

## **Daily Journal**

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16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties Bangkok, Thailand, 3-14 March 2013

## WELCOME TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

The CITES Secretariat welcomes each and every one of you to the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP16). Nearly 2,000 participants and over 250 media representatives have pre-registered for this meeting, making it possibly the highest-attended CoP for CITES – which also celebrates its 40th anniversary at this meeting.

We would like to thank the Kingdom of Thailand for hosting the meeting for this special occasion.

We are also grateful for the financial support from countries, organizations and private companies to the Sponsored Delegates Project for delegates from the least developed countries, developing countries and countries with economies in transition. The donors are listed below:

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Daily working programme – Sunday 3 March		
When	What	Where
8h00-13h00	Registration of participants	Registration area
10h00-10h45	Hall opening and arrangement of seating	Plenary hall 2-3
11h00-12h30	Opening of the meeting	Plenary hall 2-3
	Opening ceremony	
	Welcoming addresses	
14h00-17h00	Working programme of the plenary meeting	Plenary hall 2-3
	Administrative matters	
	Strategic matters	
18h00-19h30	CITES 40th anniversary celebration	Retro Live Café
	Hosted by the Thai Government	
Other events		
When	What	Where
13h20	Launch of the GoodPlanet/CITES/UNEP photographic exhibition and book: "WILD & PRECIOUS" Celebrating the 40th anniversary of CITES with contributions by seven world-renowned photographers	Atrium Zone C



This is the first issue of the *Daily Journal* for CoP16. This publication will provide the daily working programme and indicate any meetings and social events taking place each day of the CoP. It will be available from 8h30 in the document distribution area, at the registration desk, at various locations in the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center (QSNCC) and on the CITES website (http://www.cites.org).

Announcing a meeting or an event in the *Daily Journal:* If you would like a meeting or social event to be listed in the *Daily Journal*, please ensure that the title, time and venue of your meeting or event are emailed to Ms Haruko Okusu (haruko.okusu@cites.org) or placed in the *Daily Journal* pigeon hole at the document distribution area <u>no later than 16h30 on the previous day</u>.

**Organizing a press conference or press briefing:** If you wish to organize a press conference or a press briefing, please contact Mr Juan Carlos Vasquez (mobile: 085 332 24 69, email: juan.vasquez@cites.org) and Ms Stefania Kirschmann (mobile: 090 798 1384, email: stefania.kirschmann@cites.org)

Arranging a location for a meeting: If you wish to book a room for a meeting, please contact Ms Maritza de Campos (mobile: 090 798 12 66).

**Collecting documents:** Documents will be distributed on a daily basis in the pigeon holes at the document distribution area. Delegates are invited to check their pigeon holes frequently and at least before each session.

All official documents produced during the CoP (summary records of the plenary and Committee sessions, insession documents, information documents, the *Daily Journal*, etc.) will be published on the CITES website (http://www.cites.org) as soon as they become available.

## **Distributing documents**

<u>Informative documents</u>: If you wish to distribute a document, you should ensure that it clearly identifies who is presenting it and provide a sufficient number at the document distribution area, where the number of delegations and participants will be displayed for that purpose. It will then be distributed in the pigeon holes.

<u>Official information documents</u>: If you are a Party representative and wish a document to be included in the official list of CoP16 information documents, please contact Mr Laurent Gauthier (laurent.gauthier@cites.org) and Ms Maritza de Campos (maritza.campos@cites.org).

**Queries from organizations:** If an organization has any questions, it should contact Ms Pia Jonsson (mobile: 090 798 07 26, email: pia.jonsson@cites.org).

**Internet access:** Free wireless Internet access is provided throughout QSNCC. The Center also houses an Internet café located in the Atrium.

## For further information and official documents, please refer to the CITES website at www.cites.org.