2008	Collections in 2007 for 2008	Collections in 2008 for prior yrs	Collections During 2008 for 2008 & future yrs	Unpaid Pledges for Prior Years	Unpaid Pledges for 2008	Unpaid Pledges for 2008 & Prior years
	US\$	US\$		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Slovakia		1,336	1,336		1,748	0	(1,748)	(1,748)
Slovenia		2,148	2,148			0	0	0
Solomon Islands	98	26				98	26	124
South Africa	0	7,648			7,648	0	0	0
Spain	0	66,001			66,001	0	0	0
Sri Lanka		445	445		445	0	(445)	(445)
Sudan	452	165				452	165	617
Suriname		14				0	14	14
Swaziland		55	55			0	0	0
Sweden	566	26,139		566	26,139	(0)	0	(0)
Switzerland		31,351	31,351		33,682	0	(33,682)	(33,682)
Syria	0	995			995	0	0	0
Tajikistan	98	26				98	26	124
Thailand	0	5,786			5,786	0	0	0
Togo	98	26				98	26	124
Tonga	0	26				0	26	26
Trinidad and Tobago		576	576			0	0	0
Tunisia	0	838			838	0	0	0
Turkey	0	9,743			9,743	0	0	0
Turkmenistan**		15				0	15	15
Uganda		157	86		584	0	(513)	(513)
Ukraine	1,364	1,021		1,364	1,021	0	0	0
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	0	160,472			344,649	0	(184,177)	(184,177)
United Republic of Tanzania	25	157				25	157	182
Venezuela	16,886	4,479		16,886	4,479	0	0	0
Viet Nam	734	550				734	550	1,284
Yemen	353	166				353	166	519
Zambia		52	435		52	0	(435)	(435)
Zimbabwe	257	187		257	187	0	0	0
GRAND TOTAL	159,369	1,718,790	433,107	47,788	1,685,007	111,581	(399,324)	(287,743)
Additional Contributions								
Canada	0	171,700			171,700		0	0
Grand Total	159,369	1,890,490	433,107	47,788	1,856,707	111,581	(399,324)	(287,743)

* New Party effective 7 December 2008

** New Party effective 19 November 2008

SPECIAL VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF APPROVED ACTIVITIES (BH)

Status of Contributions as at 31 October 2008 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.07		Adjustments	Pledges for 2008		Collections in 2008 for prior years	Collections in 2008 for 2008 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2008 & prior years
EC	8,106				1/			8,106
EC	58,997				2/	48,412		10,585
Germany				25,873	6/		25,873	(0)
Germany				233,214	9/		233,214	0
ICGEB				21,866	4/		21,866	(0)
Netherlands				45,000	8/			45,000
Netherlands				200,000	10/		200,000	0
Norway	13,482				3/			13,482
Norway				9,581	5/		9,581	0
Spain				36,982	7/			36,982
Switzerland				5,000	11/		5,000	0
Total	80,585		0	577,516		48,412	495,534	114,155

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

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

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

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

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

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

7/Spain pledged EUR 25,000 towards the Capacity Building/Risk Assessment workshops

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

9/Germany pledged EUR 149,496 towards the COP/MOP 4 Meeting, Bonn, Germany, 12-16 May 2008

10/Netherlands pledged US\$ 200,000 regarding Letter of Intent for the period 2007

11/Switzerland pledged US\$ 5,000 towards the Biosafety Clearing House External Security Audit

SPECIAL VOLUNTARY TRUST FUND FOR FACILITATING PARTICIPATION OF
DEVELOPING PARTIES, IN PARTICULAR THE LEAST DEVELOPED AND THE
SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES AMONGST THEM, AND PARTIES WITH
ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION (BI)

Status of Contributions as at 31 October 2008 (in United States dollars)

COUNTRIES	Unpaid Pledges as at 31.12.07		Adjustments	Pledges for 2008		Collections in 2008 for prior years	Collections in 2008 for 2008 & futures yrs	Unpaid pledges for 2008 & prior years
EC	11,813				1/			11,813
EC	40,530				2/			40,530
Finland				7,731	5/		7,731	0
Finland				15,462	9/		15,462	0
France				22,189	6/		22,189	0
Norway				28,743	3/		28,743	(0)
Norway				76,647	7/		76,647	0
Spain				110,947	4/			110,947
Sweden				58,016	8/		58,016	0
Total	52,343		0	319,735		0	208,788	163,290

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

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

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

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

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

6/France pledged EUR 15,000 towards the Fifth Meeting on Liability and Redress, Cartagena, Colombia, 12-19 March 2008

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

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

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