



NOTIFICATION

High Level Meeting on Fostering a Mutually-supportive Trade and Environment Regime: Perspectives and Lessons Learnt at Regional Level

Geneva, Switzerland, 29 November 2007

The United Nations Economic Commissions for Africa (ECA), Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and Western Asia (ESCWA), in cooperation with UNCTAD, are pleased to announce the high level meeting on “Fostering a Mutually- Supportive Trade and Environment Regime: Perspectives and Lessons Learnt at Regional Level” to be held in Geneva on 29 November 2007.

The meeting will present the findings of the inter-regional project “Capacity Building in Trade and Environment” jointly implemented by ECA, ECLAC, ESCAP and ESCWA, in partnership with UNCTAD, UNEP and the WTO.

The project aimed to assist developing member states to increase market access for their products and to enhance environmental sustainability by: a) enhancing the capacity of developing countries to appropriately respond to environmental requirements in export markets; and b) better manage the pressures on the local environment arising from trade flows into developing countries.

Regional studies on market access and environmental requirements were prepared in each region using sector specific examples, and regional workshops and national roundtables were organized to discuss priority issues and share good practices.

The meeting will present the finding and recommendations arising from project implementation, and will discuss what conclusions and recommendations can be drawn for developing a mutually supportive trade and environment regime.

The meeting will start on Thursday 29 November 2007, at 9.30 a.m. in the Palais des Nations, Room XVI, 5th Floor, Bâtiment A. Nominations should be submitted, not later than 19 November 2007 to Ms. Sheila Addy, Division on International in goods and services, and Commodities (DITC), UNCTAD (tel: +41 22 917 58 31, fax: +41 22 917 02 47, e-mail: Sheila.Addy@unctad.org).

For more information and for all the documentation related to the project “Capacity Building in Trade and Environment”, please visit the website:

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