



**MAES HIGH-LEVEL CONFERENCE
22/05/2014**

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

(Charlemagne building, 170 rue de la Loi, 1040 Brussels, Gasperi & Jenkins rooms)

Thursday 22/05/2014					
09:00 - 09:30	Morning Coffee Registration				
09:30 - 10:30	Opening session – Scene setting (Gasperi) <u>Chair:</u> Pia Bucella, Director, Directorate General Environment <u>Keynote speakers:</u> video message from Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, Executive Secretary CBD, Janez Potočnik, Commissioner for the Environment, Tony Long, Director European Policy Office WWF and Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science				
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break (Atrium)				
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12:30 - 13:30	Buffet (Atrium)				
13:30 - 14:30	High-level Roundtable discussion (Gasperi) <u>Facilitators:</u> Pavan Sukhdev, TEEB study leader and Julia Marton-Lefèvre, Director General of IUCN <u>Keynote speakers:</u> Janez Potočnik, Commissioner for the Environment, Nantia Giannakopoulou, Greek Presidency, Lisa Emelia Svensson, Swedish Ambassador for Oceans, Seas and Freshwater and Hans Bruyninckx, Executive Director of the European Environment Agency, Mihail Dumitru, Deputy Director General DG AGRI				
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16:00 - 16:30	Coffee Break (Atrium)				
16:30 - 17:30	Closing session (Gasperi) <u>Chair:</u> Karl Falkenberg, Director General Environment <u>Keynote speakers:</u> Sharon Dijksma, Minister for Agriculture of the Netherlands, Joke Schauvliege, Flemish Minister of Environment, Nature & Culture, Peter White Chief Operating Officer WBCSD, Nantia Giannakopoulou, Greek Presidency				
17:30 - 17:45	Exhibition launch (Atrium) Opening of the exhibition on Biodiversity in EU Outermost Regions and Overseas Countries and Territories, honouring the 2014 theme of the International Biodiversity Day on Island Biodiversity by Dr. Kedrick D.Pickering, Deputy Premier and Minister of Natural Resources and Labour of British Virgin Islands				
17:45 - 19:30	Networking cocktail (Atrium)				

