

UNEP Press Advisory—Convention on Biological Diversity

Bonn, Germanyô Preliminary list of Events, Side Events and Press Conferences at the 9th Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity involving the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

The 9th Committee of the Parties (COP) to the CBD takes place in Bonn between the 19 and 30 May. Media are invited to all of the listed events which will be updated via the unep.org web site

18 Mayô Inaugural Session off the ôBusiness and Biodiversity Forum at 18.00hours to 19.00hours (Room 0.121 Ministry of Transport, BMVBS).

UNEP, in partnership with others, will be holding a series of events throughout the COP focusing on biodiversity and business and involving experts from UNEP; the CBD Secretariat, the World Business Council on Sustainable Development and the UN University.

This session will introduce the programme and expected highlights.

19 Mayô Launch of UN List of Protected Areas and an insight into how this central conservation strategy is faring 13.15 until 14.45, Salon Hauptmann, Hotel Maritim

20 May---ôCarbon Markets and the Poorö 13.15 until 14.45 Room 0.121, Ministry of Transport (BMVBS)

This will focus on how local communities can maximize access and use of the carbon markets in order to meet the Millennium Development Goals and the biodiversity agenda.

22 Mayô **Press Briefing** on ôProceedings of the second technical meeting of the Scientific Task Force on Avian Influenza & Wild Birds: Avian Influenza & Wildlife Workshop on ôPractical Lessons Learnedö at 13.00 h, Museum Koenig, Bonn, 2nd floor, Seminar room, Adenauerallee 160

23 Mayô ôAccess and Benefit Sharing of Genetic Resourcesö Case Studies from four African Countriesö. 13.15 to 14.45 Room S 34/35 Steseeman (GSI)

23 Mayô ôAccess and Benefit Sharing, Communities and Businessö with the UN University and the Equator Initiative 13.15 to 14.45 Room 0.121 Ministry of Transport (BMVBS).

23 May--

24 May Biodiversity Forum all day at Salon Schuman, Hotel Maritim

UNEP, IUCN and the Countdown 2010 Secretariat and the Secretariat of the CBD are organizing this event which brings together global experts on the wide range of issues surrounding biodiversity from its role in poverty alleviation and the Millennium Development Goals to financing of conservation.

28 May Press Conference "Nature's 100 Best" with Achim Steiner and Gunter Pauli where preliminary findings from a unique assessment of breakthroughs in materials; chemicals and power systems to new ways of harvesting water and cures for diseases are emerging from mimicking nature. 8.00am to 9.00am Press Centre, Maritim Hotel.

29 May-- Press Conference: with Achim Steiner and guests "DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO - THE BIGGEST ENVIRONMENT CHALLENGE IN AFRICA TODAY" including new backing for conservation initiatives for the country and its special wildlife, not least the great apes at 13.15 - 14.45, Press Room, Maritim Hotel, Bonn.