

Daily Journal

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WELCOME TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

The CITES Secretariat welcomes each and every one of you to the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. We are pleased to inform everyone that nearly all of the 175 Parties to CITES will be represented at this meeting. This high level of participation has been achieved through a significant financial contribution from the Government of Qatar and financial support from the countries and organizations to the Sponsored Delegates Project for delegates from the least developed countries and developing countries. These are listed below:

Parties: Australia, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Monaco, Norway, Qatar, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America;

Inter-governmental organizations: the European Union; and

Organizations and private companies: Pew Environment Group and the Species Survival Network.

This is your first issue of the *Daily Journal* for CoP15. This publication will provide the daily working programme and indicate any meetings and social events taking place each day of the CoP. It will be available from 8:30 a.m. in the document distribution area, at the registration desk, at various locations in the Conference Centre and on the CITES website (<http://www.cites.org>).

Daily working programme – Saturday 13 March 2010		
When	What	Where
09h00-13h00	Registration of participants	Registration area
15h00-17h00	Opening ceremony Welcoming addresses Election of the Chair, Alternate Chair and Vice-Chair of the meeting and of the Chairs of Committees I and II and the Credentials Committee	Plenary (Al Dafna)
Press conference, other meetings and side events – Saturday 13 March 2010		
When	What	Where
07h00-13h00	EU Coordination Meeting	Al Rayyan
17h30-19h00	EU Coordination Meeting	Al Dafna
17h30	Opening press briefing Speakers: Mr Willem Wijnstekers, CITES Secretary-General Mr Achim Steiner, UNEP Executive Director H.E. The Minister of Environment, Abdullah bin Aaboud al-Midhad	Al Maha

Announcing a meeting or an event in the *Daily Journal*: If you would like a meeting or social event to be listed in the *Daily Journal*, please ensure that the title, time and venue of your meeting or event are given **in writing** to Mr Marcos Silva (email: marcos.silva@cites.org) of the CITES Secretariat **no later than 16:30 on the previous day**.

Organizing a press conference or press briefing: If you wish to organize a press conference or a press briefing, please contact Mr Juan Carlos Vasquez (mobile: 5692804) or Ms Virginia Rothenbühler (mobile: 5692014) of the CITES Secretariat, at the CITES Press Centre.

Arranging a location for a meeting: If you wish to book a room for a meeting, please contact Ms Marie-France Barreto (mobile: 5692178) or Mr Sam Mikati (mobile: 5638857) of the CITES Secretariat

Documents:

Collecting documents

Documents will be distributed on a daily basis in the pigeon holes at the document distribution area. Delegates are invited to check their pigeon holes frequently and at least before each session. Information documents will only be posted on the CITES website.

All official documents produced during the CoP (summary records of the Plenary and Committee sessions, in-session documents, information documents, the *Daily Journal*, etc.) will be published on the CITES website (<http://www.cites.org>) as soon as they become available.

Distributing documents

Informative documents: If you wish to distribute a document, you should ensure that it clearly identifies who is presenting it and provide a sufficient number at the document distribution area, where you can enquire about the number of delegations and participants. It will then be distributed in the pigeon holes.

Official information documents: If you are a Party representative and wish a document to be included in the official list of CoP15 information documents, please contact Mr Laurent Gauthier of the CITES Secretariat (mail: laurent.gauthier@cites.org).

Queries from organizations:

If an organization has any questions, it should contact Mr Steve Nash of the CITES Secretariat (mobile: 5693279, email: stephen.nash@cites.org).

Internet access: Free wireless Internet access is provided in the two main meeting rooms. The Conference Centre also houses a business centre with Internet access and printing facilities.

For further information and official documents, please refer to the CITES website at www.cites.org.