

# Programme

## 26 February, Monday

9:30-10:15 Opening & Welcome Remarks

Welcoming Remarks

- **Prof. Dato Dr. Zakri Hamid**, Director, United Nations University / Institute of Advanced Studies
- **Mr. Philip Mathews**, Assistant Director-General, ISIS
- **Dr. Raman Letchumanan**, Assistant Director (Environment), ASEAN Secretariat
- **Mr. Kazuhiko Takemoto**, Counselor, Ministry of the Environment, Japan

Keynote Speech

- **The Hon. Dato Law Hieng Ding**  
Minister of Science, Technology and the Environment, Malaysia

10:15 - 10:30 Tea Break

10:30 - 12:10 Case Studies - Current Activities and Projects Related to Inter-Linkages

Chair

- **Mr. Robert Hepworth**, Deputy Director, Division of Conventions, UNEP

Main presentations

- **Dr. Jerry Velasquez**, UNU  
*The UNU Inter-linkages Initiative*
- **Mr. Robert Hepworth**, Deputy Director, Division of Conventions, UNEP  
*The Regional Seas Programme and Other Activities of the UNEP Division of Conventions*
- **Dr. Walter Reid**, Director, Millenium Assessment  
*The Millenium Ecosystem Assessment*
- **Mr. Peter Gilruth**, SEED, UNDP  
*The UNDP Synergies Programme*
- **Mr. Prodipto Ghosh**, Senior Environment Specialist, Asian Development Bank  
*ADB's work on Financing Synergies in the Implementation of Conventions*

12:10 - 12:40 Discussions

Chair

- **Mr. Robert Hepworth**, Deputy Director, Division of Conventions, UNEP

12:40 - 12:45 Introduction to Afternoon Session

- **Dr. Jerry Velasquez**, UNU

12:45 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:30 Working Group Discussions(Please see Working Groups' terms of reference)

- WG1 - National and Regional Approaches
- WG2 - Pacific Islands Case Study
- WG3 - ASEAN Case Study
- WG4 - Multi-stakeholder Partnership and Participation

15:30 - 15:50 Tea Break (within the working group rooms)

15:50 - 17:30 Working Group Discussions (Continued)

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20:00 Dinner

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12:00 - 14:00 Lunch (Preparation of WG Chair presentations)

14:00 - 15:00 Plenary

WG Results and Summary - Presentation by Chairs

*Chair* - **Mr. W. Bradnee Chambers**, UNU/IAS

- WG1 - **Dr. Walter Reid**
- WG2 - **Mr. Peter Gilruth**
- WG3 - **Hajah Rosnani Ibarahim/Dr. Raman Letchumanan**
- WG4 - **Dr. Hari Srinivas**

Discussions

15:30 - 15:50 Tea Break

15:50 - 17:30 Panel Discussion

*Chair* - **Prof. Dato Dr. Zakri Hamid**, UNU/IAS

*Panellists*

- **Hajah Rosnani Ibarahim/Dr. Raman Letchumanan (ASEAN)**
- **Dr. Walter Reid**, MA
- **Mr. Jacques Mougeot**, SPREP
- **Mr. Robert Hepworth**, UNEP
- **Mr. Prodipto Ghosh**, ADB
- **Mr. Willem Wijnstekers**, Executive Secretary, CITES Secretariat

17:30 - 17:40 Discussions and Conclusions

- **Prof. Dato Dr. Zakri Hamid**, UNU/IAS

17:40 - 17:50 Closing

- **Mr. Ng Kam Chiu**, MOSTE

20:00 Dinner

## Working Groups' Terms of Reference

### Working Group 1

#### National and Regional Approaches

##### Objective

The objective of group one discussions will be to examine key issues faced by regional organizations and national governments during the execution of synergistic efforts in the implementation of environmental conventions. Working group discussions are intended to explore practical measures to develop greater synergistic efforts between MEAs. Chairs will encourage participants to address the following topics within this session:

- The pros and cons of synergistic efforts between MEAs at the regional and national levels.
- Identify issues that may be addressed by the implementation of synergistic efforts at both the regional and national level.
- Identify and examine the challenges faced by regional and national organizations during the negotiation and implementation of MEAs.

