

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME/REGIONAL OFFICE FOR ASIA
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FIRST UNESCAP/UNEP TRAINING WORKSHOP ON
MULTILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS (MEAs)
ON BIODIVERSITY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
BANGKOK, THAILAND
27 – 31 OCTOBER 2003

PROGRAMME OF THE WORKSHOP

Monday, 27 October 2003

- 0800 Registration
- 0830 - 0940 Opening session
- Opening statement by Mr. Ravi Sawhney, Director, Environment and Sustainable Development Division, UNESCAP
 - Opening statement by Mr. Surendra Shresthra, Director, UNEP/ROAP
- Tea break
- Facilitators : Mr. Aslam Khan
: Mr. Manjit Iqbal
- 1000 - 1100 Multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs), their history, functioning, decision making, and institutional structure - negotiation and implementation, Mr. Aslam Khan
- 1100 - 1200 Introduction to MEAs on biodiversity and natural resources - their needs and importance
- a) Convention on Biodiversity (CBD) including marine biodiversity and Biosafety Protocol;
- Prof. Sarath Kotagama
 - Ms. Barbara Ruis
- Lunch break
- 1330 - 1530 Introduction to MEAs on biodiversity and natural resources - their needs and importance [continued]
- b) Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar);
- Mr. Amado S. Tolentino, Jr
- c) Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) including regional agreements;
- Mr. Douglas Hykle
- d) Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) including regional agreements.
- Ms. Cristina Zucca
- 1530 - 1630 *Exercise*

Thursday, 30 October 2003

- 0900 - 1000 Legislative and institutional arrangements
- capacity building; economic and other instruments
- Mr. Manjit Iqbal
 - Dr. Bharat Desai
- 1000 - 1100 Importance of technology transfer in the implementation of MEAs on biodiversity
and natural resources, access to benefit sharing
- Ms. Barbara Ruis
- Prof Sarath Kotagama
- 1100 - 1200 The reporting requirements and mechanisms – enhancing coordination
- Ms. Barbara Ruis
- Ms. Cristina Zucca
- Lunch break
- 1330 - 1430 Dispute settlements
- Ms. Barbara Ruis
- 1430 – 1630 Financing for implementation of MEAs related to biodiversity
GEF and World Bank financing initiatives
- Dr. Bharat Desai
 - Ms. Aneta

Friday, 31 October 2003

- 0900 – 1200 *Group exercises and their presentations*
- Mr. Aslam Khan, Mr. Manjit Iqbal, Mr. Amado S. Tolentino, Jr, Ms. Barbara Ruis, Ms. Cristina Zucca
- Lunch break
- 1330 – 1500 Recommendations and way forward
- Mr. Aslam Khan, Mr. Manjit Iqbal
- Closing of the workshop