

CONFERENCE OF THE FONDATION D'ENTREPRISE HERMÈS AND THE  
INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

## **BIODIVERSITY 2010, AND *BEYOND?***

**16 February 2010, the musée du quai Branly, Paris**

Claude Lévi-Strauss theatre, 37 quai Branly, 75007 Paris, France

### **2010: A pivotal year for biodiversity**

While the protection of nature has a history that dates back several centuries, research conducted in recent years focuses strongly on the role played by biodiversity in human well-being. The erosion of biodiversity has many negative effects in terms of food security, climate change vulnerability, energy security and access to water or indispensable raw materials. This fact is reflected in the concept of "ecosystem services" which include water treatment and recycling, soil conservation, pest resistance, plant pollination, climate regulation... However, the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment (2005) has shown that virtually all ecosystems have already been affected, often drastically, by human activity, and that many continue to be disturbed or impoverished. Indeed, loss of biodiversity has been more rapid over the last 50 years than at any other period in human history; and there are no signs of a slow down. The planet is now facing the sixth great extinction in its history – the first of anthropogenic origin.

The International Year of Biodiversity 2010, raises hope of the possible – and certainly necessary – return of biodiversity to the forefront of international politics. Anyhow, the upcoming agenda will be full because, in addition to events directly related to the International Year of Biodiversity, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity will be held in Nagoya Japan in October 2010. In addition, and perhaps even more symbolically, 2010 is the year when the "2010 biodiversity target" reaches an end. These objectives were instigated in 2002 when most of the world's states gathered at the Global Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, and committed to significantly reducing the overall rate of biodiversity loss by 2010 – the European States involved committed to bringing this erosion to a complete stop. Despite all the efforts and resources mobilized, it is becoming increasingly clear that none of these objectives will be achieved. However the year 2010 appears to be an opportunity for scientific, policy and strategy assessment for all stakeholders involved in the protection of biodiversity.



## **Series of biodiversity conferences by the Fondation d'entreprise Hermès and IDDRI**

The Fondation d'entreprise Hermès, created in April 2008, functions as a patron to the environmental sector in general and biodiversity in particular.

The Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI) is a non-profit think tank based in Paris at the interface between research and decision-making. It enlightens political and international issues of sustainable development and global governance. IDDRI focuses its activities on four main themes: climate, biodiversity, global governance, and urban fabric.

To participate in the ongoing efforts and to foster discussion on the depletion and protection of biodiversity, the Fondation d'entreprise Hermès and IDDRI decided to organize jointly a series of conferences on biodiversity. It aims to provide a regular forum of discussion, involving the major experts in the field and targeting a wide public audience.

### **The conference "Biodiversity 2010, and beyond?"**

#### *Objectives*

To mark its launch and to highlight the key issues that will be discussed throughout the series, the Fondation d'entreprise Hermès and IDDRI will hold an international conference on 16 February 2010. This conference will aim to:

- review the available instruments for monitoring biodiversity change, both in Europe and globally;
- learn from the experience of establishing global and collective goals in terms of biodiversity, with regards to the "2010 biodiversity target";
- question the underlying reasons for the difficulties encountered by societies when trying to achieve the desired biodiversity targets, and effectively managing issues that are purportedly a focal point of public concern;
- discuss emerging and promising perspectives at the international level;
- draw conclusions from the above points, regarding the possibility of extending the 2010 impetus, the various forms that new objectives may take, and conditions for future success.

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## PROGRAMME

08:30 – 09:30: Arrival and welcoming of participants

09:30 – 10:30:

### OPENING SESSION

#### Welcome address

by *Pierre-Alexis Dumas*, President of the Fondation d'entreprise Hermès

#### Introduction

by *Laurence Tubiana*, Founder of IDDRI, and Director of global public goods, French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (MAEE)

#### Current situation and trends

by *Jon Hutton*, Director, World Conservation Monitoring Centre, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

#### Discussion

10:30 – 11:00: Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30:

### LOOKING BACK ON THE 2010 BIODIVERSITY TARGET

Session chaired by *Julia Marton-Lefèvre*, Director General, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

#### The origins of the 2010 target: process and rationality

by *Jean-Patrick Le Duc*, Delegation for Foreign and European Affairs, Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle (MNHN)

#### The 2010 target: relevance and limits for a biodiversity protection stakeholder

by *Rolf Hogan*, Manager of WWF International's Biodiversity Programme, WWF International

#### Discussion

12:30 – 14:30: Organic buffet and tour of the musée du quai Branly



## PROGRAMME (continued)

14:30 – 16:30:

### WAS FAILURE TO BE EXPECTED?

Session chaired by **Laurent Mermet**, AgroParisTech

The collective inability to bend trends to biodiversity loss raises some fundamental questions for all categories of actors concerned. What factors of explanation can be put forward? What prospects for action result from them?

#### Gaps in science-governance interfaces and the IPBES project

by **Harold Mooney**, Professor, Stanford University

#### Is biodiversity undervalued? Economic valuation and public and private decision-making

by Professor **Rudolf de Groot**, Associate Professor, Wageningen University, coordinating lead author TEEB

#### From the protection of species and areas to ecosystem-based management: renewing tools for biodiversity management

by **Gilles Kleitz**, Biodiversity Project Manager, French Development Agency (AFD)

#### Synthesis and discussion

by **Laurent Mermet**, Professor, AgroParisTech

#### Open discussion

16:30 – 17:00: Coffee break

17:00 – 18:30:

### 2010, AND BEYOND? OBJECTIVES AND ACTION PLAN

Roundtable chaired by **Lucien Chabason**, Deputy Director, IDDRI

**Patrick Blandin**, Professor Emeritus, Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle (MNHN), Honorary President of the French IUCN Committee

**Ashok Khosla**, President, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

**Corinne Lepage**, Member of the European Parliament

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