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AGENDA

Capacity Building Meeting on Environment, Trade and Sustainable Development for the Latin American and Caribbean Region

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Objectives of the Meeting:

1. To identify priorities for capacity building activities and develop a long-term capacity building programme on Environment, Trade and Sustainable Development in the Latin American and Caribbean region.
2. To identify a network of regional and sub-regional institutions to assist in undertaking capacity building activities in the Latin American and Caribbean region.
3. To develop collaboration of Ministries of the Environment with Secretariats of Trade and Economic agreements to help integrate environmental considerations in their activities.
4. To identify key environmental and sustainable development issues related to the WSSD and WTO Work Programme for the Latin American and Caribbean region.

Day 1:

Session I: Assessment of Capacity Building Needs for Environment, Trade and Sustainable Development

- 8:00 – 9:00 Registration of Participants (*UNEP–ROLAC*)
- 9:00 – 10:00 Opening Ceremony
Moderator: *Cristina Montenegro (UNEP- ROLAC)*
Welcoming remarks and opening of the Meeting
- Presentations by
Hugo Guzman, SEMARNAT, México
Alicia Bárcena, ECLAC
Rene Vossenaar, UNCTAD
Victor Shantora, CEC
Charles Arden-Clarke, UNEP ETB
- 10.00-13.15 Objective: **Identification of priorities for capacity building activities with a view to developing a long-term capacity building programme on Environment, Trade and Sustainable Development in the Latin American and Caribbean region**
- Moderators:** *Hugo Guzman (Ministry of Environment, Mexico)*
Rapporteur: *Ana María Majano (INCAE)*
- 10.00 – 10:15 Presentation by *México*
10:15 – 10:30 Presentation by *Brazil*
10:30 – 10:45 Presentation by *Argentina*
10:45 – 11:00 Presentation by *Colombia*
11:00 – 11:45 Questions and clarification
- (*Coffee shall be available during the Q &A*)
- Moderator:** *Jacqueline Mendoza (Ministry of Environment, Venezuela)*
Rapporteur: *Aaron Cosbey (IISD)*
11:45 – 12:00 Presentation by *St. Lucia*
12:00 – 12:15 Presentation by *Costa Rica*
12:15 – 12:30 Presentation by *Cuba*
12:30 – 12:45 Presentation by *Jamaica*
12:45 – 13:15 Discussion of presentations
- 13:15 – 14:30 **Lunch**
- 14:30 – 18:00 Objective: **Environmental Considerations in Trade and Economic Agreements. Identification of regional and sub-regional institutions for capacity building activities in the Latin American and Caribbean region**
Presentations by trade and economic agreements on environmental aspects of their activities and by LAC regional and sub-regional institutions on priorities for capacity building on environment, trade and sustainable development in the region
- Moderator:** *Álvaro Sapag (Ministry of Environment, Chile)*
Rapporteur: *Scott Vaughan (CEIP)*
14:30 – 14:45 Presentation by *Chantal Line Carpentier (CEC)*
14:45 – 15:00 Presentation by *Luisa Elena Guinand (Andean Community of Nations)*
15:00– 15:15 Presentation by *Anya Thomas (CARICOM)*
15:15 – 16:00 Discussion of presentations
(*Coffee/tea available during the Q & A*)

Moderator: *Rene Vossenaar (UNCTAD)*
Rapporteur: *María Leichner (Fundación ECOS)*
16:00 – 16:15 Presentation by *Raúl López Avendaño (CCAD)*
16:15 – 16:30 Presentation by *María Teresa Szauer (CAF)*
16:30 – 16:45 Presentation by *Jose Leal (ECLAC)*
16:45 – 17:30 Discussion of presentations

Day 2:

Session II: Implications of the Trade and Environment WTO Negotiating Agenda for the Latin American and Caribbean Region

09:00 – 10:00 Opening of the Meeting: *Enrique Leff (UNEP-ROLAC)*
Report of day 1: *Charles Arden-Clark (UNEP ETB)*
Introduction to programme and expected outputs of day 2
Background paper *Building Capacities for an Agenda on Trade for Sustainable Development in Latin America*, by Ana María Majano, Carlos Murillo and Luis Rivera

10:00 – 13:15 Working Group Discussions (4 parallel sessions informed by background papers)

Group 1: Trade Preferences and Environmental Goods and Services.

Moderators: *Enrique Lendo, (Ministry of Environment, México)*

Rapporteur: *Ronald Steenblik (OECD)*

Organic agriculture environmentally sustainable technologies (ESTs), green goods and market access, sustainable tourism, sustainable forestry, sustainable fisheries

Group 2: Intellectual Property and the Environment

Moderator: *Francisco Cannabrava, (Embassy of Brazil in Mexico)*

Rapporteur: *Mindahi Bastida Muñoz (CMDS)*

Relationship between TRIPS and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Access and Benefit Sharing, Technology transfer

Group 3: Agriculture, Trade and Sustainable Development

Moderator: *Chantal Line Carpentier (CEC)*

Rapporteur: *Carlos Murillo (CINPE)*

Economic, social and environmental considerations, agricultural trade negotiations

Group 4: The use of Integrated Assessment and Economic Instruments to Achieve Environment and Trade objectives

Moderator: *Gillian Guthrie (Ministry of Environment, Jamaica)*

Rapporteur: *Charles Arden-Clarke (UNEP-ETB)*

Constraints, Opportunities and Challenges

13:00 – 15:00 Lunch

Session III: Towards a Regional Capacity Building Programme on Environment, Trade and Sustainable Development

Moderator: *Enrique Leff (UNEP/ROLAC)*

15:00 – 16:30 Reports of Working Groups (and discussions)

16:30 – 17:30 Discussion: Designing and launching a regional capacity building programme on Environment, Trade and Sustainable Development

17:30 – 18:00 Closing of the workshop