



**High-Level Roundtable, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2009  
Room P7C050  
European Parliament, Brussels**

## **THE EUROPEAN BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN**

*Counting down to 2010:  
State of Play and the post 2010 vision for Europe*

Backed by an unprecedented level of stakeholder consensus, the EU endorsed, in June 2006, an EC Communication: Halting the loss of biodiversity by 2010 - and beyond, which includes an ambitious Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP). The Action Plan identifies four main policy areas and sets out 10 key objectives for halting the loss of biodiversity by 2010. These are, in turn, translated into over 150 individual priority actions and supporting measures which are to be implemented against specific time-bound targets at both EU Member State and EC level. The Action Plan represents an important new approach for EU biodiversity policy as it addresses all the relevant economic sectors and policy areas in a single strategy document and apportions a share of the responsibility in its implementation. It recognizes that change will only happen if there is a concerted effort from all sectors of society and Member States to help deliver the overall target of halting biodiversity loss by 2010.

In December 2008, the European Commission has provided a mid-term review on the progress in implementing the BAP. It provides the first comprehensive report how the EU is performing in reaching the 2010 target. This analysis will no doubt also provide the basis for informing the post 2010 biodiversity regime. The European Parliament will comment on this progress report in early 2009 and this conference is targeted to inform this debate. It will address questions such as: To which degree will we achieve the 2010 biodiversity target? Where did we progress, where do we lack results? Will our common natural heritage be saved by 2010? Is there a need for a new target and if yes what should this target look like?

# DRAFT AGENDA

14:00 – 14:10 Introduction by the Chair:  
Struan STEVENSON, Member of European Parliament (MEP) & Chair  
of the EP Intergroup on Sustainable Development

14:10 – 14:20 Welcome speech:  
G rard ONESTA, Vice-President of the European Parliament

## **The BAP review – where do we stand with the 2010 goal?**

**Chair: Struan STEVENSON, MEP & Chair of the Intergroup on Sustainable  
Development**

14:20 – 14:40 The BAP report – Are we getting close to reaching the 2010 target?  
Stavros DIMAS, European Commissioner for the Environment

14:40 – 15:00 The view of the Parliament regarding the 2010 target and the post  
2010 vision  
Anders WIJKMAN, Member of the European Parliament

15:00 – 15:15 Key elements of the BAP review – is sectoral integration working? The  
trends and figures  
Jacqueline McGLADE, Executive Director, European Environmental  
Agency

15:15 – 15:30 Where the BAP lacked the necessary tools and how this could be  
channelled into the post 2010 policies (sectoral integration, resource  
use)  
John HONTELEZ, Secretary General, European Environmental  
Bureau (EEB)  
Tony LONG, Director, European Policy Office, WWF

15:30-16:30 Discussion (coffee/tea provided in the room)

**The way forward – Critical elements to 2010 and the post 2010 vision**  
**Chair: Tamas Marghescu, International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)**

16:30 – 16:45 Member States and Presidency – the way beyond 2010 – example of Invasive Alien Species  
Paul MAGNETTE, Belgian Federal Minister of the Environment

16:45 – 17:00 Emerging issues: Climate change and ecosystem services – our money matters!  
Pavan SUKHDEV, Managing Director and Head of Deutsche Bank's Global Markets business in India; Leader of TEEB Project

17:00 – 18:40 Facilitated Round-table Discussion with the floor  
Moderator: Sebastian WINKLER, Head of Countdown 2010

Round-table participants include:

Ladislav MIKO, Director, Directorate B: Protecting the Natural Environment, DG Environment, European Commission

Alain LIPIETZ, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance (MEP)

David BALDOCK, Institute for European Environmental Policy

Zoltán WALICZKY, European Habitats Forum Chair, RSPB

Denis MERTENS, President of European Aggregates Association, UEPG

Alain-Dominique QUINTART, Director for EU Policies, Syngenta

18:40 – 18:50 Concluding remarks  
Tamás MARGHESCU, Regional Director for Europe (IUCN)

18:50 – 19:30 Reception hosted by Countdown 2010