

Colloquium programme

'Belgium and the Convention on Biological Diversity – A state of the art'

Morning session

- 9.00-9.10 Opening address by Mr Rudy DEMOTTE, Federal Minister for Economy and Scientific Research
- 9.10-9.20 Introduction to the colloquium: man facing biodiversity
by Prof. Philippe LEBRUN (*Unit of Ecology and Biogeography, Université catholique de Louvain*)

International dimension of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Chair: H.R.H. Prince Laurent of Belgium

- 9.20-9.40 The importance of the international dimension of the Convention on Biological Diversity for national planning
by Ir Marcel VERNOOIJ (*EU-representative at the CBD-Bureau*)
- 9.40-10.00 The Convention on Biological Diversity in a European perspective
by Mr Christoph BAIL (*DG Environment, European Commission*)
- 10.00-10.20 The implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity at the Belgian federal level
by Dr Jackie VAN GOETHEM (*Belgian National Focal Point to the CBD*)
- 10.20-10.40 Coffee break, poster session

Examples of the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity in Belgium

Chair: Mr Marc DE WIN (*Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Public Health and Environment*)

- 10.40-11.00 Pertinent examples of the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity in Flanders
by Mr Joris JANSSENS (*AMINAL, Flemish Environment, Nature, Land and Water Management Administration*)
- 11.00-11.20 Biodiversity in the Brussels Capital Region: nature in Brussels
by Mr Serge KEMPENEERS (*IBGE/BIM, Brussels Institute for Management of the Environment*)
- 11.20-11.40 Pertinent examples of the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity in the Walloon Region
by Ir Jacques STEIN (*DGRNE, Directorate-general for Natural Resources and the Environment of the Ministry of the Walloon Region*)
- 11.40-12.00 The protocol on biosafety: credibility test for the future of the Convention on Biological Diversity?
by Dr Didier BREYER & Dr William MOENS (*Scientific Institute of Public Health - Louis Pasteur*)
- 12.00-12.30 Discussions
- 12.30-14.30 Lunch, demonstration of Belgian biodiversity related websites

Afternoon session

Belgian contributions to the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Chair: Mr Gunther SLEEUWAGEN (Ambassador for Environment and Sustainable Development)

- 14.30-14.50 Belgian Co-ordinated Collections of Micro-organisms: a network of publicly financed *ex-situ* collections of micro-organisms
by Dr Nicole HENRY & Ir Philippe DESMETH (Federal Office for Scientific, Technical and Cultural Affairs)
- 14.50-15.10 Relation between the Biodiversity Convention and other international “nature treaties”, with special attention to wetland protection
by Prof. Eckhart KULKEN (Flemish Institute for Nature Conservation)
- 15.10-15.30 Biodiversity in the Belgian coastal zone: conservation or restoration?
by Dr Thierry JACQUES (Management Unit of the North Sea Mathematical Models)
- 15.30-15.50 Belgian anthropological research related to biodiversity
by Prof. Pierre DE MARET (Centre for Cultural Anthropology, Université Libre de Bruxelles)
- 15.50-16.15 Coffee break
- 16.15-17.30 **Forum discussion**
Chair: Prof. Walter HECQ (Institute for Sociology, Université Libre de Bruxelles)
- Mrs Magda AELVOET (Federal Minister for Environment)
Mr Jos BUYS (Directorate-General International Co-operation)
Mr Geert LEJEUNE (Worldwide Fund for Nature Belgium)
Mrs Catherine MERTENS (Federal Council for Sustainable Development)
Mr Abderahim Yacoub NDIAYE (Ambassador of the Republic of Chad in Belgium)
Mr Gunther SLEEUWAGEN (Ambassador for Environment and Sustainable Development)
Mr Jan VERSCHOOTEN (Federal Planning Bureau)
Mr Jacques VISEUR (Belgian Biotechnologies Association)
- 17.30-18.00 Closing statement by Mrs Magda AELVOET, Federal Minister for Consumers Interests, Health and Environment

After-meeting, cocktail

