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Capacity Building Task Force on Trade, Environment and Development

Questionnaire on Trade, Environment and Development Capacity Building Needs

Objective: This questionnaire is being distributed to take stock of requirements for and existing efforts to build capacity on trade, environment and development, and help identify gaps where improvements can be made.

Results: Responses to the questionnaires will assist UNEP and UNCTAD prepare a stocktaking survey of current activities and perspectives on trade, environment and development capacity building. The survey will also serve as a reference document for the UNEP-UNCTAD CBTF workshop in Cape Town, South Africa, on 22 May 2003.

Your participation: Your participation in the survey is critical to its success. By completing this questionnaire, you can help ensure it provides the reliable and representative results needed to enhance the effectiveness of future capacity building efforts in Africa.

Submission of the completed questionnaire: You are kindly requested to complete the questionnaire at your earliest convenience, and return it to UNEP/UNCTAD by **15 May**, or at the very latest at the start of the WTO regional seminar on trade and environment, on 19 May.

Please see the last page of this questionnaire for further details on submission.

Confidentiality: Your responses to the questionnaire are confidential. They will be used only by UNEP/UNCTAD to compile aggregate survey results. No attributions will be made to the responses of individual countries, and the responses you provide will not be shared with third parties.

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Section 1: Personal Information

1. Full Name of Organization you are representing:

Address: _____

City: _____ Country: _____ Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

2. Contact Information (optional):

Your name: _____

Title: _____

3. Type of organization (check one category only):

Intergovernmental or United Nations

Governmental

Nongovernmental

If nongovernmental please circle type:

academic

advocacy

research

private sector

other: _____

4. Is your organization an international, regional, sub-regional, national or sub-national institution? Circle one

If regional or sub-regional, please specify region / sub-region _____

5. Area(s) of specialization of your organization (check most appropriate category(ies)):

Environment

Trade

Development (including sustainable development)

Economics

Environmental Economics

Finance

Trade-Environment interface

Environmental Technology

Political Integration

___ other, including particular sectoral focus, please specify _____

6. Types of activity your organization undertakes (check all appropriate categories) noting target audience:

___ Research

target audience: _____

___ Policy development

target audience: _____

___ Training

target audience: _____

___ Technical assistance

target audience: _____

___ Financial management / assistance

target audience: _____

___ Trade promotion and/or facilitation

target audience: _____

___ Standards (development, setting or monitoring / verification)

target audience: _____

___ other, please specify _____

target audience: _____

7. If you represent a trade or environment ministry, indicate main foci of policy design and implementation of your department within that ministry (economic sectors, specific policy tools etc.):

8. Is your organization actively involved in providing environment-trade-development capacity building services?

Circle one: YES NO

Since when? (please indicate year) _____

Number of staff currently involved in these efforts: _____

9. Although it does not currently do so, would your organization be interested in receiving or providing environment-trade-development capacity building services in the future?

Circle one: YES NO

Section 2: Capacity Building Needs

In column 1 of the table below, please indicate types of capacity building activities which your organization requires or offers. In column 2, please provide, based on your professional experience, a ranking of how much additional capacity-building is needed for your organization or its targeted beneficiaries in each of these areas (using 0 for no need; 1 for limited need; and 2 for strong need). In column 3, rank in priority the listed areas (1= highest, 18 = lowest).

		1	2	3	
Areas of work on environment, trade and development		Capacity building requirements or activities of your organization please indicate type (e.g., training, seminars, workshops, research, publications, country studies, etc.)		Area where further capacity building is required? 0 – no need 1 – limited need 2 – strong need	Rank in priority the listed areas of work on environment, trade and development
		ACTIVITIES OFFERED	ACTIVITIES NEEDED		
10.	Environmental and integrated assessment of trade policies				
11.	Trade and economic impacts of multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs)				
12.	Relationship between MEAs and the WTO				
13.	Mutually supportive trade and environment policy development; including the design of economic instruments				
14.	Sustainable resource management and recovery. Please indicate sector(s):				
15.	Environmentally sound technology transfer				
16.	Trade-related intellectual property rights (TRIPs); including traditional knowledge and the Convention on Biodiversity				

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17.	Environmentally preferable products (EPPs) and ecolabelling, including organic agriculture and certified forest products				
18.	Eco-investment promotion and other finance-related issues				
19.	Environmental and health standards and market access				
20.	Precautionary approach/principle				
21.	Domestically Prohibited Goods				
22.	Sustainable tourism				
23.	Agriculture, environment and food security				
24.	GMOs, trade and environment				
25.	Biodiversity, Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS)				
26.	Environmental goods and services				
27.	Reform of fisheries subsidies and other win-win options				
28.	Other, please specify:				

Objectives of environment-trade-development capacity building:

In **column 1** of the table below, please check the list of potential capacity-building objectives on environment-trade-development in your country or region. In **column 2** please indicate the extent to which these are currently catered for by current capacity building activities, or by your organisation (using " - " for not fully met, further efforts are needed; and " + " for fully met, no further efforts are/were required).

