### Managing Challenges of Biosphere Reserves in Africa
- International Expert Workshop -

27th June - 2nd July 2011, Dresden & Rhön, Germany

#### PROGRAMME

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<td>Meeting with Participants arriving on Sunday, June 26, at Meeting Point, Terminal 1, Frankfurt Airport</td>
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<td>Pick up of Participants arriving on Saturday, June 25, at NH Frankfurt Moerfelden Hotel lounge</td>
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| 10:45                | Transfer from Frankfurt to Radebeul by bus (470km)  
                      | Lunch in a motorway restaurant on the way |
| 17:00                | Arrival in Radebeul, Check-In at the Hotel Alexander  
                      | Dinner (self-organised) |

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<th>Biosphere Reserves &amp; Climate Change</th>
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<td>Registration to International Conference “For Life for the Future: Biosphere Reserves and Climate Change”</td>
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| 9:00                 | **Workshop Session:** Addresses of Welcome and Introduction  
                      | Beate Jessel, President, Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN), Bonn, Germany  
                      | Roland Bernecker, Secretary-General, German Commission for UNESCO (DUK), Bonn, Germany  
                      | Natarajan Ishwaran, Director of Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences and MAB Programme, UNESCO, Paris, France  
                      | Paul M. Makenzi, Chair, AfriMAB, Nairobi, Kenya |
| 9:30                 | Introduction to the Workshop and Round of Introductions  
                      | Bettina Hedden-Dunkhorst, Head of Division International Nature Conservation, Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, Bonn, Germany |
| 10:45                | Break |
11:00  **International Conference, Session I-III: Introduction & Welcoming**  
Natarajan Ishwaran, UNESCO, Paris, France  
Ursula Heinen-Esser, German Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Bonn, Germany  
Irina Georgieva Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO, Paris, France

11:45  **International Conference, Session IV: Keynote “40 years of MAB Programme: Achievements and challenges”**  
Luis Fueyo Mac Donald, Director of the national reserves, Mexico

12:05  **International Conference, Session V: Biosphere Reserves and climate change in Small Island States**  
Mohammed Aslam, Minister for Housing, Transport and Environment, Maldives

12:25  **International Conference, Session VI: Biosphere Reserves and climate change in Africa**  
Dessie Dalkie Dukamo, Minister for Science and Technology, Ethiopia

12:45  **International Conference, Session VII: Wrap-up: Biosphere reserves as implementing instruments for climate change policy**  
Moderated colloquy of Keynote-Speakers

13:15  *Lunch at the Conference Venue*

14:30  **International Conference, Session VIII: Message of Greeting**  
Stanislaw Tillich, Minister President, Free state of Saxony, Dresden, Germany

15:00  **International Conference, Session IX: Presentation of the Draft Dresden Declaration: Objectives and process**

15:15  **International Conference, Session X: Panel Discussion on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation through Land Use**  
Rattan Lal, Professor of Soil Science, Ohio State University, USA  
Martin Price, UNESCO Chair in Sustainable Mountain Development, Perth College, UK  
Jorge Jurado, Ecuador’s ambassador in Germany

16:05  *Break*

16:30  **International Conference, Session XI: Panel Discussion on Renewable Energies, green economies and carbon offsets**  
Luis Aragón, UNESCO Chair in South-South Cooperation, Belém, Brazil  
Uwe R. Fritsche, Institute for Applied Ecology, Darmstadt, Germany  
Ivo Mulder, UNEP Finance Initiative, Geneva, Switzerland  
Phillia Restiani, REDD+Task Force of the President, Indonesia
19:30  Dinner Reception of the Free State of Saxony in the royal castle “Residenzschloss” in Dresden
Frank Kupfer, State Minister of Saxony
Gertrud Sahler, Head of Directorate-General Nature Conservation and Sustainable Use of Natural Resources, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), Bonn, Germany
Beate Jessel, President, BfN
Roland Bernecker, Secretary General, DUK

22:30  Return to the hotel by bus & public transport

**Tuesday, 28 June 2011  Biosphere Reserve Governance**

8:00  Public transport from the hotel to conference venue

8:30  **Workshop Session**: Facing Climate and Land Use Change in African Biosphere Reserves  
Beate Jessel, President, BfN

