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ПРОГРАММА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ ПО ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЕ

## Questionnaire on Environment, Trade and Development Capacity Building

### (Electronic Email Version)

**Objective:** This questionnaire is made available to intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, and major bilateral development agencies, to take stock of existing efforts to build capacity on environment, trade and development, and help identify gaps where improvements are can be made.

**Results:** Responses to the questionnaires will assist UNEP prepare a stocktaking survey of current activities and perspectives on environment, trade and development capacity building. The survey will may take the form of an interactive internet accessible database.

**Your organization's participation:** As your organization plays a vital role in assisting countries to achieve sustainable development, 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 worldwide. UNEP and the WTO further welcome each organization completing the questionnaire to participate in the 19 March Workshop.

**Electronic submission of the completed questionnaire:** You are kindly requested to complete the questionnaire at your earliest convenience, and send it to UNEP by email (as an attached file to [etb@unep.ch](mailto:etb@unep.ch)). See the last page of this questionnaire for further details on submission.

**Instructions for data entry:** To enter text in each field, simply click on the field and start typing. Some fields will offer drop-down menus from which a response can be selected. To "check" boxes simply click on them, and to "uncheck" them click on them again.

**Confidentiality:** Your responses to the questionnaire are confidential. They will be used only by UNEP to compile aggregate survey results (*except for question 62, which will be used to describe your organization*). No attributions will be made to the responses of individual organizations, and the responses you provide will not be shared with third parties.

## Section 1: Information on your organization

1. Full Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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 check type:

academic  advocacy  research  private sector  other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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Since when? (please indicate year) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of staff currently involved in these efforts: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you answered YES to question 7, please proceed to [Section 2](#) (question 9) now.**

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

[Click to respond](#)

**Please proceed directly to [Section 3](#) (question 53) now.**

## Section 2: Capacity Building Activities, Objectives and Needs

9. What environment-trade-development capacity building activities does your organization provide (please check only those items where a significant, programmatic offering is made):

- publications
- internet resources
- training
- seminars
- country- and or region-based technical assistance projects
- policy dialogue
- country-led research / studies on specific trade-related issues
- on the job training through internships, secondments, etc.
- other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Representatives from which types of the groupings below participate in your organization's environment-trade-development capacity building activities?

- regional and sub-regional organizations
- national ministries of trade
- national ministries of environment
- other national government agencies / ministries
- nongovernmental organizations other than private enterprises
- private enterprises
- workers and other stakeholders in relevant sectors
- local communities
- other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

11. How does your organization make potential beneficiaries aware of opportunities to participate in its capacity building activities?

\_\_\_\_\_

12. Is your organization able to fully meet all country requests it receives for capacity building services?

**Click to respond**

If not, why? \_\_\_\_\_

13. How does your organization determine the capacity building needs of its target beneficiaries? (please check all appropriate categories):

- national needs assessments conducted with governments
- missions to countries
- needs expressed in international negotiations and conferences
- national workshops
- regional workshops
- international workshops
- direct requests from countries
- other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

14. Are the different capacity building activities of your organization usually **linked** to one and other, or are they more often offered as **independent, stand-alone activities**?

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15. Does your organization have sufficient access to information on activities of other organizations in target beneficiary countries that have preceded its environment-trade-development capacity building efforts?

[Click to respond](#)

16. Could your organization benefit from enhanced coordination of its environment-trade-development capacity building activities with those of other organizations?

[Click to respond](#)

17. Are the environment-trade-development capacity building activities of your organization undertaken in collaboration with:

a) the United Nations?

If so, please specify agency(ies) \_\_\_\_\_

b) the WTO?

c) other collaborating organizations?

If so, please name these: \_\_\_\_\_

18. Does your organization seek stronger collaboration with other organizations on the delivery of environment-trade-development capacity building?

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Which organizations or types of organizations?

\_\_\_\_\_

19. Is your organization able to follow-up activities to assess how well its objectives were achieved?

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If so, how is this assessment done? \_\_\_\_\_

What constraints are/were encountered in making such assessments? \_\_\_\_\_

20. Primary funding for your organization's environment-trade-development capacity building activities is provided by:

\_\_\_\_\_

Approximately how much time do individuals responsible for environment-trade-development capacity building in your organization devote to fundraising?

\_\_\_\_\_ per cent

Would your organization benefit from stable and predictable funding for its environment-trade-development capacity building activities?

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Approximately, what was your organization's annual budget for environment-trade-development capacity building in 2001?

\_\_\_\_\_

The 2001 budget represented approximately \_\_\_\_\_ per cent of total funds sought for environment-trade-development capacity building in 2001.

**Areas of environment-trade-development capacity building:**

In **column 1** of the table below, please indicate types of capacity building activities in which your organization is involved. In **column 2**, please provide, based on your professional experience, a ranking of how much additional capacity-building is needed for your organization's targeted beneficiaries in each of these areas (using 0 for no need; 1 for limited need; and 2 for strong need).

