



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

10th to 12th April 2008
International Conference Centre of the Seychelles (ICCS), Victoria, Mahé

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 10 th	
17.30	<i>Arrival and Registration</i>
18.00	<p>Welcome (MC: Mr. Selby Remy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) ▪ H.E. Walter Lindner, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany ▪ Welcome Song « Aldabra » by Patrick Victor ▪ Sibi Bonfils, Directeur Adjoint, Institut de l'Energie et de l'Environnement de la Francophonie (IEPF)
18.30	<p>A Vision for ABS in Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Keynote by Prof. Johnson Ekpere, Nigeria
19.00	<p>Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ H.E. Joël Morgan, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of the Republic of the Seychelles ▪ Environment Song « They Must Not Die » by Joe Sammy
19.30	<i>Cocktails and snacks at the ICCS Lobby</i>

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Friday, 11th	
	Setting the Scene
9.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Illustrated walk through the programme <i>Claus-Michael Falkenberg (facilitator)</i> ▪ Objectives of the meeting and the format of the High-level Segment of COP 9, <i>Jochen Flasbarth, Germany</i> ▪ House rules ▪ Technical announcements
	The Context of Access and Benefit-sharing (ABS)
9.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why the CBD needs ABS – the third objective as key factor for the success of the CBD, <i>Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, SCBD</i> ▪ Why the rest of the world also needs ABS: Genetic resources, business and development, <i>Sem Shikongo, Namibia, and Dr. Andreas Drews, Germany</i> ▪ The ABS principles of the CBD, <i>Valerie Normand, SCBD</i>
10.00	<i>Coffee / tea break</i>
	Status of National Implementation of ABS
10.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brief statements by the Ministers
11.30	<i>Departure to the airport and transfer to Restaurant "Tante Mimi" on Praslin Island</i>
13.00	<i>Lunch</i>
	Bioprospecting experiences by the Seychelles
14.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The examples of Coco-de-Mer and marine bioprospecting, <i>Denis Matatiken, Seychelles</i> ▪ Lessons learnt and national measures undertaken, <i>Didier Dogley, Seychelles</i> ▪ Questions and answers
14.30	<i>Transfer to the Vallée de Mai</i>
14.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Guided tour through the Coco-de-Mer palm tree forest and talk to the park authorities of the UNESCO World Heritage Site "Vallée de Mai"
16.00	<i>Transfer to the Lemuria Resort</i>
16.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Refreshments ▪ Informal exchange: Flip-flop talks at the pool side / beach
17.30	<i>Departure to the airport and transfer to the hotels</i>
20.00	<i>Gala Dinner by the Government of the Seychelles at the Le Méridien Barbarons</i>

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Saturday, 12 th	
	Recap of previous day
9.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Slide show with rapport on main findings <i>Rapporteur: Kabir Bavikatte, South Africa</i>
	ABS and the Private Sector: African Examples
9.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Novozymes in KenyaTeff – an Ethiopian-Dutch Bioprospecting Case <i>A film produced by the ZDF/3sat science magazine "nano"</i>Questions and answers
	The ABS Negotiations: Status and Challenges
9.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rio – Johannesburg – Bonn: Highlights and milestones <i>Valerie Normand, SCBD</i>
9.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The ABS agenda of COP 9 in Bonn <i>Fernando Casas and Timothy Hodges, Co-chairs of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit-sharing</i>
10.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Experts panel and open discussion: Africa and the ABS challenge <i>Samuel Diemé (Senegal), Dr. David Hafashimana (Uganda) and Sem Shikongo (Namibia)</i>
11.00	<i>Coffee / tea break</i>
	African Coordination
11.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Further elaboration of the African Group's positionsTowards a political statement at the High-level segment of COP 9 in Bonn
13.00	<i>Lunch</i>
	Brief Overview on Other Agenda Items of COP 9
14.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Protected Areas (Life Web Initiative)ForestsBiofuels
15.30	<i>Coffee / tea break</i>
16.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Biodiversity and climateInnovative Financial Mechanisms
17.00	Official Closing of the Meeting
19.30	<i>Informal beach barbecue at the Le Méridien Barbarons</i>