9:45  Break

10:00  **International Conference, Session XII**: Panel Discussion on “Governance, Research and Education in Times of Climate Change”  
Susanne Stoll-Kleemann, Chair of Sustainability Science and Applied Geography, University of Greifswald, Germany  
Sheila Ashong, Environmental Protection Agency, Accra, Ghana  
June Marie Mow, Former Director of the Biosphere Reserve Seaflower, Colombia

11:00  **International Conference, Session XIII**: Plenary Discussion on “Climate Change and Biodiversity – Conflicts and Synergies”  
Beate Jessel, President, BfN  
Gretchen Kalonji, Assistant Director-General for the Natural Sciences, UNESCO, Paris, France

11:50  Break

12:15  **International Conference, Session XIV**: Adoption of the Dresden Declaration

12:30  International Conference, Session XV: Closing session “Lessons learnt & Lessons to learn”

13:00  Lunch at the Conference Venue

15:00  Side Events
15:00 **International Coordination Council (ICC), Sessions, 1-3:** ICC opening
1. Opening of the 23rd session of the MAB-ICC by its Chairperson
2. Opening remarks of the Representative of the Director-General of UNESCO
3. Report by the Chair of the ICC

16:15 *Break*

16:30 **Workshop Session:** International Financial Support for Biosphere Reserves
Challenges and Opportunities of Conservation Trust Funds in Africa: The Perspective of KfW Development Bank
*Uwe Klug, KfW Development Bank, Frankfurt, Germany*

Towards a REDD+ Project: Experiences from Ethiopia
*Tadesse W. Gole, Director of the Environmental and Coffee Forest Forum, Addis Abeba, Ethiopia*

18:30 *End of the Day*
Return to the hotel by public transport, *Dinner (self-organised)*

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Chimwemwe Mawaya, Head of Biology Department, University of Malawi, Malawi

Monitoring and Evaluation as a Basis for Education and Research in Luki Biosphere Reserve, DR Congo
LaurentNsenga, Director Luki Biosphere Reserve, DR Congo

12:00 **Workshop Session**: Participation, Coordination and Cooperation within a Biosphere Reserve

Working Together in Pendjari Biosphere Reserve, Benin
Ali Djafarou Tiomoko, Pendjari BR, Benin

Challenges of Participatory Management in Biosphere Reserves with Special Reference to Cameroon
Thomas Tata, Programme Manager Bioresources Development and Conservation Programme

13:00 *Lunch at the Conference Venue*

14:00 **Workshop Session**: Biosphere Reserve Management: Getting Started and Moving Forward

Management Issues to be considered when starting a Biosphere Reserve: Experiences from Middle Zambezi Valley Biosphere Reserve, Zimbabwe
Willie Nduku, Coordinator Middle Zambezi Biosphere Reserve, Zimbabwe

Developing a Management Plan for Waterberg Biosphere Reserve in South Africa: Challenges and Opportunities
Rupert Baber, Coordinator Waterberg Biosphere Reserve, South Africa

15:00 **ICC Session 8**: Proposals for new biosphere reserves and extensions/modifications to designated biosphere reserves that are part of the WNBR

16:15 *Break*

16:30 **Workshop Session**: Biosphere Reserve Management: Getting Started and Moving Forward - continued

Challenges and Lessons Learned from Establishing and Managing a Trans-boundary Biosphere Reserve: The Case of Mount Elgon (Uganda, Kenya)
Anastasia Mwaura, Mont Elgon BR, Kenya
Martin Nsubuga, Mont Elgon BR, Uganda

17:00 Working Groups on Biosphere Reserve Management

18:00 *Break*

19:30 *Dinner on a cruiser on the river Elbe*
22:30 Return to the hotel by bus & public transport

