



United Nations Environment Programme

برنامج الأمم المتحدة للبيئة • 联合国环境规划署
PROGRAMME DES NATIONS UNIES POUR L'ENVIRONNEMENT • PROGRAMA DE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS PARA EL MEDIO AMBIENTE
ПРОГРАММА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ ПО ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЕ

AGENDA

Capacity Building Meeting on Environment, Trade and Sustainable Development for the Latin American and Caribbean Region

Co-sponsored by UNEP Economics and Trade Branch, UNEP Regional Office for Latin America and Caribbean and the Forum of the Ministers of Environment for Latin America and the Caribbean

in collaboration with the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation and

the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Mexico City, MEXICO

27th-28th March 2003

**Division of Technology, Industry and Economics
Economics and Trade Branch**

11-13 Chemin des Anémones, CH-1219 Châtelaine, Geneva 10, Switzerland, Tel: +41.22.917.82.43; Fax: +41.22.917.80.76
E-mail: etu@unep.ch URL: <http://www.unep.ch/etu>

Objectives of the Meeting:

1. To identify priorities for capacity building activities and develop a long-term capacity building programme on Environment, Trade and Sustainable Development in the Latin American and Caribbean region.
2. To identify a network of regional and sub-regional institutions to assist in undertaking capacity building activities in the Latin American and Caribbean region.
3. To develop collaboration of Ministries of the Environment with Secretariats of Trade and Economic agreements to help integrate environmental considerations in their activities.
4. To identify key environmental and sustainable development issues related to the WSSD and WTO Work Programme for the Latin American and Caribbean region.

Day 1:

Session I: Assessment of Capacity Building Needs for Environment, Trade and Sustainable Development

- 8:00 – 9:00 Registration of Participants (*UNEP-ROLAC*)
- 9:00 – 10:00 Opening Ceremony
Moderator: *Ricardo Sanchez (UNEP-ROLAC)*
Welcoming remarks and opening of the Meeting, *Ricardo Sanchez - UNEP ROLAC*
- Presentations by
Charles Arden-Clarke UNEP ETB
Representative from Government of Mexico
Victor Shantora, CEC
Alicia Barcena, ECLAC
Robert Teh, WTO
Rene Vossenaar, UNCTAD
- 10.00-13.15 **Objective: Identification of priorities for capacity building activities with a view to developing a long-term capacity building programme on Environment, Trade and Sustainable Development in the Latin American and Caribbean region.**
- Moderators:** *Ricardo Sanchez (ROLAC), Charles Arden-Clarke (UNEP-ETB)*
Rapporteur: *Aaron Cosbey (IISD)*
- 10.00 – 10:15 Presentation by *Mexico*
10:15 – 10:30 Presentation by *Brazil*
10:30 – 10:45 Presentation by *Argentina*
10:45 – 11:00 Presentation by *Colombia*
11:00 – 11:45 Questions and clarification.
- (Coffee shall be available during the Q &A)*
- Moderator:** *Alicia Barcena (ECLAC)*
Rapporteur: *Marianne Schaper (ECLAC)*
11:45 – 12:00 Presentation by *St. Lucia*
12:00 – 12:15 Presentation by *Costa Rica*
12:15 – 12:30 Presentation by *Cuba*
12:30 – 12:45 Presentation by *Jamaica*
12:45 – 13:15 Discussion of presentations
- 13:15 – 14:30 **Lunch**
- 14:30 – 18:00 **Objective: Environmental Considerations in Trade and Economic Agreements. Identification of regional and sub-regional institutions for capacity building activities in the Latin American and Caribbean region.**
- Presentations by trade and economic agreements on environmental aspects of their activities and by LAC regional and sub-regional institutions on priorities for capacity building on environment, trade and sustainable development in the region.
- Moderator:** *Chantal Line Carpentier (CEC)*
Rapporteur: *Scott Vaughan (CEIP)*
14:30 – 14:45 Presentation by *Chantal Line Carpentier (CEC)*
14:45 – 15:00 Presentation by *Luisa Elena Guinand (Andean Community of Nations)*
15:00– 15:15 Presentation by *Anya Thomas (CARICOM)*
15:15 – 16:00 Discussion of presentations

(Coffee/tea available during the Q & A)

Moderator: *Rene Vossenaar (UNCTAD),*
Rapporteur: *Charles Arden-Clarke (UNEP-ETB)*
16:00 – 16:15 Presentation by *Raul Lopez Avendano (CCAD)*
16:15 – 16:30 Presentation by *Maria Teresa Szauer (CAF)*
16:30 – 16.45 Presentation by *Marianne Schaper (ECLAC)*
16:45 – 17:30 Discussion of presentations

17:30 – 18:00 Summary of the Day (including short-list of priorities for Capacity Building)

Day 2:

Session II: Implications of the Trade and Environment WTO Negotiating Agenda for the Latin American and Caribbean Region

09:00 – 09:30 Opening of the Meeting *Ricardo Sanchez/Enrique Leff (UNEP-ROLAC)*
- Report of day 1
- Introduction to programme and expected outputs of day 2

09:30 – 13:15 Working Group Discussions (4 parallel sessions informed by background papers)

Group 1: Trade Preferences and Environmental Goods and Services.

Moderators: *Enrique Lendo, (Environment Ministry, Mexico)*

Rapporteur: *Scott Vaughan(CEIP)*

Organic agriculture environmentally sustainable technologies (ESTs), green goods and market access, sustainable tourism, sustainable forestry, sustainable fisheries.

Group 2: Intellectual Property and the Environment

Moderator: *Francisco Cannabrava, (Embassy of Brazil)*

Rapporteur: *Sabrina Shaw*

Relationship between TRIPS and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Access and Benefit Sharing, Technology transfer.

Group 3: Agriculture, Trade and Sustainable Development

Moderator: *Chantal Line Carpentier (CEC)*

Rapporteur: *Ana Maria Majano/Carlos Murillo (tbc)*

Economic, social and environmental considerations, agricultural trade negotiations.

Group 4: The use of Integrated Assessment and Economic Instruments to Achieve Environment and Trade objectives

Moderator: *Gillian Guthrie(tbc)*

Rapporteur: *Charles Arden-Clarke (UNEP-ETB)*

Constraints, Opportunities and Challenges.

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:30 Reports of Working Groups (30 minutes each-10 for presentation and 20 for discussions)

16:30 – 17:30 Discussion: Designing and launching a regional capacity building programme on Environment, Trade and Sustainable Development.

17:30 – 18:00 Concluding remarks. (Initial summary of proceedings given to participants).