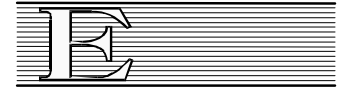




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Report of the
Training Workshop on Trade and Environment for English
Speaking African Countries

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I. Attendance

1. The Training Workshop on Trade and Environment for English Speaking Member Countries was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from June 05-09 2006, at the United Nations Conference Center (UNCC).
2. The Workshop was attended by representatives from the following member States of the Commission: Egypt, Ethiopia, The Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Zambia.
3. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and UNCTAD, partners to the project, were also represented.

II. Account of Proceedings

A. Opening Address

4. Mr. Josué Dioné, Director of the Sustainable Development Division (SDD) of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), welcomed participants and Resource Persons to the workshop on behalf of the Executive Secretary of the Commission. He informed participants that the workshop was organized by ECA as part of a capacity-building project on trade and environment, being undertaken in collaboration with three other UN Regional Commissions. He stressed the importance and timeliness of the project, which he said, aims to equip decision makers with the necessary tools to build the policy coherence needed to:
 - a) maximize economic benefits and minimize environmental pressures arising from trade expansion and liberalization;
 - b) manage trade-related pressures on environmental sustainability;
 - c) and promote sustainable development.
5. He emphasized the importance of the training modules that aims at equipping the participants with the tools to formulate better trade and environment policies. In conclusion, he thanked participants for their attendance and wished them fruitful deliberations.

B. Training Sessions

6. In introducing the Training Sessions, the Chairperson, Mr. Ousmane Laye, thanked participants for affording him the honor of presiding over such an important workshop. The Sessions included the following:
- **Trade and Environmental Requirements:**
 - a. Non-tariff barriers, environmental requirements and market access
 - b. Eco-labelling as an example of environmental requirements
 - c. Southern Agenda on trade and environment
 - **International Negotiation and Simulation:**
 - a. Basic negotiations principles
 - b. Negotiation preparation and analysis
 - c. International negotiations for trade and environment
 - d. Negotiations simulation exercises
 - **Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) and Trade and Environment Policies:**
 - a. WTO and MEAs: relationship and cooperation
 - b. Conflicts between WTO and MEAs
 - c. Trade measures in MEAs (Montreal Protocol, Convention on Biodiversity, Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety)
 - **Trade Liberalisation of Environmental Goods and Services (EGS):**
 - a. Conceptual approaches to identifying EGS
 - b. MEAs and EGS liberalization
 - c. EGS for Developing countries
 - **Way Forward:** Regional Priority Setting

C. Summary of Sessions

Trade and Environmental Requirements

- III. The first topic, Trade, Environment and Sustainable Development was presented by Mr. Kwadwo Tutu from ECA. He defined sustainable development, traced the history, discussed why the quest for sustainable development and argued for the non-existence of sustainable development in Africa despite several past development strategies. He examined the relationship between trade, growth

and development, gave key challenges of trade and sustainable development and provided steps towards achieving trade and sustainable development.

IV. A lively discussion that followed called for the need to consider the following other issues in trade and environment, namely:

- The need for more information, data and knowledge to inform policies;
- The importance of human resource development and access to technology and capital in order to enable investment in value addition (manufacturing);
- The challenges and opportunities presented by brain drain, including better harnessing of the skills and resources of the diaspora (as a number of Asian countries have done); and
- The need for countries to put in place adequate policies to promote intra-African trade, and also to address the current feeling of powerlessness to influence the negative terms of trade globally.

V. The second topic concentrated on Environmental Requirements and Market Access for Developing Countries. It was delivered by Andrew Stevenson from UNCTAD and covered the following areas:

1. Environmental and Health related Requirements (ERHRs): definition, trends and key problems
2. ERHRs & WTO
3. EurepGAP and example of ERHRs
4. Elements of a strategic response

He discussed the costs and benefits of compliance to ERs. He stressed the role of UNCTAD's Consultative Task Force in addressing the challenges of compliance and discussed challenges and problems in complying with ERs. In the discussion that followed, participants sought further elaboration on the capacity constraints of developing countries to comply with ERs. Mauritius shared its country experience on private-sector led certification to comply with the EUREPGAP protocol.

