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# SIGRID ROTHE

## FROM BIODIVERSITY TO CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Exhibition 5-15 March 2007 Mon - Fri, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm UNESCO 7 place de Fontenoy Paris 7e

Cultural diversity is, as spelled out in the 2001 Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity, "as necessary for humankind as biodiversity is for nature." Ensuring equal dignity of each culture and intercultural dialogue are essential for peace and sustainable development. Biodiversity and cultural diversity are indeed closely interlinked: Sacred natural sites, cultural landscapes and traditional agricultural systems can only be understood and protected when taking into account the cultures that have shaped them. UNESCO therefore seeks to promote the protection and preservation of cultural heritage in its entirety – tangible, intangible and movable heritage representing the diversity of humanity.

On the occasion of International Women's Day on 8 March 2007, UNESCO presents Sigrid Rothe's homage to the diversity of expressions of life through a woman's eye and lense. Her visual journey in this show from biodiversity to cultural diversity is designed also as a signal event to induce us to listen more carefully to women's diverse voices and visions in all walks of life.

Flowers epitomize the variety of life on Earth. They allow us to marvel at the intricate natural patterns they form. Art can say things we couldn't say any other way – things

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The art of Sigrid Rothe: an homage to the diversity  
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