



MIGRATORY BIRDS - AMBASSADORS FOR BIODIVERSITY

SIDE EVENT

on

**World Migratory Bird Day and the
Wings Over Wetlands (WOW)**

UNEP-GEF African-Eurasian Flyways Project

Free lunch provided!

Monday, 26th May

at

13:15 – 14:45

in

**ROOM 0.133 BMVBS
(Ministry of Transport)**

WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY 2008 recently highlighted the need to increase efforts to protect the network of sites required by migratory birds around the world. To do so will be beneficial for biodiversity on a wider scale.

MIGRATORY BIRDS are some of the best **INDICATORS FOR BIODIVERSITY**. They connect and inhabit virtually all ecosystems in the world and many of the sites important for migratory birds are rich in biodiversity as well. To effectively conserve these sites, it is essential to be able to identify them.

The **WINGS OVER WETLANDS (WOW) Project** is a unique international partnership of organisations dedicated to protecting key sites for waterbirds in Africa and Eurasia. Apart from enhancing transboundary cooperation, the project is developing the:

CRITICAL SITE NETWORK (CSN) TOOL, a new and freely-accessible web-portal to better identify the important sites required by migratory waterbirds along the African-Eurasian Flyway.



To learn more about this new tool and the WOW initiative - please join us at our CBD side event being organised by the UNEP/AEWA Secretariat on behalf of the WOW Partnership:



www.wingsoverwetlands.org