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A European instrument for biodiversity

Access and Benefit-sharing

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As the rates of biodiversity loss continue to worsen, its conservation and sustainable use become an absolute ecological, social, *and* economical priority. The European Union has therefore initiated the process of ratification of the Nagoya Protocol and started working on its implementation into EU law.

Adopted at the Nagoya summit in 2010, the Nagoya Protocol is the only international instrument for the conservation of biodiversity. Through the mechanism of access and benefit-sharing, it aims to ensure sustainable access to genetic resources while generating benefits for the conservation of biodiversity, which are desperately lacking at this moment.

The Greens/EFA group would like to invite you to the conference on this topic which we organise on May 16 from 3:00 pm to 6:30 pm at the European Parliament, entitled "A European instrument for biodiversity - Access and benefit-sharing".

This conference will bring together top experts on biodiversity and iconic representatives of the fight for global equity in order to put this crucial issue high on the political agenda. It aims to make the general public realise the urgency to act decisively, and to demonstrate the beneficial consequences in the field of an ambitious EU regulation on access and benefit-sharing.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Introduction

Sandrine Bélier, Lead rapporteur

Catherine Grèze, Rapporteur for opinion in the Committee on Development

Jean-Philippe Palasi, Director European Union Policy at Conservation International

The stakes for the European Union

Chairs : **Sandrine Bélier**, Lead rapporteur and **Cristina Gutierrez-Cortines**, Shadow rapporteur in the Committee on Environment (tbc)

- **Sonia Peña Moreno**, Senior Policy Officer on Biodiversity of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature
- **Elise Rebut**, Senior Manager - European Governments Liaison at Conservation International
- **Hartmut Meyer**, Expert on access and benefit-sharing of the European Economic and Social Committee
- **Ana Casino**, Consortium of European Taxonomic Facilities
- **Cécile Joucan**, Responsable filières - Direction environnement LVMH France

The consequences for developing countries

Chairs: **Catherine Grèze**, Rapporteur for opinion in the Committee on Development and **Kriton Arsenis**, MEP S&D, Shadow rapporteur in the Committee on Development

- **François Meienberg**, Co-founder of the Berne Declaration
- **Pierre Johnson**, Expert and accessand benefit-sharing
- **Claudio Chiarolla**, Research Fellow, International Governance of Biodiversity at Institut du Développement Durable et des Relations Internationales
- **Guy Kastler**, Délégué général of Réseau Semences Paysannes

Conclusion

Sandrine Bélier, Lead rapporteur

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