



Launching the Countdown 2010 in the Caucasus:

From Commitments to Action

Gudauri, Georgia, 15-17 May 2006

Objectives:

- 1. Generate innovative ideas to reach the 2010 biodiversity target in the Caucasus, and find ways to integrate biodiversity conservation into key economic sectors.*
- 2. Raise awareness about the 2010 target amongst key stakeholders and decision makers.*

Programme

15 May 2006 (Day 1): Keynote session – Sustaining Life

Chair: Tamás Marghescu, IUCN Regional Director for Europe

10:00 - 12:30 Registration

12:30 - 13:30 Light lunch

14:00 - 14:15 **Welcome by H.E. George Papuashvili, Minister of Environment Protection and Natural Resources of Georgia**

14:15 - 14:35 **Keynote address: Launching Countdown 2010 in the Caucasus**
by Purificació Canals, Vice President, IUCN

14:35 - 15:00 **The Eco-regional Conservation Plan (ECP) and Implementation Instruments**
by Magnus Sylvén, Director of WWF Europe and Middle East Programme

15:00 - 16:15 Key note action: *“Cleaning Gudauri”*: From Commitments to Action / Photo opportunity / Coffee break

16:00 - 16:15 **“EU Nature Policies and the New Neighbours”** (*tbc*)

16:15 - 16:30 **The 2010 target for the private sector: action speaks louder**
by a representative from the BTC Pipeline consortium

16:30 - 16:45 **A journalist’s perspective on biodiversity: shaping the message**
Colin McIntyre, representative of the COM+ initiative

16:45 - 17:00 Explanation of role of Workshops (*taking into account the results of the Berlin Ministerial Meeting*) by Tim Christophersen, IUCN European Programme Coordinator

WS 1: Biodiversity Monitoring. Chair: **Umberto Gallo Orsi, BirdLife European Division Office**

WS 2: Use of Natural Resources (Agriculture, Forestry, Mining and Extractive Industry). Chair: **Ivonne Higuero, UNEP**

WS 3: Protected Areas and Ecological networks. Chair: **Giorgi Sanadiradze, Director of WWF Caucasus Programme**

- 17:00 - 18:30 First session of Workshops in Breakout Rooms
- 19:00 Official Reception hosted by Norwegian Government and PEBLDS followed by dinner

16 May 2006, Day 2 – Workshops

Chair: Nato Kirvalidze, Director REC Caucasus

9:00 - 9:10 Opening remarks by the Chair

9:10 - 9:30 Short report from each Workshop Chair

9:30 - 12:30 Workshops continued:

WS 1: Species Conservation and Monitoring.

WS 2: Use of Natural Resources (Agriculture, Forestry, Mining and Extractive Industry, Transport).

WS 3: Protected Areas and Ecological networks.

(10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break)

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch and preparation for Excursion

14:00 Departure to Nature Reserve

19:00 Return to Gudauri

Drafting Group: Evaluation of Workshop results, and drafting “Message from Gudauri” for recommendations for priority Countdown 2010 actions in the Caucasus

17 May 2006, Day 3 – Plenary: Countdown 2010 in the Caucasus – From Commitments to Action

Chair: Magnus Sylvén, Director, Europe/Middle East Programme, WWF International

9:00 - 9:10 Opening remarks by the Chair

Presentations from Workshops:

9:10 - 9:25 **WS 1:** Species Conservation.

9:25 - 9:40 **WS 2:** Use of Natural Resources (Agriculture, Forestry, Mining and Extractive Industry, Transport).

9:40 - 10:00 **WS 3:** Protected Areas and Ecological networks.

10:00 - 10:30 Presentation of the draft Message from Gudauri – Action towards 2010 by Tim Christophersen, European Programme Coordinator, IUCN

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 12:30 Presentation of partner declarations from private sector and NGOs to join Countdown 2010 – with attendance of the media

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 18:00 Shuttle buses to Tbilisi



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