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Support for the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas

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Progress in PoWPA implementation

- Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, CBD Executive Secretary
- Mr. Gustavo Fonseca, GEF Team Leader, Natural Resources
- Mr. Nik Sekhran, UNDP Senior Technical Adviser for Biodiversity

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Experience from Africa: PoWPA in the Gambia

- Mr. Momodu Kotu Cham, Secretary of State for Forestry and Environment, The Gambia

Experience from the Caribbean: PoWPA in the Bahamas

- Mr. Deon Stewart, Deputy Chief Health Inspector Environment Science and Technology Commission, The Bahamas

Experience from the Pacific: PoWPA in the Federated Protected States of Micronesia

- Mr. Marion Henry, Assistant Secretary, Division of Resource, Management and Development Department of Resources and Development Federated States of Micronesia

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UNDP/GEF/CBD Country Early Action Grants project to support PoWPA

- Mr. Maxim Vergeichik, Global Project Coordinator

Questions and Answers



Although protected areas are a cornerstone of biodiversity conservation, and fundamental to achieving the CBD objectives, some critical biomes are under-represented in the global PA network. In 2004 the CBD Conference of the Parties adopted the Programme of Work on Protected Areas (PoWPA) with an overall objective to establish and maintain, by 2010 for terrestrial areas and by 2012 for marine areas, 'comprehensive, effectively managed and ecologically representative systems of protected areas'. GEF support to PoWPA is focused on catalyzing the sustainability of national PA systems. UNDP is a major implementing agency for GEF supported protected area projects, working to integrate protected areas into the development agenda. One of the most recent UNDP/GEF global projects, which provides assistance to implement critical PoWPA activities, is *Supporting Country Early Action on the PoWPA*.

In this side event countries from Africa, Caribbean, and the Pacific will showcase their progress in PoWPA implementation. The Gambia's presentation will include its model of Site Management Committees and its transboundary cooperation with Senegal. The Bahamas will present the National Implementation Support Partnership (NISP) comprising the government, NGOs and academia, which has become a dedicated PoWPA implementation mechanism. The Federated States of Micronesia will showcase the work of the Micronesia Challenge compact and mechanisms such as the Conservation Trust Fund. The side event provides an opportunity for country delegations to learn about best practices in PoWPA implementation, and direct questions regarding assistance channels for PoWPA implementation to CBD, GEF and UNDP.