

Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

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International Day for Biological Diversity



Biodiversity and Climate Change

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Dear Mr. Bisaccio,

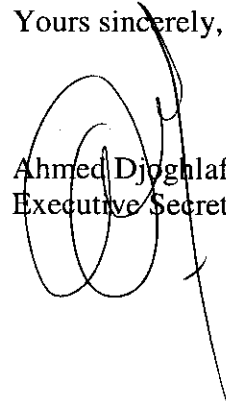
As you are aware, the Secretariat will be celebrating on 22 May 2007, the International Day for Biological Diversity under the theme "Biodiversity and Climate Change." The Secretariat, in partnership with its sister Conventions and the City of Montreal, will together celebrate for the first time in its history, the International Day for Biological Diversity by organizing a major event at the Montreal Botanical Gardens.

This event will be held with the participation of the Prime Minister of the province of Quebec, the Mayor of Montreal, the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Executive Secretaries of the Biodiversity-related Conventions, as well as with senior Canadian high officials who have made a distinct contribution in promoting multilateral cooperation for the environment. This unprecedented event will also be attended by the diplomatic corps accredited to Montreal and will offer an opportunity to reward the winners of the children's painting competition organized at this occasion by the Secretariat with the participation of 200 schools. The draft program is attached.

It is my great honor to invite you, along with some of your students, to come and celebrate the day with us and read the "Youth Biodiversity Accord" drafted by your students and submitted to the United Nations General Assembly. Your personal participation will be of a high significance and will allow the participants to see how today's youth are personifying the change we want to see in the world.

I look forward to welcoming you in Montreal.

Yours sincerely,


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Executive Secretary

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