



UNCTAD

National Training Workshop on Environmental Requirements, Market Access/Entry and Export Competitiveness for Leather and Footwear in Viet Nam

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

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Recommendations

The Workshop was attended by about 50 participants from central and local government offices and the private sector. Participants made the following recommendations for follow-up activities:

- UNCTAD should assist the Vietnam Leather and Footwear Association (LEFASO) in creating a database on environmental requirements in key target markets and a related early warning system.
- UNCTAD should bring to the attention of UNIDO the desire of Viet Nam to conduct a feasibility study on setting up a testing and product inspection center for leather and footwear. UNIDO may wish to look at the merits of creating a sector specific center versus a multi-sector-focused center as well as a national center versus a sub-regional center.
- UNIDO's assistance would also be much appreciated in overcoming the regional supply constraints of good quality azo-free dyes.
- UNCTAD and the Ministry of Environment were encouraged to consider holding a second national training workshop on leather and footwear in Hanoi for producers/exporters and regional government representatives in North Viet Nam.