

Agenda

First Substantive Meeting UNCTAD Consultative Task Force (CTF) on Environmental Requirements and Market Access for Developing Countries

Friday, 5 November 2004 (Conference Room XXVII, first floor, E-building, Palais des Nations)

Chairman: Mr. Enrique A. MANALO, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the UN at Geneva

10:00 Opening of the Meeting
Ms. Lakshmi PURI, Director, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities

10:15 First Session: Core subjects of discussion in the CTF
Introduction by Mr. Ulrich HOFFMANN, UNCTAD secretariat

Creating a platform for information exchange on environmental requirements
Ms. Ariane VAN BEUZEKOM, CBI, Netherlands

Exchanging experience on pro-active adjustment approaches to new external environmental requirements in developing countries
Ms. Mayard Samis ZOLOTAR, Inmetro, Brazil

Improving dialogue and consultations with developing countries in developing new environmental requirements
Ms. Laurence GRAFF, DG Environment, European Commission
Mr. Laurent BARDON, DG Trade, European Commission

Discussion

13:00 Lunch break

14:30 Second Session: Proposed sectoral activities to be considered under the CTF

Developing Good Agricultural Practice Systems for horticultural produce at national and sub-regional level in developing countries, benchmarked by EurepGAP

Introduced by: Nigel GARBUTT, EurepGAP
Commentator: Ms. Ruth NYAGAH, Africert, Kenya

Discussion

Adjusting to environmental requirements for electrical and electronic products, notably the impact and effects of the EU WEEE and RoHS Directives as well as the Japanese Home Appliances Recycling Law

Introduced by: Mr. Rene VOSSENAAR, UNCTAD secretariat
Commentators: Ms. Nudjarin RAMUNGUL, National Metal and Materials Technology Center, Thailand

Prof. Martin CHARTER, The Centre for Sustainable Design,
The Surrey Institute of Art & Design, UK

Discussion

17:00 Discussion of the CTF work programme for 2005

Saturday, 6 November 2004 (Conference room, Canadian Mission, Avenue de l'Ariana 5)

Chair: Mr. Tobias NUSSBAUM, Permanent Mission of Canada to the WTO

10:00 Third session: Exchange of information on analytical, technical assistance and capacity-building activities of various institutions

11:30 Fourth session: Outcome of the meeting

13:00 Closure of the meeting