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Capacity Building Task Force on Trade, Environment and Development

Questionnaire on Trade, Environment and Development Capacity Building Needs

Objective: This questionnaire is being distributed to take stock of requirements for and existing efforts to build capacity on trade, environment and development, and help identify gaps where improvements can be made.

Results: Responses to the questionnaires will assist UNEP and UNCTAD prepare a stocktaking survey of current activities and perspectives on trade, environment and development capacity building. The survey will also serve as a reference document for the UNEP-UNCTAD CBTF workshop in Kingston, Jamaica, on 27-28 November 2003.

Previous questionnaire: Governments and institutions that participated in the UNEP Meeting on Capacity Building on Environment, Trade and Sustainable Development in Mexico City, on March 27-28 2003, and completed similar questionnaire do not need to complete this version.

Submission of the completed questionnaire: You are kindly requested to complete the questionnaire at your earliest convenience, and return it to UNEP/UNCTAD at the start of the WTO Regional Seminar on Trade and Environment, in Kingston on 25th November.

See the last page of this questionnaire for further details on submission.

Confidentiality: Your responses to the questionnaire are confidential. They will be used only by UNEP/UNCTAD to compile aggregate survey results. No attributions will be made to the responses of individual countries, and the responses you provide will not be shared with third parties.

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Section 1: Personal Information

1. Full Name of Organization you are representing:

Address: _____

City: _____ Country: _____ Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

2. Contact Information (optional):

Your name: _____

Title: _____

3. Type of organization (check one category only):

Intergovernmental or United Nations

Governmental

Nongovernmental

If nongovernmental please circle type:

academic advocacy research private sector other: _____

4. Is your organization an international, region, sub-regional, national or sub-national institution? Circle one

If regional or sub-regional, please specify region / sub-region _____

5. Area(s) of specialization of your organization (check most appropriate category(ies)):

Environment

Trade

Development (including sustainable development)

Economics

Environmental Economics

Finance

Trade-Environment interface

Environmental Technology

Political Integration

___ Other, including particular sectoral focus, please specify _____

6. Types of activity your organization undertakes (check all appropriate categories) noting target audience:

___ **Research**

target audience: _____

___ **Policy development**

target audience: _____

___ **Training**

target audience: _____

___ **Technical assistance**

target audience: _____

___ **Financial management / assistance**

target audience: _____

___ **Trade promotion and/or facilitation**

target audience: _____

___ **Standards (development, setting or monitoring / verification)**

target audience: _____

___ **other, please specify** _____

target audience: _____

7. If you represent a trade or environment ministry, indicate main foci of policy design and implementation of your department within that ministry (economic sectors, specific policy tools etc.):

8. Is your organization actively involved in providing environment-trade-development capacity building services?

Circle one: YES NO

Since when? (please indicate year) _____

Number of staff currently involved in these efforts: _____

9. Although it does not currently do so, would your organization be interested in receiving and/or providing environment-trade-development capacity building services in the future?

Circle one:

Receiving capacity building services: YES NO

Providing capacity building services: YES NO

Section 2: Capacity Building Needs

In column 1 of the table below, please indicate area and type of capacity building activities offered by your organization at the moment.

In column 2, please indicate, based on your professional experience, how much additional capacity-building is needed for your organization or it's targeted beneficiaries in each of these areas (using 0 for no need; 1 for limited need; and 2 for strong need). Governments should fill in only the left-hand sub-division of column 2, whereas regional organizations/capacity building providers can fill in both sub-divisions.

In column 3, please set priorities by selecting five areas in which you see the strongest need for further capacity building.

		1	2		3
		Capacity building activities offered by your organization please indicate type (e.g., training, seminars, workshops, research, publications, country studies, etc.)	Areas where further capacity building is needed by your organisation?		Priorities for further capacity building Please select five areas and put (X)
			Own organization	Targeted beneficiaries	
Areas of work on environment, trade and development					
10.	Environmental assessment of the impacts of trade				
11.	Integrated or "sustainability" assessment of trade policies				
12.	Trade and economic impacts of multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs)				
13.	Relationship between MEAs and the WTO				
14.	Mutually supportive trade and environment policy development; including the design of economic instruments				

Areas of work on environment, trade and development		Capacity building activities offered by your organization please indicate type (e.g., training, seminars, workshops, research, publications, country studies, etc.)	Areas where further capacity building is needed by your organisation?		Priorities for further capacity building Please select five areas and put (X)
			0 – no need 1 – limited need 2 – strong need	Own organization	
15.	Natural resources management Please indicate sector(s):				
16.	Design of economic instruments for environmental protection				
17.	Environmentally sound technology transfer				
18.	Trade-related intellectual property rights (TRIPs); including traditional knowledge and the Convention on Biodiversity				
19.	Environmentally preferable products (EPPs), ecolabelling and market access				
20.	Eco-investment promotion and other finance-related issues				
21.	Environmental and health standards				
22.	Technical barriers to trade (TBTs)				
23.	Precautionary approach/principle				
24.	Domestically Prohibited Goods				
25.	Other, please specify:				

Objectives of environment-trade-development capacity building:

In **column 1** of the table below, please check, which of the listed potential capacity-building objectives on environment-trade-development corresponds with the objectives of your country (or region for sub-regional organizations).

