

Press invitation

International Youth Summit Go 4 BioDiv – Film, Dance & Talk

29 May 2008, 1:15 – 2:15 p.m.

Main stage, Expo of Diversity, Bonn

with around **50 young participants from 16 countries** and other interview partners:

Adolf Kloke-Lesch, Director-General, Global and sectoral policies, European and multilateral development policy, Africa, Middle East, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Prof. Dr. Werner Wahmhoff, Deputy to the Secretary General, German Federal Environment Foundation (DBU)

Karl Friedrich Sinner, Director of the Bavarian Forest National Park

Conny Czymoch, Phoenix TV, will present the programme

Dear colleagues,

Around 7000 delegates from 191 countries are currently discussing the Convention on Biological Diversity. At the International Youth Summit Go 4 BioDiv, which began in Bonn on 27 May, 47 young people are providing fresh and interesting approaches to the subject.

On Thursday, 29 May 2008, the Youth Summit will be presenting its results on the main stage at the Expo of Diversity. Proceedings will open with a sequel to the short film *Samauma's Call*, which was produced for COP 8 in Brazil and tells the story of an Amazonian Indian boy hammering on a Samauma tree to stir up the world and stop the destruction of the Amazon rainforest. The Youth Summit participants have made a sequel to this film and will be presenting it for the first time at the UN conference on nature protection. In doing so they are linking COP 8 and COP 9 and sending out the message that the global community must continue to call for the conservation of biological and cultural diversity. The short film is entitled *Send Samauma's Call around the World*.

After the film, the event will continue with a number of presentations of creative work. With the assistance of a team of professional choreographers from Tanzmoto, the young Summit participants have made a piece of dance theatre entitled *Go 4 BioDiv!* They have used artistic means to make theoretical aspects of biodiversity come to life on stage.

There will then be a dialogue session with politicians and representatives from NGOs, during which the young people will discuss how they envisage their future in this one world.

You are cordially invited to take part in this event.

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The International Youth Summit Go 4 BioDiv is being held from 16 to 30 May in parallel to the UN conference on nature protection. The first stage began on 16 May in the Wilderness Camp in the Bavarian Forest National Park: there the young participants worked on formulating their points of view on preserving biological and cultural diversity; they made pieces of glass art based on the ecological footprint model, produced a photo exhibition and a piece of dance theatre. The venue for the Youth Summit in Bonn is Area 144 at the Expo of Diversity; the Summit participants are available for discussions between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. every day. During the day they also have a number of activities planned.

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