

**A Green Development Mechanism:  
Towards an international market-based instrument to finance  
biodiversity conservation  
Expert Workshop  
9-10 February 2009, Amsterdam**

Please note that a welcoming reception will be held on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 19.00 in Hotel

**Monday 9 February 2009 commencing 9:00 a.m.**

Goal of **Session 1** (morning) - To reach agreement on:

- the general nature of the biodiversity problem;
- the contribution of existing mechanisms and activities for addressing the problem;
- the case for a Green Development Mechanism

<b>Case for a Green Development Mechanism (Chair: Arthur Eijs)</b>	
8.30 – 9.00	Registration
9.00 – 9.20	Welcome by Marijke Vos, Amsterdam Councilor for the Environment
9:20 - 9:50	Key note speech: GDM and TEEB (Pavan Sukhdev)
9.50 – 10.10	General case for a GDM (Tim Swanson)
10.10 – 10.30	CBD mandate for development of a GDM (Markus Lehman)
10:30 – 11:00	A Survey of Recent International Biodiversity Conservation Initiatives (David Simpson)
11.00 – 11:20	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.20 – 12.40	Discussion on approaches to a GDM
12:40 – 1:00	Concluding remarks from Chair on case for a GDM
1:00 – 2:00	<i>Lunch</i>

Goal of **Session 2** (afternoon)

Framing A Discussion:

What are the key elements of a GDM?

Suggested Areas of Discussion -

- Theme 1 - Caps (Constraints and Creation of Demand)
- Theme 2 - Certification (Authority and Process)
- Theme 3 - Exchangeability (Offsets, Exchange Rates, Science and Measurement)
- Theme 4 – Monitoring and Enforcement (Legal Structure, Policing, Longevity)

<b>KEY ELEMENTS OF GDM (Chair: Josh Bishop)</b>	
2:00-2:30	What are the constituent elements of a GDM? Framing a Discussion (Tim Swanson)
2.30 – 3:00	General Discussion on Caps and Constraints – Leader: David Simpson
3:00 – 3.30	General discussion on Certification – Leader: Sachin Kapila
3.30 – 4:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
4:00- 4:30	General discussion on Exchangeability - Leader: Pavan Sukhdev
4.30 – 5.00	General discussion on Monitoring/Enforcement-Leader: Carlos Munoz
5:00 – 5.30	Concluding remarks from Chair on the necessary elements of a GDM

**Evening programme: 18.15 h: Meet at Hotel for Canal boat tour, drinks and dinner**

## Tuesday 10 February 2009

Goal of **Session 3** (morning) – To finalise the key constituent elements of a GDM by forming working groups to: a) draft 1-2 page documents proposing a GDM and providing reasons for the proposal; and b) develop a plan of work for taking the Proposal forward.

	<b>Developing a GDM (Chair: Catherine Cassagne)</b>
9.00 – 9.15	Summary of First Day (Chair)
9:15 - 9:30	Developing a GDM – role of working groups (TMS) a) GDM Proposals b) GDM Reasons c) GDM Plan of Work
9.30 – 11:00	Working Groups meet to write Proposal for a GDM and its Reasons WG1 – (chair: Simpson) WG2 - (chair: Munoz) WG3 - (chair: Sukhdev)
10.30 – 11.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.30 – 12.30	Working Groups meet to write Plan of Work to take Proposal forward WG1 – (chair: Simpson) WG2 - (chair: Munoz) WG3 - (chair: Sukhdev)
12.30 – 1.30	<i>Lunch</i>

Goal of **Session 4** (afternoon) – Agreement on a Proposal and a Work Plan

	<b>Agreement on a Proposal and a Plan of Work (Chair: Markus Lehmann)</b>
1.30 – 2.30	Working Groups report back and general discussion WG1 – Report WG2 – Report WG3 - Report General Discussion
2.30 – 3.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
3.00 – 4.00	General Discussion on The Amsterdam Proposal for a GDM (Chair)
4:00 – 4:30	Chair's Report to Hans Alders, chair of National Task Force Biodiversity & Natural Resources;  Closing remarks by Hans Alders; closure of meeting