

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN 2002

Note by the Secretariat

Paragraph 33

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1. Paragraph 33 of the Doha Ministerial Declaration states:

"We recognize the importance of technical assistance and capacity building in the field of trade and environment to developing countries, in particular the least-developed among them. We also encourage that expertise and experience be shared with Members wishing to perform environmental reviews at the national level. A report shall be prepared on these activities for the Fifth Session."

2. The table overleaf has been prepared so as to give Members a quick overview of technical assistance activities conducted on trade and environment in 2002. It includes those activities organized by the WTO and which took place outside of Geneva.¹ For the sake of completeness, it also includes activities which are planned for the remainder of the year.

3. This note draws on and complements previous notes circulated to Members relevant to technical assistance in the area of trade and environment.²

¹ In addition to the activities summarized in the table, the Trade and Environment Division participated in three trade policy courses as well as two introductory courses (for LDCs) here in Geneva.

² In particular: TN/TE/S/2, 7 June 2002, *Existing Forms of Cooperation and Information Exchange between UNEP/MEAs and the WTO*, Note by the Secretariat on Paragraph 31 (ii) and WT/CTE/W/209, 4 June 2002, *MEA Information Session on Technical Assistance, Capacity Building and Enhancing Information Exchange*, Input from the WTO, UNEP and MEA Secretariats.

Date	Type	Place	Coverage	With the participation of
28-30 January	Regional Seminar	Saint Lucia	Caribbean countries	CITES, Basel Convention, Montreal Protocol, UNEP, UNCTAD
5-7 March	Regional Seminar	Bogota	Latin American countries	UNCTAD
8 March	Side Event	New York	Developing country participants at UNFF2	-
9 April	Side Event	The Hague	Developing country participants to the CBD COP6	-
13-15 May	Regional Seminar	Singapore	Asian countries	UNEP Regional Office, UNCTAD
30 May	Trade Policy	Istanbul	Members of the Organization for Islamic Conference (OIC)	In cooperation with the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and the Organization for Islamic Conference (OIC).
9-11 June	Regional Seminar	Windhoek	English-speaking African Countries	UNEP Regional Office, UNCTAD
21 June	Trade Policy Course (TCD)	Addis Ababa	African countries	In cooperation with the African Development Bank (ADB) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA).
1 August	Trade Policy Course (Training Institute)	Casablanca	French-speaking African Countries	Partnership with Institut de Commerce et d'Administration des Entreprises (ISCAE)
20-23 August	Trade Policy Course (Training Institute)	Nairobi	English-speaking African Countries	Partnership with the University of Nairobi. Including one-day visit to UNEP
10-12 September	Regional Seminar	Riga	Central and Eastern European countries	UNEP, UNCTAD, UNFCCC
15-17 October*	Regional Seminar	Tunis	French-speaking African Countries	UNCTAD, Basel Convention, CITES
24 October*	Trade Policy Course (TCD)	Vienna	Developing countries	Organized in cooperation with the Joint Vienna Institute
20-21 November*	National	Beijing	China	-
26-28 November*	Regional Seminar	Suva	Pacific island economies	UNEP, UNCTAD
November*	Side Event	Santiago	Developing country participants to COP12 of the CITES	-
November*	Side Event	Rome	Developing country participants to COP6 of the Vienna Convention and MOP14 of the Montreal Protocol	-

"*" Indicates a planned event.