

**African Regional Preparatory Meeting
for the 9th meeting of the
Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity**

**17th to 18th May 2008
Salon Bonn, Maritim Hotel, Bonn**

Programme

Chair: Sem Shikongo, Namibia

Saturday, 17th	Opening and Adoption of the Agenda
8.00	Registration
9.00	<p>Welcome and Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charles Gbedemah <i>Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD)</i> Jochen Flasbarth <i>German Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)</i> Bather Koné <i>African Union (AU)</i> Faouzia Abdoulhalik <i>Institute de l'énergie et de l'environnement de la Francophonie (IEPF)</i> Anne-Katrin Pfeiffer <i>German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)</i>
9.25	Introduction and Adoption of the Agenda
	Reports on preparatory meetings held at the sub-regional level
9.30	<p>Presentation of process and key results, questions and answers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity Building Workshop for Southern and Eastern Africa on NBSAPs and Mainstreaming Biodiversity (Rustenburg, 02/08) <i>Francis Ogwal, Uganda</i> Subregional Workshop for the Francophone Africa on the Implementation of the Work Programme for Protected Areas (Libreville, 01/08) <i>Mary Fosi, Cameroon – Martin Tadoum, COMIFAC (tbc.)</i> Ministerial ABS Preparatory Meeting (Victoria, 04/08): <i>Moustafa Fouda, Egypt</i> COMIFAC COP 9 Preparatory Workshop (Douala, 04/08): <i>Rufin Antoine Oko, COMIFAC</i>

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- 10.20 Launch of the *Guide des Négotiations* for COP 9
Ariane Gagnon-Légaré, Université Laval, Canada
- 10.30 *Coffee Break*

**Access and Benefit-Sharing:
the Preparatory Process so far, African Viewpoints and Discussion**

- 11.00 Presentations followed by questions and answers
- The negotiation process since COP 8 in Curitiba
Valérie Normand, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
 - Bricks and bullets – the outcome of WG-ABS 6 in Geneva
Pierre du Plessis, Namibia
 - Positions of the African Group and the EU on ABS: A dialogue paper
Dr. Dagmar Lohan, Germany & Kabir Bavikatte, South Africa
- 12.00
- The Ministerial coordination on ABS since the Mahé meeting
David Hafashimana, Uganda
 - Recommendations on ABS of the COMIFAC preparatory workshop
Emmanuel Bayani, Gabon
- 13.00 The way forward with the proposal for the UNEP/GEF ABS Capacity-Building Project for Africa
David Duthie, UNEP
- 13.15 *Lunch*

Other issues for In-depth Consideration at COP 9

- 14.15 Illustrated tour through the COP programme and venues
NN, BMU
- 14.30 African viewpoints: presentations followed by questions and answers
- Introduction of non-ABS issues for in-depth consideration
Chair
 - Recommendations on relevant issues by the COMIFAC
Mary Fosi, Cameroon (tbc.)
- 15.15 Collecting other important issues for in-depth coordination: the perspective of other sub-regions
- 15.45 *Coffee Break*
- 16.15 Collecting other important issues for in-depth coordination: the perspective of other sub-regions – *contd.*
- 17.00 Closure of the day

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Sunday, 18th	African Group Coordination
	Proposed Agenda Items: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Formulating regional consensual positions based on the deliberations of the previous day2. Division of COP agenda items among representatives and identification of lead countries that coordinate positions and act as spokespersons during COP 9 deliberations3. Strategic issues for evaluating progress or supporting implementation, including progress towards the 2010 biodiversity target4. Nomination of two representatives for election to the COP Bureau5. Coordination and schedule of regional meetings during COP 96. Other matters7. Closure of the meeting
9.00	1st Session
10.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.00	2nd Session
13.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00	Open-ended Informal Consultations with the ABS Co-chairs
15.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16.00	3rd Session
17.30	Closure of the day