
BioTrade at COP9 of the CBD



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The Ninth Conference of the Parties (COP9) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

During the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP9) of the Convention on Biological Diversity, UNCTAD BioTrade Initiative and its partners are organizing several side events and booths from 19 to 30 May, 2008. The venue for this international conference was the Maritim Hotel in Bonn, Germany.

Additionally, BioTrade was recognized by the Parties of the CBD and was included in two COP 9 Decisions namely: *Decision IX/6 Incentive Measures* and *Decision IX/26 Promoting Business Engagement*.

Decision IX/6 Incentive Measures

13. Invites the Biotrade Initiative of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to continue its work on trade promotion for biodiversity-based products which are produced in a sustainable manner and compatible with the three objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity, through capacity-building, enhancing market access, promoting enabling environments and engaging relevant public and private actors;

15. Invites the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, and other national, regional, and international organizations and initiatives to undertake, and requests the Executive Secretary to encourage, further studies on payments for ecosystem services and other positive incentive measures at local, national, regional and international levels, their advantages as well as their potential limitations and risks, their cost-effectiveness, potential implications for biodiversity and indigenous and local communities, and their consistency with other international obligations. The studies should also address whether designating indigenous and local communities or local authorities as recipients of payments could help address concerns regarding equity consideration and the practical implementation of payment schemes;

Decision IX/26 Promoting Business Engagement, Annex: Framework of priority actions on business, 2008-2010

Priority area 1: Build and promote the business case for biodiversity

2. Continue the compilation and dissemination of information on the business case for biodiversity, including experiences generated in the framework of the UNCTAD Biotrade Initiative, through the clearing-house mechanism, the CBD newsletter on business, and mainstream business forums.

Priority area 2: Disseminate tools and best practice

6. Disseminate tools and best practice of companies involved in biotrade.

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Venue: Platz der Vielfalt, Robert Schuhmann Platz

Visitors of the Stand Sala Andes - Amazonia, had a unique experience with the natural beauties of both regions while learning about promissory biodiversity species and products.



Visitors of the Sala Andes - Amazonia
Bonn, Germany

Side events

20 May

UNCTAD BioTrade Initiative




Greening trade for Biodiversity: BioTrade opportunities in developing countries

The event will highlight the increasing importance of trade as an incentive measure for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity. This event will also focus on the experiences and requirements of BioTrade programmes and companies for capturing the benefits from the increased demand for natural and environmentally friendly products in Europe and USA, while providing a platform to share experiences gained through partnerships in trade and biodiversity sustainable use.

Speakers were: Claudia Denss, SECO; Fulai Sheng, UNEP; Florence Kata, Uganda Export Promotion Board; Jose Antonio Gomez, von Humboldt Institute-Colombia; Lucas Assunção, Lorena Jaramillo and Eduardo Escobedo, UNCTAD BioTrade. More information about the side event can be found at IISD's Earth Negotiations Bulletin:

www.iisd.ca/biodiv/cop9/enbots/pdf/enbots0913e.pdf.

<p>21 May</p> <p>Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) / UNCTAD</p> 	<p>Regional Amazon BioTrade Program</p> <p>Recognizing the vast biological wealth of the Amazon Region, the eight Member Countries of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO), with the support of UNCTAD and the Regional Amazon Program OTCA/DGIS/GTZ, have developed a sustainable development programme focused on the sustainable use of the Amazon biodiversity and tailored to the region's human development needs. The Programme aims at generating social and economic benefits for local communities by creating the necessary conditions at the regional level for the development and strengthening of promising sectors of Biotrade products and services.</p> <p>More information about the side event can be found at IISD's Earth Negotiations Bulletin www.iisd.ca/biodiv/cop9/enbots/pdf/enbots0914e.pdf.</p>
<p>26 May</p> <p>Union for Ethical Biotrade (UEBT)</p> 	<p>Private sector engagement in the Cosmetic sector, verifying business conduct</p> <p>A trend is visible in the cosmetics sector towards more sustainable and ethical sourcing practices. More and more companies are committing to the objectives of the CBD and are greening their supply chains. Some pioneering companies have decided to submit their efforts to a new system of independent verification managed by the Union for Ethical BioTrade. In this side event, cosmetics companies will show what it takes to translate CBD objectives into practice. The event will also demonstrate how the Union for Ethical BioTrade promotes industry up-take of the CBD objectives, and provides insight to CBD focal points on how they can promote further business engagement in this sector.</p>
<p>27 May</p> <p>General Secretariat of the Andean Community (CAN)</p>	<p>Implementation of the Regional Biodiversity Strategy of the Andean Community (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Perú)</p> <p>The Andean Community will bring cases of implementation of the Regional Biodiversity Strategy on the Andean Community. Discussion will be focused on topics such as BioTrade and Access and Benefit Sharing, as well as other regional efforts that contribute to the conservation and sustainable use of Biodiversity of the region.</p>