Biodiversity Education and Awareness Network



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LEADING INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTALISTS HEADLINE SYMPOSIUM FOR ONTARIO'S TOP ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATORS

KEYNOTE LECTURES BY:

- **Professor Tim Flannery**, Author of *Weathermakers* and Australian of the Year 2007,
- Mr. Robert Bateman, Foremost Canadian wildlife artist and conservationist, and
- **Dr. Edward O. Wilson**, world's leading authority on biodiversity, twotime Pulitzer prize winner and distinguished Harvard professor

What:

"Earth in Mind: Education for Biodiversity" symposium is a first-time initiative that brings top Ontario biodiversity educators together to learn from the provinces best biodiversity resource providers to raise the standards of biodiversity education in the province. The symposium will result with a "Call to Action" and direct recommendations to the Ontario Biodiversity Strategy document, which is currently under review.

When: Friday October 22 – Saturday October 23, 2010

Sessions open to the public. Tickets for sale. Contact Nia Gibson at 416-393-6365:

- **Mr. Robert Bateman**, October 22 8pm at the Eaton Theatre, Royal Ontario Museum
- Dr. Edward O. Wilson, October 23 7:30pm at the Royal Botanical Gardens (video conference from Harvard, with introduction by UN Secretariat A. Djoghlaf)

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