##### Outputs

- Input to the Rio+10 process
- Analytical and practical recommendations that can lead to the creation of frameworks for synergetic implementation of MEA's at the regional and national level
- Substantial starting point for the case studies that would be launched after the meeting

##### Methodology

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Chair - **Dr. Walter Reid**, MA

Presenters

- **Mr. Lars Nordberg**, Former Deputy Director, Economic Commission of Europe, Secretary to the Executive Body for the Convention for Long Range Transboundary Pollution  
*Synergetic Implementation of Conventions at the ECE*
- **Mr. Bulat Yessekin**, Executive Director, Regional Environmental Center for Sustainable Development of Central Asia  
*The Central Asian Synergies Programme*
- **Mr. Rizalino Malabed**, UNU  
*Ecosystems Approach and Interlinkages: Implications on Regional and National Environmental Agreement Implementation*
- **Ms. Carlene Van Toen**, UNU

*A review of delegate perceptions on the issues surrounding synergetic implementation of MEA's in the ESCAP region*

- **Mr. Mohanty Choudry Rudra**, UNEP  
*UNEP's Regional Approach to Synergies*
- **CBD Secretariat Representative**  
*The CBD Experience on Synergies and Coordination with other Conventions*
- **Mr. Pavel Suian**, Basel Convention Secretariat  
*The Basel Convention and Synergies*
- **Ms. Rebecca D'Cruz**, Ramsar Convention Bureau  
*The Ramsar Convention's Experience on Synergies and Coordination with other Conventions*
- **Mr. Omar Touqan**, ESCWA  
*ESCWA and Synergetic MEA Implementation*
- **Mr. Laye Ousmane**, ECA  
*ECA and the Synergetic Implementation of MEAs*
- **Mr. Guillermo Acuna**, ECLAC  
*ECLAC and Synergetic MEA Implementation*
- **Ms. Nicole Casellini**, IUCN  
*IUCN work on Synergies*
- **Dr. Taej Mundkur**, Interim Executive Director, Wetlands International  
*The River Basin Initiative*
- Other presentations

Rapporteur - **Mr. Rizalino Malabed**, UNU

## **Working Group 2**

### **Pacific Islands Case Study**

#### **Objective**

Issues relevant to the types of synergistic measures undertaken when implementing MEAs in Pacific Island countries and within the region will be explored during group two discussions. The following specific issues are proposed for discussion:

- The identification of existing regional conventions and agreements and related synergistic efforts undertaken during their negotiation and implementation.
- Regional issues that may benefit from the development of synergistic programmes.
- Scale of possible synergistic efforts and suggested practical actions that may be undertaken to implement them.
- Proposed issues that can be focussed on are the linkages between regional and global conventions on:
  - Conservation of nature (APIA Convention and CBD)
  - Protection of Natural resources and Environment (SPREP Convention, CBD, etc.)
  - Hazardous Waste related conventions (Waigani and Basel Conventions)

#### **Outputs**

- Launch of a Pacific Islands case study, proposed to be finished by August 2001
- Input to Rio+10
- Possibility of replication in other regions

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Chair - **Mr. Peter Gilruth**, UNPD/SEED

Presenters

- **Mr. Jacques Mougeot**, Environmental Law Officer, South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)  
*Management of Hazardous Waste within the Pacific Region*
- **Mr. Howorth Russel**  
*The SOPAC Experience*
- **Ms. Lindsay I'o A. Tuakeu**  
*Experiences from the Cook Islands*
- **Mr. Cornelius Fevrier**, CARICOM

*CARICOM Experiences*

- **Dr. Jerry Velasquez**, UNU  
*UNU Proposal for a case study in the Pacific Islands*
- **Ms. Deo Seema**, SPREP  
*Other experiences of SPREP on interlinkages*
- Other presentations

Rapporteur - **Ms. Hiroko Shimizu**, UNU

## **Working Group 3**

### **ASEAN Case Study**

#### **Objective**

The main intention of this working group is to examine issues directly related to the types of synergistic efforts utilized during the implementation of multiple MEAs in the ASEAN region, and how that may be improved in the future. Useful lessons learnt from the experiences of ASEAN member countries and from those outside the region, and constraints faced will be discussed. It is the intention to use this discussion as a platform for exchange of views and to devise a case study in one/or more of the ASEAN countries.