VI. On eco labeling and sustainable development, Mr. Kwadwo Tutu discussed the definition and concepts of eco labeling. He examined the role of eco labeling in International trade and sustainable development and discussed how eco labeling can be used by African countries to have access to international markets.

- VII. Andrew Stevenson made a presentation on Organic Agriculture and Market Access. The role of organic agriculture in food security and as market access was discussed. During discussions, the need to develop local capacity and ensure openness in standard setting and certification process was stressed. The need also to cite examples of research from other parts of Africa apart from the East Africa was noted.

International Negotiation and Simulation

- VIII. Mr. Adil Najam went through negotiation and simulation sessions. He pointed out to the often-ignored issue that negotiation is a daily activity in life. He discussed the characteristics for a successful negotiation and techniques of negotiation. He indicated that for negotiation to be successful, it must be fair, wise, efficient and stable.
- IX. He undertook two simulation exercises with participants. The first exercise was based on maximizing oil profits using the Oil Pricing Exercise. The second was based on negotiations to arrive at the best option for a foreign direct investment in a hypothetical country by harmonizing trade, environment and social considerations.

Integrated Assessment

- X. Mr. Asad Naqvi of UNEP gave a presentation on Integrated Assessment (IA). He discussed the definition, mandates and structure of IA. He informed participants about UNEP's IA projects and the process through which countries can call on UNEP for IA assistance. A Kenyan participant gave a presentation of the Kenyan experience.

Environmental Goods and Services

- XI. Mr. Hahesh Sugathan from ICTSD gave a presentation on Environmental Goods and Services. The presentation covered the definitions and types of Environmental Goods (EG), their current significance, the negotiating framework and state of play. He also covered other challenges associated with EG, the Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration and recent developments. The main areas treated under Environmental Services (ES) included an introduction to negotiation on environmental services, key characteristics of services negotiations, modes of supply, types of environmental services, the classification debate in the WTO and the state of play.

The Way Forward

XII. A discussion on the way forward led to the following proposals.

- (i) As a basis for continued and enhanced networking on trade and environment, countries should undertake consultations at national level with a view to establishing national platforms for collaboration, policy discussions and harmonizing negotiation positions on trade and environment. This would pave way for similar networks at sub-regional and regional level and ECA together with other partners should support countries in this endeavor.
- (ii) In light of the above, participants will undertake national consultations and share with ECA, UNEP, UNCTAD and ICTSD the linkages and progress that will be made.
- (iii) ECA should continue to play a role in promoting further capacity building on trade and environment for member countries in order to catalyze the necessary national level action to enhance coherent policies and strategies.
- (iv) ECA should also support member countries to advance effectively, the trade and environment agenda at the trade negotiations through continuing analysis of relevant issues and furthering the work of the African Trade and Policy Centre.
- (v) A website on trade and environment based on the results of the project will be established to enable the sharing of outputs and lessons learnt.

A. Closure of the Workshop

- XIII. The representative of UNEP, Mr. Asad Naqvi, thanked the ECA for involving his organization in such an important project. He lauded the success of the workshop, which was attributed to the hard work on the part of the Secretariat and the active participation of delegates. The fruitful exchanges among participants, he said, provided useful insights into issues that are quite pertinent to the trade and environment discourse at the global, regional and national levels. Finally, he assured the Secretariat of UNEP's continued collaboration and readiness to provide all necessary support to the Commission to ensure the successful execution of the project. UNCTAD and ICSTD also thanked ECA and promised to assist whenever the call is made to them.
- XIV. The representative of the Secretariat, Mr. Ousmane Laye, apologized to the meeting for the absence of the Director of SDD at the closing, which was due to the exigencies of the service. He thanked participants for their valuable

contributions, which he said, will greatly help in enriching the report as well as provide the necessary guidance to move to the next phase.

- XV. He reiterated the call made to participants to provide the Secretariat with country reports in accordance with the outline distributed earlier. In concluding, he wished all participants a safe trip back to their various destinations.

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