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ПРОГРАММА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ ПО ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЕ

Questionnaire on Environment, Trade and Development Capacity Building

Objective: This questionnaire is being distributed 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 serve as a reference document supporting a UNEP-WTO International Workshop on Capacity Building from 19 to 20 March 2002 in Geneva. The survey will be posted on the UNEP-ETB website by mid-March.

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 19-20 March 2002 Workshop.

Submission of the completed questionnaire: You are kindly requested to complete the questionnaire at your earliest convenience, and return it to UNEP by mail or fax **no later than Friday 8 February 2002.**

Please note that **this questionnaire is also available in a user-friendly electronic format at www.unep.ch/etu** that can be submitted by email (an easier and more efficient option). Also available there is this document in PDF format should you need to reprint it.

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 to compile aggregate survey results. 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 circle type:

academic advocacy research private sector other: _____

4. Is your organization an **international**, **regional** or **sub-regional** 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. 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: _____

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?

Circle one: YES NO

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?

Circle one: YES NO

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** ?

Circle appropriate response

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?

Circle one: YES NO

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

Circle one: YES NO

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?

Circle one: YES NO

Which organizations or types of organizations?

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

Circle one: Yes, fully Yes, but not fully No, usually not

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?

Circle one: YES NO

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

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).

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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		
38.	Strengthening national capacities <u>to develop</u> trade, environment and development policies		
39.	Strengthening national capacities <u>to implement</u> trade, environment and development policies		
40.	Strengthening national research and analysis capacities		
41.	Training of trainers for training programme replication		
42.	Enhancing the integration of environmental considerations into macro-economic and trade policies		
43.	Strengthening national trade-environment policy coordination		
44.	Improving stakeholder involvement		
45.	Implementing WTO Agreements, while mitigating the effects on the environment of such implementation		
46.	Implementing MEAs provisions, including the trade-related ones, while mitigating adjustment costs		
47.	Improving international cooperation in the area of standards		
48.	Engaging the private sector in environmental management systems and more eco-friendly processes		
49.	Promoting participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition in international trade and environment debate and policymaking		
50.	Enhancing the participation of developing countries in international environmental standard-setting processes		
51.	Promoting participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition in multilateral environmental negotiations		
52.	Other, please specify:		

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? **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**

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?

Circle one: YES NO

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? **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**

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

Circle one: YES NO

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?

Circle one: YES NO

58. 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

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)**:

___ 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

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

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

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 by **Friday 8 February 2002.**

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