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“Halting the loss of biodiversity by 2010 and beyond, sustaining ecosystem services for human well-being”

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Programme

- 08.30 - 09.00 Registration and welcome coffee
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- 09.00 – 09.10 General Introduction by **Struan Stevenson**, MEP, President of the Intergroup on Sustainable Development
- 09.10 – 09.20 **Keynote speech: Stavros Dimas**, Commissioner for the Environment
- 09.20 – 09.30 **Our joint challenge: Saving biodiversity by 2010, Sebastian Winkler**, Head Countdown 2010
- 09.30 – 10.00 Main rapporteurs' presentations:
- **Adamos Adamou**, MEP, GUE-NGL, Main rapporteur of the European Parliament, Committee on the Environment
 - **Wim Van Gelder**, Committee of the Regions, Rapporteur on Biodiversity, Queen's Commissioner of Zeeland (Netherlands)
 - **Lutz Ribbe**, Main rapporteur of the European Economic Social Committee, Section for Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment
- 10.00 – 10.20 **Discussion**
- 10.20 – 10.50 Biodiversity and the EU
- **The state of biodiversity**, Gordon McInnes, European Environment Agency
 - **Agriculture and rural development**, Shelby Matthews, COPA-COGECA
 - **Forestry**, Natalie Hufnagl, CEPF
 - **Fisheries**, Guy Vernaeve, Europêche



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- **Marine and Fisheries**, Ioannis Gklavakis, MEP, PPE-DE, Rapporteur, Committee on Fisheries
- **Climate Change and Biodiversity**, Mike Harley, Natural England

10.50 – 11.05 **Discussion**

11.05 – 11.20 EU and Global Biodiversity

- **The Message from Paris – Integrating Biodiversity into Development Cooperation**, Alain Lipietz, MEP, Vice-President of the Intergroup on Sustainable Development
- **Trade and Biodiversity**, Rupert Schlegelmilch, DG Trade

11.20 – 11h30 **Discussion**

11.30 – 11.50 The Knowledge Base and Supporting Measures

- **Priorities from the research community**, Martin Sharman, DG Research
- **Business and Biodiversity**, Gregoire Posson, Director Public Affaris, UEPG
- **Communication, Education and Public Awareness**, Peter Bos, The Netherlands

11.50– 12.00

Discussion

12.00 – 12.30 Final discussion and concluding remarks by the chairman, Struan Stevenson



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