



2010 International Year of Biodiversity

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## INVITATION

### 2010 ANNUAL YOUTH INTO ENVIRONMENT SYMPOSIUM

#### “BIODIVERSITY FOR DEVELOPMENT” 23 - 24 AUGUST 2010

The Ministry of Environment and Tourism in conjunction with its partners invites you to a Youth Symposium on Biodiversity for Development, an event hosted in celebration of the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB). The year 2010 is dedicated to the celebration of life on earth and the recognition of the links between biodiversity, ecosystem services and human well-being.

This event to be celebrated under the theme “Biodiversity is Life. Biodiversity is Our Life” will provide a platform to the youth from across Namibia thereby contributing to make a positive change in the conservation of biodiversity and the protection of the environment.

The objectives of the 2010 Annual Youth into Environment Symposium are:

1. to raise awareness of the importance of conserving biodiversity for human well-being;
2. to promote the understanding of the economic value of biodiversity;
3. to enhance public knowledge of the threats to biodiversity and the means to conserve it; and
4. to celebrate the achievements, reflect on challenges and use the platform to trigger even more action for biodiversity.

We hereby invite you to grace us with your presence at the official opening and the subsequent deliberations on imperative aspects related to biodiversity conservation for human development in Namibia. Your turnout and vigorous partaking at this event will demonstrate wide stakeholder commitment and participation in biodiversity conservation issues, and provide significant inputs to the outcomes pending from this symposium.

The details for the event are as follows:

Date: Monday, 23 August through Tuesday, 24 August 2010  
Time: 13h30 – 17h00 on 23 August, and, 08h00 – 17h00 on 24 August  
Venue: Habitat Research & Development Centre, 47 Claudius Kanduvazu St, Katutura.  
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