



Briefing on the 66th meeting of the CITES Standing Committee

**Friday, 4 December 2015, 10:00–12:00
International Environment House II**

**Elephants, rhinos, tigers, rosewood, cheetahs, pangolins, &
sharks as well as illegal trade in wildlife, financing, compliance
issues and more all on the agenda.**

You are cordially invited to attend a briefing on the matters to be addressed by the 181 Parties to CITES at 66th meeting of the Standing Committee (SC66) of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna And Flora (CITES). The briefing will be held at the International Environment House II, on Friday 4 December 2015.

SC66 will take place in Geneva, from 11 to 15 January 2016 and is likely to attract up to 400 participants. It will be the final substantive meeting of the Standing Committee before the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES, to be held in Johannesburg, South Africa from 24 September to 5 October 2016.

Briefing participants will also be updated on the outcomes of the twenty-eighth meeting of the Animals Committee (AC28) held in Tel Aviv, Israel, from 30 August to 3 September 2015 and the twenty-second meeting of the Plants Committee (PC22) which took place in Tbilisi, Georgia, from 19 to 23 October 2015. Many of the results of these meetings feed into SC66.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- 10:00 Coffee & Tea
- 10:10 **Welcome**
Jan DUSIK, Regional Director and Representative, UNEP
- 10:15 **Introduction**
John SCANLON, Secretary-General, CITES Secretariat
- 10:30 **Outcomes of AC28 and PC22, review of significant trade and marine species**
Tom DE MEULENAER, Chief, Scientific Services, CITES Secretariat
Milena SOSA SCHMIDT, Scientific Support Officer, Scientific Services, CITES Secretariat
- 10:40 **National laws to implement CITES and reporting requirements**
Juan Carlos VASQUEZ, Chief, Legal Affairs & Trade Policy, CITES Secretariat
- 10.50 **Capacity-building and traceability of products in trade**
Marcos SILVA, Chief, Knowledge Management & Outreach Services, CITES Secretariat
Haruko OKUSU, Capacity Building Coordinator, Knowledge Management & Outreach Services, CITES Secretariat
- 11:00 **Illegal trade in CITES species: elephants, rhinos, rosewoods, Asian big cats & pangolins**
Ben Janse VAN RENSBURG, Chief, Enforcement Support, CITES Secretariat
- 11.10 **CoP17 preparations and captive breeding**
David MORGAN, Chief, Governing Bodies and Meeting Services, CITES Secretariat
- 11:20 Question-and-answer session moderated by CITES Secretary-General
- 12:00 End



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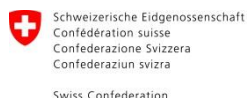
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