Issues to be explored during the discussions include:

- Current status of implementation of MEAs in ASEAN member countries, particularly the institutional arrangements and coordinating mechanisms.
- Areas where synergies can benefit and contribute to the effective implementation of environmental agreements.
- Scale of possible synergy implementation.
- Possible areas where implementation can be achieved based on the issues identified above.
- Formulation of a framework and selection of a country/countries for the case study.

#### **Outputs**

- Launch of an ASEAN case study, proposed to be finished by August 2001
- Input to Rio+10
- Possibility of replication in other regions

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Chair - **Hajah Rosnani Ibarahim/Dr. Raman Letchumanan**

Presenters

- **Mr. W. Bradnee Chambers**, UNU/IAS  
*A UNU proposal for an ASEAN case study on the synergetic implementation of MEAs*
- **ASEAN representatives' presentations**
  - Brunei Darussalam
  - Cambodia
  - Indonesia

- Lao PDR
- Malaysia
- Myanmar
- Philippines
- Singapore
- Thailand
- Vietnam
- **Mr. Tim Clairs**, UNDP-GEF  
*UNDP GEF Experiences*
- **Mr. U Wai Lin**, CCD Secretariat  
*CCD Experiences in Interlinkages in the ASEAN region*
- Other presentations

Rapporteurs - **Ms Norhayati Mustapha**, ISIS  
**Ms Wan Portia Hamzah**, ISIS

## **Working Group 4**

### **Multi-stakeholder Partnership and Participation**

#### **Objective**

Discussions conducted during this working group are intended to examine the role that different stakeholders play in the successful implementation of environmental conventions. Discussions will also center on areas that may benefit from improvements in awareness, participation, and partnership development, and the challenges faced by civil society, governments and industry. Specific group discussions are expected to:

- Address the role of major groups in informing and assisting MEA processes at both the negotiation and implementation level.
- Focus on areas that need more support in raising awareness and encouraging community participation regarding environmental issues.
- The role that industry can play in the synergetic implementation of MEAs
- Evaluate measures to infuse community views into national and global processes.
- Examine existing networks and information management systems of major actors.
- Explore the links between local actions and global impacts.
- Explore the cause and effects of environmental issues and the ways in which issues can be linked at the local level.
- Review the facilitation of environmental policy and legislation by major actors.

#### **Outputs**

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Chair - **Dr. Hari Srinivas**, UNU

Presenters

- **Dr. Brook Boyer**, Visiting Scholar, ESCAP  
*Institutional Coordination, Multi-Stakeholder Participation and the Implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements: National Experiences of Thailand and Malaysia*
- **Mr. Willem Wijnstekers**, Executive Secretary, CITES Secretariat  
*CITES Experience*
- **Mr. Jaime Aparicio**, Organization of American States (OAS)

*The OAS Synergy Programme*

- **Dr. Hari Srinivas**, UNU  
*Multilateral Environment Agreements (MEAs) and the Urban Arena: Localizing the Global Environmental Agenda*
- **Mr. Holger Liptow**, German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)
- **Mr. Favis Ricardo**, UNESCO  
*UNESCO's Experiences*
- **Malaysian Industry Representative**
- **NGO Representatives**
- **Mr. Hosni Khordagi**, ESCWA  
*ESCWA and Synergetic MEA Implementation*
- **Mr. Kwadwo Tutu**, ECA  
*ECA and the Synergetic Implementation of MEAs*
- Other presentations

Rapporteur - **Ms. Makiko Yashiro**, UNU