In **column 2**, please indicate the extent to which these objectives are currently met by your organization or other capacity building activities (using “ – “ for not fully met (meaning: further efforts are needed); and “ + “ for fully met (meaning: no further efforts are required).

		1	2	
Objectives of capacity building		Capacity building objectives for country or region Mark with a “+” if relevant, or leave blank	How well were these objectives met?	
			Own Organization	Other CB activities
26.	Promoting national, regional or international policy dialogue on the main issues in the international trade and environment debate			
27.	Strengthening national capacities <u>to develop</u> trade, environment and development policies			
28.	Strengthening national capacities <u>to implement</u> trade, environment and development policies			
29.	Strengthening national research and analysis capacities			
30.	Training of trainers for training programme replication			
31.	Enhancing the integration of environmental considerations into macro-economic and trade policies			
32.	Strengthening national trade-environment policy coordination			
33.	Improving stakeholder involvement			
34.	Implementing WTO Agreements, while mitigating the effects on the environment of such implementation			
35.	Implementing MEAs provisions, including the trade-related ones, while mitigating adjustment costs			
36.	Improving international cooperation in the area of standards			
37.	Engaging the private sector in environmental management systems and more eco-friendly processes			
38.	Promoting participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition in international trade and environment debate and policymaking			
39.	Enhancing the participation of developing countries in international environmental standard-setting processes			

Objectives of capacity building		Capacity building objectives for country or region Mark with a "+" if relevant, or leave blank	How well were these objectives met?	
			Own Organization	Other CB activities
40.	Promoting participation of developing countries and countries with economies in transition in multilateral environmental negotiations			
41.	Other, please specify:			

Section 3: Future Capacity Building Activities and Needs

Based on your professional judgment, please respond to the questions below.

42. Are the **collective** environment-trade-development capacity building services currently offered in your country or region **by providing organizations** adequate in terms of :
- a) their availability? **Circle one: YES NO**
 - b) the scope of topics covered? **Circle one: YES NO**
 - c) the depth of activities offered? **Circle one: YES NO**
 - d) the distribution of beneficiary countries participating in them? **Circle one: YES NO**
 - d) having a well-defined and consistent approach? **Circle one: YES NO**
 - e) being complementary with each other? **Circle one: YES NO**
 - f) follow-up to assess results? **Circle one: YES NO**
 - g) follow-up by reinforcing capacity building activities? **Circle one: YES NO**
 - h) assisting beneficiary countries to negotiate trade and environment agreements? **Circle one: YES NO**
 - i) assisting beneficiary countries to better deal with trade and environment issues at national level **YES NO**

Specific comments: _____

43. Is there a need to extend environment-trade-development capacity building services, such as training and seminars, to more intensive country-based efforts (to improve human resource development and institution building)?

Circle one: YES NO

44. Would greater involvement of regional, sub-regional and national organizations in the delivery of environment-trade-development capacity building services of international organizations and bilateral agencies:

a) be more resource efficient than current delivery mechanisms? **Circle one: YES NO**

b) be more effective than current delivery mechanisms? **Circle one: YES NO**

c) increase availability of capacity building services? **Circle one: YES NO**

d) increase participation in capacity building activities ? **Circle one: YES NO**

45. Is environment-trade-development capacity building sufficiently financed to meet global needs?

Circle one: YES NO

46. Would the establishment of an international financial mechanism (similar to the GEF) for environment, trade and development capacity building help ensure adequate and regular funds are available for this purpose?

Circle one: YES NO

47. Would environment-trade-development capacity building benefit from being planned and coordinated within the framework of a long-term international programme?

Circle one: YES NO

48. Priorities for future environment-trade-development capacity building efforts should include assisting countries to

(please rank from “ 1 ” being most needed to “ 7 ” being least needed; mark with a “ 0 ” any items which you feel are not needed):

assess the environmental and developmental impacts of trade and trade-related policies,

develop policy packages, including market-based instruments and command and control mechanisms, to mitigate the negative impacts of trade and trade-related policies and to enhance positive ones

promote production and exports of environmentally preferable products and services to help diversify exports into value-added products

enhance market access opportunities by meeting environmental requirements in international markets,

assess the trade and economic impacts of multilateral environmental agreements

develop joint MEA-WTO-UNCTAD capacity building activities and programmes to support the realization of the objectives of both environmental and trade agreements

enhance market access opportunities by meeting environmental requirements in international markets, and participating more fully in the design and use of ecolabelling

assess the impacts of current policies, including subsidies on sectors such as agriculture and fisheries and develop policy response packages for subsidy reforms in order to maximize net sustainable development gains in these sectors

negotiate international trade and environmental agreements

49. Please note any other priorities, not mentioned above, for future environment-trade-development capacity building efforts:

50. Please identify your strongest capacity building need:

51. Please provide comments on the preferred means of delivery of capacity building activities (e.g. regional workshop, seminars, national projects, trainings etc).

52. Please provide any additional comments you may have on the subject of environment-trade-sustainable development capacity building below:

53. Please provide a brief description (less than 350 words) of your ministry or your regional or sub-regional organization, its capacity-building needs and/or capacity building activities on environment, trade and development . ***This information may be used to describe your organization, if it provides capacity building activities, to users of an internet-based capacity building database.***

End of questionnaire, thank you for your cooperation.

Please return the questionnaire by mail or fax.

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