

**THEMATIC WORKSHOP ON SYNERGIES FOR CAPACITY BUILDING UNDER  
INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ADDRESSING CHEMICALS AND WASTE MANAGEMENT**

30 March – 2 April 2004  
International Environment House (MIE 2 Annex)  
Chemin de Balexert 7-9  
Geneva, Switzerland

**Proposed Timetable & Agenda**

**Tuesday, 30 March 2004**

**OPENING SESSION AND INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATIONS**

**09.00 Welcome Remarks**

- Mr. Marcel Boisard  
Executive Director, UNITAR
- Representative of OPCW (to be confirmed)
- Mr. Nelson Sabogal  
Senior Programme Officer, Secretariat of the Basel Convention
- Mr. Jeremy Wates  
Executive Secretary of the Aarhus Convention, UNECE
- Mr. Franz Perrez  
Head of Section Global Affairs, Swiss Agency for the Environment,  
Forests and Landscape

**09.20 Introduction of Participants**

**09.30 Workshop Context, Objectives and Methodology**

- Achim Halpaap, UNITAR

**09.45 Introduction to International Agreements Addressing Chemicals and Waste  
Management**

- Peter Peterson & Jonathan Krueger, UNITAR

**10.25 Logistics Announcement**

*10.30 Coffee Break*

## **SESSION 1: IDENTIFYING THEMES FOR DEVELOPING SYNERGIES FOR CAPACITY BUILDING**

### **10.45 Introductory Panel Presentations and Discussion: Perspectives on Synergies for Capacity Building**

This moderated panel features the perspectives of a number of stakeholders and provides an opportunity to identify preliminary key issues and challenges regarding synergies for capacity building. Each speaker will give a brief presentation of about 10-15 minutes summarizing their experiences and key issues regarding synergies for capacity building, followed by an interactive discussion.

*Moderator:* Mr. Franz Perrez  
Swiss Agency for the Environment, Forests and Landscape

*Panel:*  
(tentative)

- Mr. Ibrahim Sow  
Direction Environnement, Senegal
- Mr. Gilson Spanemberg  
Ministry of Health, Brazil
- Mr. Bengt Bucht  
Swedish National Chemicals  
Inspectorate (KEMI)
- Mr. Laurent Granier  
Global Environment Facility
- Mr. Marc Debois  
European Commission
- Ms. Mariann Lloyd-Smith  
IPEN
- Ms. Sofie Flensburg  
Geneva Environment Network

*13.00 – 14.30 Lunch Break*

### **14.30 Session 1 (cont.)**

#### **Concise Statements of Participants**

Interested participants are invited to provide brief statements (5 minutes maximum) highlighting successful approaches for synergy development linked to international agreements, identifying practical problems faced and suggesting key topics that should be further developed during the course of the workshop. The interventions should not be descriptive in nature (e.g. summarize activities or existing programmes). Statements will be grouped according to the following categories:

- Governments and public authorities
- Non-governmental organizations
- International organizations and Convention secretariats

15.30 *Coffee Break*

**16.00 Concise Statements of Participants (cont)**

**17.00 Plenary: Summary of Day 1 and Identification of Themes for Further Discussions**

Participants will be asked to nominate and agree on topics which should be further discussed in working groups during the following days.

**17.30 Close**

**Wednesday, 31 March 2004**

**SESSION 2: EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SYNERGIES IN NATIONAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT**

This session takes place mainly in working groups. It provides the opportunity for a more in-depth exchange of experiences gained and lessons learned regarding key themes for synergies for national capacity development under international agreements. Working groups may reflect on existing experiences with national mechanisms, discuss fundamental issues, and identify key questions to be focussed on in national efforts to address synergies. Guidance materials will be provided to assist and structure the discussions. Possible working group topics may include, for example, the following<sup>1</sup>:

- Institutional co-ordination among focal points
- Information exchange
- Awareness raising
- Classification and labelling
- Risk management decision making
- Import/Export control regulations and enforcement
- Capacity for analysis and monitoring
- Coordination of technical assistance
- Technology transfer
- Stakeholder participation
- Reporting and evaluation

**09.00 Introduction to Working Groups in Plenary (WG 1-3)**

**09.15 Discussion in Working Groups (WG 1-3)**

Parallel working groups will meet to elaborate on key topics identified on day one.

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<sup>1</sup> These possible topics were developed based on an analysis of the international agreements, as well as the topics mentioned in the abstracts submitted by participants.

**11.15 Presentation of Working Group results and discussion in Plenary (WG 1-3)**

*12.00 - 13.30 Lunch Break*

**13.30 Introduction to Working Groups in Plenary (WG 4-6)**

**13.45 Discussion in Working Groups (WG 4-6)**

Parallel working groups will meet to elaborate on the key topics identified on day one.

**16.00 Presentation of Working Group results and discussion in Plenary (WG 4-6)**

**17.00 Close**

**Thursday, 1 April 2004**

**Session 2 (cont.)**

**09.00 Introduction to Working Groups in Plenary (WG 7-9)**

**09.15 Discussion in Working Groups (WG 7-9)**

Parallel working groups will meet to elaborate on key topics identified on day one.

**11.15 Presentation of Working Group results and discussion in Plenary (WG 7-9)**

*12.00 - 13.30 Lunch Break*

**SESSION 3: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES OF IMPLEMENTING SYNERGIES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL**

Taking previous plenary and working group discussions into consideration, this session will identify the opportunities and challenges for implementing synergies at the national level.

**13.30 Introduction to Working Groups in Plenary**

**13.45 Discussion in Working Groups**

- Identifying Incentives for National Implementation of Synergies
- Challenges and Obstacles for National Implementation of Synergies

**15.00 Presentation of Working Group results and discussion in Plenary**

#### **SESSION 4: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL**

This session provides participants with an opportunity to discuss and consider options regarding possible opportunities for action to assist in the development of synergies for capacity building at the national level. This may include development of guidance and training materials and identification of opportunities for informing the SAICM process.

##### **15.30 Introduction to Working Groups in Plenary**

##### **15.45 Discussion in Working Groups**

- Opportunities for the Development of Guidance and Training Materials
- Opportunities for Informing the SAICM Process

##### **17.00 Presentation of Working Group results and discussion in Plenary**

##### **17.30 Close**

**Friday, 2 April 2004**

#### **SESSION 5: REVIEW OF WORKSHOP CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **09.30 Plenary**

The Secretariat will table the main observations and conclusions of the workshop for discussion and possible adoption by participants.

**Close** (the workshop is expected to end not later than 12:30)