		1	2
Objectives of capacity building		Capacity building objectives for country or region Rank in order of importance	How well were these objectives met? -- : not fully met + : fully met
29.	Promoting national, regional or international policy dialogue on the main issues in the international trade and environment debate		
30.	Strengthening national capacities <u>to develop</u> trade, environment and development policies		
31.	Strengthening national capacities <u>to implement</u> trade, environment and development policies		
32.	Strengthening national research and analysis capacities		
33.	Training of trainers for training programme replication		
34.	Enhancing the integration of environmental considerations into macro-economic and trade policies		
35.	Strengthening national trade-environment policy coordination		
36.	Improving stakeholder involvement		
37.	Implementing WTO Agreements, while mitigating the possible negative effects on the environment of such implementation		
38.	Implementing MEAs provisions, including the trade-related ones, while mitigating adjustment costs		
39.	Improving international cooperation in the area of standards		
40.	Engaging the private sector in environmental management systems and more eco-friendly processes		
41.	Promoting participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition in international trade and environment debate and policymaking		
42.	Enhancing the participation of developing countries in international environmental standard-setting processes		
43.	Promoting participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition in multilateral environmental negotiations		
44.	Other, please specify:		

Section 3: Future Capacity Building Activities and Needs

Based on your professional judgment, please respond to the questions below.

45. Are the **collective** environment-trade-development capacity building services currently offered in your country or region **by all providing organizations** adequate in terms of :
- a) their availability? **Circle one: YES NO**
 - b) the range and scope of topics covered? **Circle one: YES NO**
 - c) the variety and depth of activities offered? **Circle one: YES NO**
 - d) the distribution of beneficiary countries participating in them? **Circle one: YES NO**
 - d) having a well-defined, shared and consistent approach? **Circle one: YES NO**
 - e) being complementary and integrated with each other? **Circle one: YES NO**
 - f) follow-up to assess results? **Circle one: YES NO**
 - g) follow-up by complementary and reinforcing capacity building activities? **Circle one: YES NO**
 - h) assisting beneficiary countries to negotiate trade and environment agreements? **Circle one: YES NO**
 - i) assisting beneficiary countries to better deal with trade and environment issues at national level? **Circle one: YES NO**

Specific comments: _____

46. Is there a need to extend environment-trade-development capacity building services, such as training and seminars, to more intensive country-based efforts aimed at human resource development and institution building?
- Circle one: YES NO**
47. Would greater involvement of regional, sub-regional and national organizations in the delivery of environment-trade-development capacity building services of international organizations and bilateral agencies:
- a) be more resource efficient than current delivery mechanisms? **Circle one: YES NO**
 - b) be more effective than current delivery mechanisms? **Circle one: YES NO**
 - c) increase availability of capacity building services? **Circle one: YES NO**
 - d) increase participation in capacity building activities ? **Circle one: YES NO**
48. Is environment-trade-development capacity building sufficiently financed to meet global needs?
- Circle one: YES NO**
49. Would the establishment of an international financial mechanism (similar to the GEF) for environment, trade and development capacity building help ensure adequate and regular funds are available for this purpose?
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Circle one: YES NO

50. Would environment-trade-development capacity building benefit from being planned and coordinated within the framework of a long-term international programme?

Circle one: YES NO

51. Priorities for future environment-trade-development capacity building efforts should include assisting countries to **(please rank from " 1 " being most needed to " 7 " being least needed; mark with a " 0 " any items which you feel are not needed)**:

___ assess the environmental and developmental impacts of trade and trade-related policies

___ develop policy packages, including market-based instruments and command and control mechanisms, to mitigate the negative impacts of trade and trade-related policies and to enhance positive ones

___ assess the trade and economic impacts of multilateral environmental agreements

___ develop joint MEA-WTO capacity building activities and programmes to support the realization of the objectives of both environmental and trade agreements

___ enhance market access opportunities by meeting environmental requirements in international markets, and participating more fully in the design and use of ecolabelling

___ assess the impacts of current policies, including subsidies on sectors such as agriculture and fisheries and develop policy response packages for subsidy reforms in order to maximize net sustainable development gains in these sectors

___ negotiate international trade and environmental agreements

52. Please note any other priorities, not mentioned above, for future environment-trade-development capacity building efforts:

53. Please identify your single most important capacity building need:

54. Please provide comments on the preferred means of delivery of capacity building activities (e.g. regional or national workshops, policy dialogue, national projects, training, thematic research etc).

55. Please provide any additional comments you may have on the subject of environment-trade-development capacity building below:

56. Please provide a brief description (less than 350 words) of your ministry and its capacity-building needs or your regional or sub-regional organization's needs or activities on environment, trade and development capacity building. ***This information may be used to describe your organization, if it provides capacity building activities, to users of an internet-based UNEP capacity building database.***

End of questionnaire, thank you for your cooperation.

Please return the questionnaire to UNEP's Economics and Trade Branch (UNEP-ETB) by mail or fax.

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