**Thursday, 30 June 2011**

**Best Practise in the Rhön Biosphere Reserve**

**8:00** Transfer to the Rhön Biosphere Reserve by bus (330km) Check-In at Stadthotel Geis before lunch or after dinner

**12:30** *Lunch at the Rhöner Trachtenstuben Restaurant in Oberelsbach*

**14:00** Welcome & Introduction to the Rhön Biosphere Reserve
*Michael Geier & Doris Pokorny, Head & Deputy Head of the Bavarian Administrative Unit of the Rhön Biosphere Reserve, Oberelsbach*

**15:00** Education for sustainable development in the visitor centre
*Klaus Spitzl, Director of Association of Nature Park and Biosphere Reserve Bavarian Rhön, Oberelsbach*

**16:15** *Rother Bräu Brewery* (Regional brand for organic beer)
*Georg Weydringer, Senior Director and former production manager of Rother Bräu, Hausen*

**18:30** Organic Farm Gensler (Diversification of farm activities)
*Christof Gensler, Farmer, Poppenhausen*

**19:30** Dinner and Campfire at the Organic Farm Gensler

22:15 Return to the hotel by bus

**Friday, 1 July 2011**

**Best Practise in the Rhön Biosphere Reserve**

**8:00** Departure from the hotel

**9:00** Conservation and sustainable use of agro-biodiversity: the Rhön Apple (Generating Value from Local Resources and Apple Nature Trail)
*Adam Zentgraf, Vice Chair of the Rhön Apple Initiative, Hausen*

**12:00** *Lunch at Sennhütte Restaurant in Fladungen*

**14:00** BIONADE (Sustainable Business, Organic Soft Drink Production)
*Cornelia Obitz & Rüdiger Omert, Public Relations Officers, Ostheim*

**16:00** Organic Farm Ritter (Diversification in Elder marketing, Turkey Breeding, Horse Tourism)
*Martin Ritter, Farmer, Ostheim*
17:30 **Citizens’ Solar Energy Plant** (Principle of a cooperative for the local use of renewable energy sources)
*Andreas Bauer, Assistant to Director of Agrokraft Company, Ostheim*

19:00 **Dinner at the Farm Ritter**

21:30 Return to the hotel

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**Saturday, 2 July 2011**

**Promoting Sustainability through Biosphere Reserves**

9:00 **Workshop Session**: Promoting Sustainable Development

Delta du Saloum Biosphere Reserve: Major Factors for Sustainable Development of Local Communities
*Moustapha Mbaye, Delta du Saloum Biosphere Reserve, Senegal*

Promoting sustainable Income Generating Activities in Wetlands: The Example of Songor Biosphere Reserve, Ghana
*Dickson Agyeman, Songor Biosphere Reserve, Ghana*

Towards Togo's first Biosphere Reserve: Oti-Kéran/Oti-Mandouri
*Amah Atutonu, Oti-Kéran/Oti-Mandouri Biosphere Reserve, Togo*

10:00 Discussion on Sustainable Development and Income Generating Opportunities in Low Lands / Wetlands

10:30 **Break**

11:00 Conservation and Sustainable Development of Local Communities: The case of Mananara Nord Biosphere Reserve
*Willy Mora, Mananara Nord Biosphere Reserve, Madagascar*

Improving Peoples Lives in East Usambara Biosphere Reserve, Tanzania
*Stephan Edward Mmasi, East Usambara Biosphere Reserve, Tanzania*

Making Mount Nimba Biosphere Reserve Work through Fostering Sustainable Development and Income Generating
*Abou Cissé, Mont Nimba Biosphere, Guinea*

12:00 Discussion on Sustainable Development and Income Generating Opportunities in Forest and Mountain Areas

12:30 **Lunch at the hotel**

14:00 Working Groups on Sustainable Development

15:30 **Break**
15:45  **Workshop Session**: Recommendations from the Workshop and Way Forward

17:00  **Closure of the Workshop**  
*Bettina Hedden-Dunkhorst, BfN, Bonn, Germany*

19:30  *Dinner at the Rathschenke in Bad Neustadt (table reserved)*

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**Sunday, 3 July 2011  Day of Departure**

9:00  Transfer from the hotel to Frankfurt Airport by bus

11:30  Arrival at Frankfurt Airport  
*Lunch at the airport (self-organised)*

Individual departure