

Registration

Please register until **20th January 2010**.

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The workshop will be held in English.

A conference fee of 10 Euro applies.

Venue

Gustav-Stresemann-Institut e.V.
Langer Grabenweg 68
D-53175 Bonn-Bad Godesberg



The Federal Ministry
for the Environment,
Nature Conservation
and Nuclear Safety

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Chronically underfinanced - Mobilization of Additional Resources for Biodiversity

Workshop

30th January 2010
Gustav Stresemann Institute
Bonn



Background

Since the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) came into effect, adequate funding for the conservation of biodiversity and the CBD Programs are lacking. The implementation of the Convention suffers from a chronic shortage of funds and cannot support the Program of Work on Protected Areas adequately. Estimates state that about 20 to 30 billion US-Dollars are needed for the global network of protected areas alone. 290 billion US-Dollars are needed in total for the protection of biological diversity, according to estimates from 2004. The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity – TEEB report, which is currently being written, will publish new figures shortly. They are expected to be equally high. The report will also demonstrate the potential revenues to be gained from an intact ecological infrastructure. Investing in the protection of biodiversity pays off!

The global challenge to stop the rapid loss of biological diversity cannot be tackled with today's insufficient financial resources. Long-term, solid and sufficient finances need to be secured. New financial resources need to urgently be made available in addition to existing funds. During the COP9 in Bonn some progress was made: Germany pledged € 500 million for the period 2009 to 2012 and agreed to provide to further €500 million annually from 2013 onwards for the conservation of forests and other ecosystems. In addition, the COP agreed to continue their discussion on innovative finance possibilities and agreed on the "Strategy for Resource Mobilization" (Decision IX/11 B). Germany also started the Life Web initiative which could be used to facilitate additional funds for protected areas. Other donor countries - with the exception of Spain - have yet to support the initiative. The CBD Strategy for Resource Mobilization calls for the exploration of new and innovative financial mechanisms at all levels and recommendations for this already exist.

At the end of January 2010, international experts will meet in Bonn, following an invitation issued by the CBD secretariat with financial support from the German Government. They will discuss possible innovative financial instruments and assess their feasibility. The results from the workshop will be presented at the 3rd Working Group of the Review of Implementation in May 2010. Back to back to the expert workshop, NGOs will meet and discuss their views on innovative financial mechanisms.

Program

- 9:00 Welcome** *Kathrin Blaufuss*
Forum Umwelt und Entwicklung
- 9:05 CBD - Strategy for Resource Mobilization– What concrete instruments are being discussed? How feasible are they? Assessing innovative finance mechanisms: interim report of the expert group; taking stock of the process (Decision COP9/IX/11b)**
Markus Lehman
Economist
CBD Secretariat
- 10:15 Financing biodiversity and forest conservation within the development cooperation – implementing the pledge of 500 Mio € of Germany at the CBD COP9**
Heiko Warnken
Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany
- 10:45 Coffee Break**
- 11:15 The Life-Web initiative: results, assessment and outlook**
Axel Benemann
Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany
- 11:45 From Clean to Green Development Mechanism: a solution for biodiversity?**
Francis Vorhies
Earthmind
- 12:15 Lunch Break**

- 13:15 The EU-Budget reform and prospects for better financing of biological diversity in Europe**
Paul Morling
The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
United Kingdom
- 13:45 The 5. Program of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for 2010 – 2014: ways and means for increasing biodiversity financing**
Günter Mitlacher
WWF Germany
- 14:15 Payments for Environmental Services: examples and perspectives for the future**
Irene Ring
Helmholtz Center for Environmental Research – UFZ
Leipzig
- 14:45 Coffee Break**
- 15:15 Presentation and discussion of draft position paper**
Aglaja Hajkova
AK Internationale
BUND
- Discussion**
- 17:30 Closing**