

# SECOND INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SYMPOSIUM FOR BIODIVERSITY

Ottawa, Canada  
October 5-10, 2009

## Purpose:

Students (Grades 6 to 12) from around the world will submit proposals to attend a Global Youth Symposium for Biodiversity. The focus of the symposium will be:

1. To convene students from around the world to experience Canadian biodiversity with a full scale Bio-Blitz.
2. To present the work they are doing at their home site, regarding local biodiversity efforts.
3. To develop methods to implement the *Global Youth's Accord for Biodiversity* that was created by 9 nations during the first youth symposium in 2005.

## Organizing Partners:

Canadian Biodiversity Institute  
Heather Hamilton/ Michael Leveille  
Ottawa, Ontario

Macoun Marsh Biodiversity Project  
Educarium School & Jean Vanier Catholic School  
Clint Monaghan  
Ottawa, Ontario

HabitatNet: A Global Biodiversity Monitoring Project  
Dan Bisaccio  
Amherst, NH

## Proposed role for the UN Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity:

1. The Executive Secretary and other CBD experts on hand during the events  
-Grand Opening/ Special Ceremonies and Activities/ Closing Event
2. Assistance in advertising the event worldwide
3. Building towards the *2010 Global Biodiversity Target*
4. Assistance in building connections between Youth Organizations relating to Biodiversity.

## Venue:

1. Ottawa- Gatineau based Conference Centre/ Hotel (Arrive evening of Oct. 4- leave Oct. 11)
2. Local Ottawa Schools
3. Gatineau Park- to experience the magical fall colours of the Fall Rhapsody/ Pink Lake/ Eardley Escarpment, Mackenzie King Estate
4. Visit to the Montréal Botanical Garden, Insectarium, Biodome, Biosphère and La Ronde Amusement Park
5. Hotels in Ottawa/ Montreal

## 6 Day- Youth Symposium/ Draft Agenda

<b>DAY 1, INTRODUCTIONS/ October 5, 2009</b>		
7:30 am	8:30 am	Continental Breakfast
8:30 am	9:00 am	Icebreakers
9:00 am	10:00 am	Welcome and Youth Keynote Address
10:00 am	10:15 am	Health Break
10:15 am	12:00 am	Concurrent Biodiversity Presentations Session
12:15 am	1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	2:30 pm	Concurrent Biodiversity Presentations Session
2:45 pm	4:30 pm	Taxonomy workshops
4:30 pm	5:00 pm	Informal Mixing of Youth and Guests
5:00 pm	6:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	9:00 pm	Cultural Reception
<b>DAY 2, VISIT TO GATINEAU PARK/ October 6, 2009</b>		
7:30 am	8:30 am	Continental Breakfast
8:30 am	12:00 am	Visit to Gatineau Park's Pink Lake- BioBlitz
12:00 pm	1:00 pm	Lunch Eardley Escarpment
1:00 pm	4:00 pm	Mackenzie King Estate- Visitors can discover the trails that link the Estate to the recreational pathways of the rest of Gatineau Park.
5:00 pm	6:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	9:00 pm	Cultural Reception/ Activities
<b>DAY 3, REVIEW OF THE YOUTH ACCORD/ October 7, 2009</b>		
7:00 am	8:00 am	Continental Breakfast
8:00 am	8:30 am	Plenary Session- "Kids can change the world in one day" Youth Accord with Dan Bisaccio
8:30 am	10:00 am	Discussion Groups Session- Youth Accord
10:00 am	10:15 am	Health Break
10:15 am	11:15 am	Discussion Groups Session- Youth Accord
11:15 am	12:30 am	Concurrent Presentations Session- Youth Accord
12:30 am	1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	2:30 pm	Concurrent Presentations Session- Youth Accord

2:30 pm	3:30 pm	Session- Youth Accord "Issues to solutions" manifest
3:30 pm	4:30 pm	Free time
4:30 pm	5:00 pm	Informal Mixing of Youth and Guests
5:00 pm	6:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	9:00 pm	Creating an on-going interactive network
<b>DAY 4, VISIT TO MONTRÉAL BOTANICAL GARDEN/ October 8, 2009</b>		
6:00 am	7:15 am	Continental Breakfast
7:15 am	9:30 am	Transportation to Montreal
9:30 am	12:00 am	Visit to the Montréal Botanical Garden & Insectarium
12:00 pm	1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	4:00 pm	Visit to the Montréal Biodome
5:00 pm	7:00 pm	To Hotel and Dinner
7:00 pm	9:00 pm	Cultural Reception/ Activities
<b>DAY 5, VISIT TO MONTRÉAL BIOSPHERE/ October 9, 2009</b>		
7:00 am	8:00 am	Continental Breakfast/ Leave Hotel
9:00 am	12:00 am	Visit to the Montreal Biosphère- Île Sainte-Hélène
12:00 pm	1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	4:00 pm	La Ronde Amusement Park- Ile Sainte-Helene, Montreal
4:00 pm	6:00 pm	Return to Ottawa
7:00 pm	8:00 pm	Dinner
8:00 pm	9:00 pm	Creating an on-going interactive network
<b>DAY 6, CLOSING DAY/ October 10, 2009</b>		
7:30 am	8:30 am	Continental Breakfast
9:00 am	10:00 am	Youth Keynote Address
10:00 am	10:15 am	Health Break
10:15 am	12:00 pm	Visit to local Schools- Presentations by local youth
12:15 am	1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	3:00 pm	Youth Accord- Final by HabitatNet
3:00 pm	4:30 pm	Closing Event/ Silvia Torres Award
4:30 pm	5:00 pm	Informal Mixing of Youth and Dignitaries
5:00 pm	6:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	10:00 pm	Dance

Continental Breakfast – 6:00 am- Students fly out the following day.

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### October 2009

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#### **Time of the Fall Rhapsody in Gatineau Park**

**Goal for attendees: 15 countries- up to 120 children**

**(First Symposium at the El Eden Ecological Reserve, in Quintana Roo, Mexico had 9 nations with 80 students)**

**Groups arrive on the evening of October 4, 2009**

**Groups leave on October 11, 2009.**