



Sub-Regional Brainstorming Workshop on the Trade and Environment Issues Contained in Paragraphs 31 and 32 of the WTO Doha Ministerial Declaration

Project on Building Capacity for Improved Policy Making and Negotiation on Key Trade and Environment Issues

Bangkok, 30 July – 1 August 2003

DRAFT AGENDA (*)

30 July:

9:30 – 10:00

Opening of the meeting:

Dr. Manaspas XUTO, Executive Director, International Institute for Trade and Development

Dr. Ulrich HOFFMANN, UNCTAD Secretariat

Dr. Alice PALMER, FIELD

Mr. Erik WIJKSTRÖM, WTO Secretariat

Mr. Leo HORN, DFID

Coffee/tea break (10:00 – 10:15)

Negotiating issues in paragraph 31 of the Doha Ministerial Declaration (DMD):

- (i) the relationship between specific trade obligations of MEAs and WTO rules;
- (ii) developmental and trade issues of reduction of tariff and non-tariff barriers to environmental goods and services.

10:15 – 10:45

The relationship between specific trade obligations of MEAs and WTO rules

Introductory presentation

Dr. Ulrich HOFFMANN, UNCTAD Secretariat

10:45 – 13:00

Presentations and inter-active discussion

Lunch break (13:00 – 14:00)

14:00 – 15:30

Continued discussion on the relationship between specific trade obligations of MEAs and WTO rules

Coffee/tea break (15:30 – 15:45)

Developmental and trade issues of reduction/elimination of tariff and non-tariff barriers to environmental goods and services

15:45 – 16:15 Introductory presentation
 Dr. Ulrich HOFFMANN, UNCTAD Secretariat

16:15 – 18:00 Presentations and inter-active discussion

31 July:

9:30 – 11:00 Continued discussion on liberalization of environmental goods and services

Coffee/tea break (11:00 – 11:15)

Issues of particular attention in the work programme of the Committee on Trade and Environment (paragraph 32 of the DMD):

- (i) the effects of environmental measures on market access;
- (ii) the benefits of the elimination/reduction of trade restrictions/distortions on trade, environment and development;
- (iii) the relevant provisions of the TRIPS agreement;
- (iv) labeling requirements for environmental purposes.

11:15-11:45 Introductory presentation
 Mr. Lorenzo SANTUCCI, UNCTAD Secretariat

11:45 – 13:00 Presentations and inter-active discussion

Lunch break (13:00 – 14:00)

14:00 – 15:30 Presentations and inter-active discussion

Coffee/tea break (15:30 – 15:45)

15:45 – 18:00 Continued discussion on Paragraph 32 of the DMD

1 August:

9:30 – 11:00 Continued discussion on Paragraph 32 of the DMD

Coffee/tea break (11:00 – 11:15)

11:15 – 13:00 Exploring scope for consensus and coalition building on specific issues at sub-regional level

Lunch break (13:00 – 14:00)

14:00 – 16:30 Discussion of the work plan for project implementation for the remainder of 2003 and early 2004.

16:30 – 17:00 Closing of the workshop

() The agenda will be subject to review in the light of papers / presentations.*