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## **A UNU COP-10 Side Event: Assessing National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans**

**Date:** 18 October (Monday), 1:15-2:45 PM  
**Venue:** Nagoya Congress Center, Room 130, Building 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Nagoya-City  
(lunch provided)  
**Organizer:** United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS)

- The United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS) undertook an assessment of the preparation, content, adequacy and effectiveness of national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs). A key objective of the assessment was to provide the Conference of the Parties and other stakeholders an assessment of whether objectives 3.1, 3.3 and 3.4 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Strategic Plan were achieved and suggest priorities for supporting national implementation in the post-2010 period.
- Among other things, the assessment looks at the mechanisms that enabled some countries to develop successful, well-implemented NBSAPs. The assessment also considers the extent to which NBSAPs have integrated biodiversity concerns into sectoral and cross-sectoral policies, including sustainable development strategies, poverty reduction strategy papers (PRSPs), and national processes to meet the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).
- The assessment seeks to draw out lessons learned from national experiences in NBSAP development and implementation, and identify the obstacles that have prevented some Parties from making progress. UNU-IAS presented a preliminary overview of findings to the Third Meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity ([WGRI-3](#)). This side event will present the findings of the final report, which includes a section on the consideration of indigenous and local communities and traditional knowledge.

### **Side Event Programme**

Presentation of findings: Dr. Christian Prip, UNU-IAS

Presentation of recommendations: Dr. Tony Gross, UNU-IAS

Presentation on biodiversity planning in EU Overseas Territories: Programme Coordinator Dominique Benzaken, IUCN (based on a special IUCN review)

Comments: Dr. Spencer Thomas, Chair of CBD SBSTTA

General discussion

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend. Please contact Ms. Natsuko Kaneoka, UNU-IAS (tel.: 045-221-2300; e-mail: [kaneoka@ias.unu.edu](mailto:kaneoka@ias.unu.edu)) to reserve your space.

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