



COP9 CBD / High-Level Segment
28– 30 May 2008 in Bonn, Germany
(As at: 7 March 2008)

Wednesday, 28 May 2008:

Transfer of all guests to the meeting venue “WCCB”

10.00 am

Opening of the High-Level Segment

Moderator: Federal Environment Minister Sigmar Gabriel
Opening remarks: Federal Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel
Venue: WCCB, plenary hall

11.30 am

Discussions on key points of negotiations

Moderator: Minister Gabriel
Venue: WCCB, plenary hall

12.35 pm

*Transfer to lunch
- ministers / h.o.d. only -*

1.00 – 3.00 pm

**Lunch at the invitation of Federal Chancellor Merkel
- ministers / h.o.d. only -
Venue: tbc**

3.00 pm

Transfer to Maritim

3.30 – 6.00 pm

**Participation of ministers in negotiations
Venue: Maritim, Plenary I**

possibly

Parallel bilateral talks at the WCCB

approx. 8.00 pm

Transfer of delegations to evening reception

8.30 pm

**Reception for all participants to mark the start of the HLS at the
invitation of Federal Minister Sigmar Gabriel
Venue: Burg Heimerzheim**

approx. 10.00 -11.00 pm

Transfer to hotels

followed by

Overnight stay

Thursday, 29 May 2008:

- 10.00 am** **Session 1 – Contributions: Int. mayors, indigenous and local communities, youth summit, NGOs**
Venue: WCCB, plenary hall
- 11.30 am** **Session 2 – Contributions: Presentation of the preliminary findings of the study “Destruction of nature – the costs to the global economy”**
Venue: WCCB, plenary hall
- 12.00 noon** **Session 3 – Business & Biodiversity Initiative**
Venue: WCCB, plenary hall
- 1.00 -2.30 pm** Lunch at the invitation of the Business & Biodiversity Initiative
- for all HLS participants -
Venue: tbc
- 3.00 pm** **Session 4 – Contribution of GEF to global biodiversity and presentation of voluntary commitments by Parties**
Venue: WCCB, plenary hall
- 6.00 pm** *Transfer to hotels*
- evening** *Individual dinner arrangements (to be organised by each delegation)*
- followed by* *Overnight stay*

Friday, 30 May 2008:

- 10.00 am** **Session 5: Presentation of voluntary commitments by Parties**
Venue: WCCB, plenary hall
- 11.15 am** **Closing session of the HLS**
Venue: WCCB, plenary hall
- 12.00 noon – 12.30 pm** *Transfer to Villa Hammerschmidt*
- ministers / h.o.d. only –
- 12.30 -2.00 pm** **Closing reception at the invitation of Federal President Horst Köhler**
- ministers / h.o.d only -
Venue: Villa Hammerschmidt
- parallel* *Lunch for other delegation members*
Venue: WCCB, Restaurant
- followed by* *Transfer to hotel/departure of delegation*