



## World Environment Day Roundtable

Many Species. One Planet. One Future.

### International year of Biodiversity: Challenges and Opportunities of Biodiversity-related Conventions

**Friday, 4 June 2010, 10h00 – 12h00**  
**International Environment House II**

Natural systems that support economies, lives and livelihoods across the planet are at risk of rapid degradation and collapse, unless there is swift, radical and creative action to conserve and sustainably use the variety of life on Earth. Actions are requested at all levels.

To raise awareness of the impending crisis and to spur the world to act, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 2010 the International Year of Biodiversity. In September 2010, the General Assembly will hold a special high-level meeting on the subject. It will give the international community an opportunity to demonstrate much-needed leadership in advance of the Nagoya Biodiversity Summit, to be held in October 2010, in the framework of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity.

To celebrate World Environment Day, under the theme "Many Species. One Planet. One Future." echoing the urgent call to conserve the diversity of life on our planet, you are cordially invited to a special roundtable, organized at the International Environment House to discuss the challenges and ambitions of the Conventions related to biologic diversity. This roundtable will be followed by a reception offered by the Swiss government and the local authorities.

#### AGENDA

10h00 **Welcome and introduction**

Gaetano Leone, Deputy Director, UNEP Regional Office for Europe

10h10 **Options and possibilities for coherent international environmental governance among the biodiversity-related Conventions**

**John Scanlon**, Secretary-General, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

**Anada Tiéga**, Secretary-General, Ramsar Convention

**Francisco Rilla**, Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)

**Daniel Ziegerer**, acting head of section global affairs, Swiss Federal Office for Environment

11h10 Question-and-answer session

11h 50 Presentation of the 5 June public event (around Ariana Park, WIPO and Place des Nations)

12h00 **Reception** offered by the Swiss government, the Canton and the City of Geneva