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Capacity Building Task Force on Trade, Environment and Development

CBTF Workshop on Post-Doha Issues on Trade and Environment

22 May 2003

Held back-to-back with the WTO Regional Seminar on Trade and Environment for African Countries, Cape Town, South Africa

Draft Programme

09:00 – 09:10 **Opening**

Mr. Charles ARDEN-CLARKE, UNEP secretariat
Ms. Sophia TWAROG, UNCTAD secretariat

09:10 – 10:30 **Session 1:**

Integrated assessment of trade policies

Mr. Charles ARDEN-CLARKE, UNEP secretariat
Applying integrated assessments to maximize the net development gains from trade and trade liberalization. The use of assessments in sectors of particular importance for African countries will be emphasized, including the agricultural and fisheries sectors.

Coffee/tea break (10:30 – 11:00)

11:00 – 12:00 **Session 2:**

Promoting production and trade in organic agricultural products

Ms. Sophia TWAROG, UNCTAD secretariat
Mr. Charles ARDEN-CLARKE, UNEP secretariat
This session will discuss benefits and challenges for African producers wishing to take advantage of growing markets for organic products. It will also aim to develop a regional follow-up to the CBTF policy dialogue on Promoting Production and Trade in Organic Agricultural Products (held in the ACP Secretariat, Brussels, February 2002).

Discussion

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12:00 - 13:00 **Session 3**

Protecting and Promoting Traditional Knowledge

Ms. Sophia TWAROG, UNCTAD secretariat

This session will discuss the importance of traditional knowledge and means to protect it and harness its potential for trade and development.

Discussion

Lunch break (13:00 – 14:30)

14:30 – 16:00 **Session 4:**

Assessing capacity building needs of African countries

This session will discuss the responses to the questionnaire on capacity building needs distributed to participants ahead of the WTO Regional Seminar, and in the light of the Doha Work Programme. Reactions will be sought to proposals for work in specific sectors, to facilitate development of such proposals following the workshop.

Coffee/tea break (16:00 – 16:30)

16:30 – 18:00 **Session 5:**

Identifying capacity building priorities African countries on trade, environment and development, with particular reference to the Doha Work Programme

This session will identify capacity building priorities for the region, particularly in the light of the WTO's Doha Work Programme, with a view to designing and implementing CBTF activities to meet them, at national or regional level. The session will also seek to identify other potential partners in the region, and particularly trade/economic/environmental agreements and cooperation mechanisms.