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<b>Areas of work on environment, trade and development</b>		Capacity building 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
21.	Environmental assessment of the impacts of trade	_____	<a href="#">click to respond</a>
22.	Integrated or “sustainability” assessment of trade policies	_____	<a href="#">click to respond</a>
23.	Trade and economic impacts of multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs)	_____	<a href="#">click to respond</a>
24.	Relationship between MEAs and the WTO	_____	<a href="#">click to respond</a>
25.	Mutually supportive trade and environment policy development; including the design of economic instruments	_____	<a href="#">click to respond</a>
26.	Natural resources management Please indicate sector(s):	_____	<a href="#">click to respond</a>
27.	Design of economic instruments for environmental protection	_____	<a href="#">click to respond</a>
28.	Environmentally sound technology transfer	_____	<a href="#">click to respond</a>
29.	Trade-related intellectual property rights (TRIPs); including traditional knowledge and the Convention on Biodiversity	_____	<a href="#">click to respond</a>
30.	Environmentally preferable products (EPPs), ecolabelling and market access	_____	<a href="#">click to respond</a>
31.	Eco-investment promotion and other finance-related issues	_____	<a href="#">click to respond</a>
32.	Environmental and health standards	_____	<a href="#">click to respond</a>
33.	Technical barriers to trade (TBTs)	_____	<a href="#">click to respond</a>
34.	Precautionary approach/principle	_____	<a href="#">click to respond</a>
35.	Domestically Prohibited Goods	_____	<a href="#">click to respond</a>
36.	Other, please specify: _____	_____	<a href="#">click to respond</a>

**Objectives of environment-trade-development capacity building:**

In **column 1** of the table below, please check objectives of your organization's environment-trade-development capacity building activities. In **column 2**, please indicate how fully these objectives were met by your organization's activities ( 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 of your organization's activities Check as appropriate	How well were these objectives met? -- not fully met -- fully met
37.	Promoting national, regional or international policy dialogue on the main issues in the international trade and environment debate	<input type="checkbox"/>	click and respond
38.	Strengthening national capacities <u>to develop</u> trade, environment and development policies	<input type="checkbox"/>	click and respond
39.	Strengthening national capacities <u>to implement</u> trade, environment and development policies	<input type="checkbox"/>	click and respond
40.	Strengthening national research and analysis capacities	<input type="checkbox"/>	click and respond
41.	Training of trainers for training programme replication	<input type="checkbox"/>	click and respond
42.	Enhancing the integration of environmental considerations into macro-economic and trade policies	<input type="checkbox"/>	click and respond
43.	Strengthening national trade-environment policy coordination	<input type="checkbox"/>	click and respond
44.	Improving stakeholder involvement	<input type="checkbox"/>	click and respond
45.	Implementing WTO Agreements, while mitigating the effects on the environment of such implementation	<input type="checkbox"/>	click and respond
46.	Implementing MEAs provisions, including the trade-related ones, while mitigating adjustment costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	click and respond
47.	Improving international cooperation in the area of standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	click and respond
48.	Engaging the private sector in environmental management systems and more eco-friendly processes	<input type="checkbox"/>	click and respond
49.	Promoting participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition in international trade and environment debate and policymaking	<input type="checkbox"/>	click and respond
50.	Enhancing the participation of developing countries in international environmental standard-setting processes	<input type="checkbox"/>	click and respond
51.	Promoting participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition in multilateral environmental negotiations	<input type="checkbox"/>	click and respond
52.	Other, please specify: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	click and respond

### Section 3: Future Capacity Building Activities and Needs

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

53. Are the collective environment-trade-development capacity building services currently offered by all providing organizations adequate in terms of :

- a) their availability? [Click to respond](#)
- b) the range and scope of topics covered? [Click to respond](#)
- c) the variety and depth of activities offered? [Click to respond](#)
- d) the distribution of beneficiary countries participating in them? [Click to respond](#)
- d) having a well-defined, shared and consistent approach? [Click to respond](#)
- e) being complementary and integrated with each other? [Click to respond](#)
- f) follow-up to assess results? [Click to respond](#)
- g) follow-up by complementary and reinforcing capacity building activities? [Click to respond](#)
- h) assisting beneficiary countries to negotiate trade and environment agreements? [Click to respond](#)

Specific comments: \_\_\_\_\_

54. 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?

[Click to respond](#)

55. 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? [Click to respond](#)
- b) be more effective than current delivery mechanisms? [Click to respond](#)
- c) increase availability of capacity building services? [Click to respond](#)
- d) increase participation in capacity building activities ? [Click to respond](#)

56. Is environment-trade-development capacity building sufficiently financed to meet global needs?

[Click to respond](#)

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

[Click to respond](#)

59. 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):

**Click** assess the environmental and developmental impacts of trade and trade-related policies

**Click** 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

**Click** assess the trade and economic impacts of multilateral environmental agreements

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

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

**Click** 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

**Click** negotiate international trade and environmental agreements

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

62. Please provide a brief description (less than 350 words) of your organization and its programmes and/or activities on environment, trade and development capacity building. *This information may be used to describe your organization to users of a internet-based UNEP capacity building database.*

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End of questionnaire, thank you for your cooperation.

Please **return the questionnaire by email attachment** (placing “Capacity Building Survey” in the subject field) to UNEP’s Economics and Trade Branch.

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