



Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) of North America

**Twelfth Regular Session of the Council of the CEC
and meetings of the Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC)**

21–23 June 2005

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Preliminary Program of Public Events

Monday, 20 June 2005

18:00–20:00 Accreditation of participants – *Foyer Salle Suzor-Coté et Krieghoff²*

Tuesday, 21 June 2005

8:00–9:00 Accreditation of participants – *Foyer Salle Suzor-Coté et Krieghoff 2*

9:00–16:45 JPAC Public Workshop: “Needs and Opportunities for Capacity Building among Private and Non Profit Sectors” – *Salle Suzor-Coté et Krieghoff 2*

9:00–9:15 Welcoming remarks by Arturo Duran, JPAC Chair for 2005
9:15–11:15 Presentations by keynote speakers from Canada, Mexico and United States on “Needs and Opportunities for Capacity Building among Private and Non-Profit Sectors”

PART I – PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES

CANADA: Mr. Michael Cloghesy – President of the Business Council on the Environment (CPEQ) (20 min.)

MEXICO: Alejandro Lorea – CESPEDES (20 min.)

US: Mrs. Elyse Allan – CEO General Electric (20 min.)

PART II – NON-PROFIT SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES

CANADA: Mrs. Donna Tingley – Clean Air Strategic Alliance (20 min.)

MEXICO: Mr. Roberto Zambrano – Former Chairman of PRONATURA (20 min.)

US: (20 min.) (*to be confirmed*)

11:15-11:45 Question and Answer Period

11:45–12:45 Break

12:45–14:15 **CASE STUDY PRESENTATION: “The case of the Pittsfield / Housatonic River in Massachusetts”: Mr. Robert Varney – EPA Regional Administrator, USEPA New England Region, Mr. Robert Golledge – State of Massachusetts, Commissioner of Massachusetts Department of Environment, Mr. Peter Larkin – Former Massachusetts State Representative for Pittsfield Region and Mr. Robert Risch – General Electric State Government Relations Coordinator (New England) (1:30 min.)**

14:15–14:30 Break

14:30–16:30 JPAC Working session on the CEC Projects under the Institutional Capacity Building Pillar:

- Partnership for Integrated Environmental Management and Local Capacity Building for Integrated Ecosystem Management with Hernando Guerrero CEC, Director of the Mexico Liaison Office and Hans Herrmann CEC, Head of Conservation of Biodiversity Program

16:30–16:45 Conclusion Remarks by JPAC members

16:45–17:00 Break

17:00–18:30 Networking session for the public – *Salle Suzor-Coté et Krieghoff 2*

The public is invited to meet and exchange views on North American environmental issues. JPAC members will attend as observers. Participants should appoint the chair of this session who will present the results at the public portion of the Council Session on 22 June.

18:30-20:00 Welcoming Reception

- Welcoming remarks by Stéphane Dion, Canadian Environment Minister
- Welcoming remarks by Thomas J. Mulcair, Quebec Sustainable Development Minister

Wednesday, 22 June 2005

9:00-10:00 Official Opening of the Twelfth Regular Session of the Council *Salle Suzor-Coté et Krieghoff 2*

- Opening remarks by Stéphane Dion, Canadian Environment Minister
- Remarks by Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator, US Environmental Protection Agency

- Remarks by Alberto Cárdenas Jiménez, Mexican Secretary for Environment and Natural Resources
- Remarks by Thomas J. Mulcair, Quebec Sustainable Development Minister Environment and Parks
- Remarks by Arturo Duran, JPAC Chair
- Report by William Kennedy, CEC Executive Director, on accomplishments of the CEC

10:00-12:30 JPAC Regular Session 05-02 “The CEC Strategic Plan for 2005-2010” Part I (with the public as observer) – Salle Suzor-Coté et Krieghoff 2

- 10:00–10:15 Overview by Arturo Duran, JPAC Chair and approval of the provisional agenda
- 10:15–10:30 Report from the National and Governmental Advisory Committee representatives
- 10:30-11:00 Follow up on the Workshop and Working Session
- 11:00–12:00 JPAC discussion on a potential advice to Council on the CEC Strategic Plan 2005-2010
- 12:00–12:30 Observers’ comments

12:30 End of Session

12:30-14:00 Break

14:00-15:30 To be confirmed - Salle Suzor-Coté et Krieghoff 2

15:30-16:00 Break

16:00-17:30 Public Meeting - Salle Suzor-Coté et Krieghoff 2

- Introduction on the conduct of the session by Arturo Duran, JPAC Chair (5 min.)
- Reports on the JPAC Public Workshop/Working Session and on the results of the Networking Session (2 presentations 5 min. = 10 min.)
- Statements by pre-selected presenters (9 presentations 5 min. = 45 min.)
- Comments by Council members (30 min.)

17:30-17:45 Break

17:45-18:30 News Conference (with the public as observer) - Salle Jean-Paul Lemieux

18:30 End of Session

Thursday, 23 June 2005

9:00 – 12:00 JPAC Regular Session 05-02 Part II (with the public as observer) – Salle Suzor-Coté et Krieghoff

- 9:00–10:45 JPAC follow-up
- a) Follow up on the Twelfth Regular Session of the Council of the CEC
 - b) Briefing by Keith Chanon of the CEC, on the Children's Health Indicators and Toxic Chemicals and Children's Health Reports
 - c) Review of responses to JPAC advice and letters
 - d) Observer's comments

10:45–11:00 Break

- 11: 00–12:00 JPAC follow-up (cont'd)
- e) JPAC working groups: member appointments and rotation
 - f) Next JPAC Meetings: Mexico City: October 11 and Montreal: 29 November -1 December
 - g) Observers' comments

12:00 End of session