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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 Igbal

- 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

Tuesday, 28 October 2003

0900 - 1000 Negotiation on MEAs - common and different perspectives

Ms. Johannah Bernstein

1030 - 1200 Negotiation on MEAs on biodiversity and natural resources Panel discussion

Panel Members

• Mr. Aslam Khan, Mr. Manjit Iqbal, Mr. Douglas Hykle, Ms. Barbara Ruis, Ms. Cristina Zucca

Lunch break

- 1330 1430 *Exercise*
 - 1430 1630 Negotiation games / MOCK Session
 - Ms. Johannah Bernstein

Wednesday, 29 October 2003

0900 - 1030	 National implementation of CBD and its Biosafety Protocol Prof. Sarath Kotagama
	Ms. Barbara Ruis
1030 - 1130	Country presentations
1130 – 1200	Exercise
	Lunch break
1330 – 1430	National implementation of Ramsar Convention and CMS
	Mr. Amado S. Tolentino, Jr
	Mr. Douglas Hykle
1430 - 1530	National implementation of CITES
	Ms. Cristina Zucca
1530 - 1630	Country Presentations
	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