

CONSULTATIVE PROCESS TOWARDS AN IMoSEB

INTERNATIONAL MECHANISM OF SCIENTIFIC EXPERTISE ON BIODIVERSITY

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Newsletter of the IMoSEB Consultation

This newsletter provides information on progress of the consultation on an International Mechanism of Scientific Expertise on Biodiversity (IMoSEB). Additional information can be found at <http://www.imoseb.net/> or by contacting executive-secretariat@imoseb.net.

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A - Major Events for the Period March 2007 – August 2007

Visit to Brasil

1 August – 2 August 2007, Sao Paulo, Brasil

Michel Loreau and IMoSEB consultation Executive Secretariat representative Anne Larigauderie went to Brasil to discuss the consultative process towards an IMoSEB with representatives of the Brazilian Ministry of Environment/MMA and of the Brazilian Ministry of Science and Technology/MCT

http://www.imoseb.net/events/visit_to_brasil

2nd Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working group on the Review of Implementation of the CBD

9 July – 13 July 2007, Paris, France

The Executive Secretariat was invited to participate to the WGRI. Issue on the possible role for an IMoSEB were discussed during the meeting

<http://www.iisd.ca/biodiv/wgri2/>

12th meeting of CBD-SBSTTA

1 July – 6 July 2007, Paris, France

The Executive Secretariat organized a side event during the SBSTTA. Alfred Oteng-Yeboah, EC co-chair, Jacques Weber and Horst Korn, EC members, presented the progress of the consultation and attended a round table with Ole Hendrickson, Canadian SBSSTA Focal point. For this event a midterm synthesis note was produced and is available in English, French and Spanish.

Report of the Side event available at <http://www.imoseb.net/sbstta12>

Pictures from ISSD available at <http://www.iisd.ca/biodiv/sbstta12/july5.html>

The consultative process was discussed a lot during SBSTTA, particularly, in working group one on Review of the Millenium Ecosystem Assessment and the Global Biodiversity Outlook <http://www.iisd.ca/vol09/enb09375e.html>

EC Green Week

12-15 June 2007, Brussels, Belgium

The Executive Secretariat participated to the EC Green Week in cooperation with the Institut Français de la Biodiversité on the topic “*What knowledges, expertise and tools for a proper decision-making on biodiversity*”

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/greenweek/home.html>

Official Visit of the Executive Secretariat in Gabon

June 4-6 2007, Libreville, Gabon

Under the request of Ms Koko, Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Environment, and at the occasion of the World Environment Day Didier Babin, Executive Secretary was invited to present the consultative process and to discuss about the opportunity to plan a pilot project for an IMoSEB in Africa.

Sustainable Neighbourhood – From Lisboa to Leipzig Conference with Research

May 2007 - Presentations given by Christopher Goerg (Germany) on the Leipzig workshop and the Consultative process towards an IMoSEB.

http://www.fona.de/de/3_akteure/forum_2007/pdf/E_7_04_Goerg_presentation_L2L_2007.pdf

EPBRS meeting

May 4-7 2007, Leipzig, Germany

The results of the European Regional Consultation were presented at the EPBRS meeting. EPBRS welcomed the progress made by the consultation in a short note.

http://www.imoseb.net/information_center

DIVERSITAS/SANBI South African Science-Policy Dialog on Biodiversity:

29-30 March 2007, Cape Town, South Africa

As an external contribution, this meeting produced recommendations for the consultative process towards an IMoSEB

<http://www.imoseb.net/events>

French Parliamentary Office of Scientific and technological options Meeting on “Biodiversity, the other clash”

28 March, Paris, France

Two French congressmen launched in 2006 a political survey on biodiversity loss and ecosystems services. For the midterm report, the Executive Secretariat was invited to participate to the meeting and discuss of the progress of the consultation

<http://www.senat.fr/evenement/colloque/biodiversite/index.html>

B – New Communication Materials

Mid Term Synthesis Note

This synthesis note available in English, French and Spanish presented the results of the consultation and in particular the results of the regional consultations completed. This synthesis note is a paper open for discussion and should be used alongside with the needs&options document produced by the IMoSEB Executive Committee and International Steering Committee

<http://www.imoseb.net/sbstta12>

http://www.imoseb.net/information_center

Results of the Regional Consultations

Reports, presentations given, list of participants, and IISD coverage of the regional consultation are available.

http://www.imoseb.net/regional_consultations

New IMoSEB Brochure

A new brochure of the consultative process is downloadable from the website.

If you need hard copies of this brochure, contact us

http://www.imoseb.net/information_center

C - Completed Regional Consultations

Europe

26-28 April 2007

The European Regional Consultation was held in Geneva, Switzerland at the Museum of Natural History of Geneva and at the International Environment House.

Over 60 experts and officials representing more than 15 countries private sector representatives, and international organizations were present. The European consultation resulted in a set of recommendations (in English, French and Spanish) which, along with presentations and the participant list, can be downloaded from the IMoSEB website:

http://www.imoseb.net/regional_consultations/europe

The International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) coverage of the consultation is available in [French](#) and [English](#):

D - Upcoming Events

Asian Regional Consultation

Beijing, China, 24-25 September 2007

The Asian regional consultation will be organized by the Executive secretariat in partnership notably, with the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the United Nations University – Institute of Advanced Studies

<http://www.cncdiversitas.org/imoseb/>

South American Regional Consultation

Bariloche, Argentina, October 2007

The South American Regional consultation should take place on the side of the “ Second Latin American Congress of National Parks and Other Protected Areas”. This congress will be held September 30- October 6 in Bariloche

<http://www.congressolatinoparques2007.org>

Oceania Regional Consultation

October 2007

A regional Consultation for Oceania is considered. If it becomes impossible to organize it, Oceania representatives will be invited to the Asian consultation

Final International Steering Committee (ISC) of the Consultative process towards an IMoSEB

15-17 November, Montpellier, France

The Final ISC is scheduled to take place in Montpellier, where the Executive Secretariat is located. An Executive Committee meeting will be held also on November 14 in Montpellier.

If your government wants to be represented in the International Steering Committee, please send a request to the executive secretariat.

E – Launch of a new Web Questionnaire

In order to open broadly the consultation to scientific societies, local or global organisations, Research institutes and countries that do not belong to the International Steering Committee have the possibility to submit remarks, comments and concerns regarding the consultation by responding to the IMoSEB Web questionnaire or by submit directly to the Executive Secretariat

These contributions will be taken in account and for consideration by the ISC at its final meeting. The dead line to submit these contributions is September 30th, 2007

The web questionnaire is available at http://www.imoseb.net/web_questionnaire

F – Media

International Convention on Trade and Sustainable Development

May 2007

<http://www.ictsd.org/biores/07-05-11/inbrief.htm>

BioNET

May 2007

http://www.bionet-intl.org/opencms/opencms/bulletin/newDevelopments/development_0191.html?print=true

European Community Clearing House Mechanism

May 2007

<http://biodiversity-chm.eea.europa.eu/stories/story894769>