

Draft Agenda

Environmental Requirements and Market Access for Developing Countries: How to Turn Challenges into Opportunities?

Wrap-up Workshop of the UK-DFID-funded UNCTAD Project "Building Capacity for Improved Policy Making and Negotiation on Key Trade and Environment Issues" and Annual Session of UNCTAD's Consultative Task Force on Environmental Requirements and Market Access for Developing Countries

Geneva, 3-4 July 2006, Conference Room XXIII, E-building, Palais des Nations

Monday, 3 July 2006

- 9:30 Opening of the Meeting
Mrs. Lakshmi PURI, Director, International Trade Division, UNCTAD
- 10:00 Introductory presentation: Key general findings of recent sector-focused activities within the DFID-funded project and under the CTF
Mr. Ulrich HOFFMANN, Chief of Section, Trade and Sustainable Development, UNCTAD secretariat
- 10:30 Findings of activities on electrical and electronic exports – presentation on the issues note
Ms. Ritu KUMAR, Director, TERI-Europe
- 10:50 Findings of activities on horticultural exports – presentation on the issues note
Mr. Rene VOSSENAAR, consultant
- 11:10 Discussion
- 13:00 Lunch break
- 14:30 Breaking up into working groups

Working Group 1:

Key findings and lessons of UNCTAD activities in the electrical and electronic sector

- Moderator: Ms. Ritu KUMAR, Director, TERI-Europe
- Industry perspective: Thai Electrical and Electronic Institute
ELCINA Electronic Industries Association of India
- Government perspective: Pollution Control Department, Thai Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment .
European Commission.
- NGO perspective: The Centre for Sustainable Design, Farnham, Surrey, UK

What future CTF activities would be required for the sector?

Working Group 2:

Key findings and lessons of UNCTAD activities on horticultural exports

Moderator: Mr. Rene VOSSENAAR, consultant

Industry perspective: EurepGAP representative

Government perspective: Inmetro, Brazil
European Commission
Japanese Government

NGO perspective: Africert, Kenya.
IIED, UK

International organizations: World Bank
FAO
GTZ

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17:00 Report of the moderators on discussion in working groups and general discussion

18:00 End of first day

Tuesday, 4 July 2006

9:30 WTO rules and transparency issues related to the development, adoption and implementation of standards and the role of the CTF in this regard
WTO secretariat

Introduction: Ms. Vivien Liu-Chan Wai Chun, WTO secretariat
Ms. Christiane Wolff, WTO secretariat

Discussion

10:45 The role of private-sector-set standards, their interaction with mandatory requirements and the need for analytical and operational activities of CTF in this regard

Introduction: Ms. Sasha COURVILLE, Executive Director, ISEAL Alliance

Discussion

12:00 The European Commission's Export Helpdesk for Developing Countries
Introduction by: Ms. Marie Helène Vareille, European Commission

Discussion

13:00 Lunch break

14:30 Report on CTF activities on an internet gateway to facilitate access to and guide users on existing databases on environmental, health and food-safety requirements

Introduction: Mr. Andrew STEVENSON, UNCTAD secretariat
Mr. Anil BHARDWAJ, consultant

Discussion

15:30 Future course of CTF activities and resulting work programme

Introduction: Mr. Ulrich HOFFMANN, UNCTAD secretariat

Discussion

16:30 Information exchange among agencies and initiatives on activities relevant to the CTF work

17:30 Summary of discussion and main conclusions of the meeting

18:00 Closure of the meeting