



21st Consultative Meeting with Industry Associations

Conseil régional d'Ile de France, 35 boulevard des Invalides, 75007 Paris, France

7 – 8 October 2004

Agenda

Thursday 7 October

13:30 – 14:00 **Registration**

14:00 – 14:30 **Opening, welcome and introduction**

Monique Barbut, Director, UNEP Division of Technology, Industry and Economics
Marc Abadie, Directeur du Développement Economique, Conseil régional d'Ile de France

14:30 – 15:30 **Debate 1: Life Cycle Approaches**

How to integrate the life cycle approach into business strategies, exploring questions such as: Do I have the capacity to implement life cycle approaches? Do my suppliers have the capacity? How do I manage and communicate the information related to my life cycle impact? Debate chaired by Bas de Leeuw, UNEP DTIE

14:30 – 15:10 **Panel discussion**

- The state of the art, *Ivo Mersiowsky, Solvay Group, plastics industry representative in the UNEP / SETAC Life Cycle Initiative*
- What are the boundaries? *Elizabeth Girardi Schoen, Senior Director Environmental Affairs, Pfizer, and Chair: Global Environmental Management Initiative*
- The reporting, dialogue, communication cycle, *Ralph Thurm, Director: Business Engagement, Global Reporting Initiative*

15:10 – 15:30 **Open floor discussion**

15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee / Tea break**

16:00 – 18:00 **Group Session 1: Capacity Building**

Working groups discussion on capacity building, providing input for UNEP's intergovernmental process to develop a Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building. Participants will consider improved ways of enabling the required level of awareness, understanding, management expertise, know-how, training and monitoring.

16:00 - 17:30 **Discussion in working groups A – D¹ on:**

- Current capacity needs in your sector cluster
- Recommended action to progress, suggested new work programmes with partners and UNEP

17:30 - 18:00 **Concluding discussion in plenary**

- Feedback from working groups A - D
- General discussion

¹ Discussion with industry association and stakeholder representatives in working groups of clustered sectors:

- Group A: Extractive Industries
- Group B: Energy and Water Supplies / Infrastructure
- Group C: Manufacturing

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09:00 – 10:00	Debate 2: What happened to economic instruments? <i>Examining the state of play with charges, taxes, levies, subsidies, tradable pollution rights, asking: Are these instruments having significant impact? Do they advance progress in the field of environmentally sound technology? How do they complement command-and-control regulation and voluntarism? Debate chaired by Charles Arden-Clarke, UNEP DTIE</i>
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09:00 – 09:40 Panel discussion

- The state of play, *Stephen Smith, Professor of Economics, University College London*
- What works and what doesn't, *John Scowcroft, Head of Unit, Environment & Sustainable Development, EURELECTRIC and representing the International Chamber of Commerce*
- From policy to implementation : a regulator's view, *Renaud Abord de Chatillon, Ingénieur Général des Mines, Conseil Général des Mines, France*

09:40 – 10:00 Open floor discussion

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee / Tea break

10:30 – 13:00	Group Session 2: Technology Support <i>Working groups discussion on technology support, providing input for UNEP's intergovernmental process to develop a Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building. Participants will consider new trends, barriers, solutions and opportunities in the development, diffusion, sharing and transfer of technology, covering both "hard" technologies and "soft" systems.</i>
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10:30 - 12:15 Discussion in working groups A – D on:

- Barriers and solutions in R&D, implementation
- Co-operative efforts, proposed new work programmes with partners and UNEP

12:15 - 13:00 Concluding discussion in plenary

- Feedback from working groups A - D
- General discussion

13:00 – 13:05 Concluding remarks *by Jean-Marc Brule, Président de la commission du développement économique et de l'emploi, Conseil régional d'Ile de France*

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:00	Debate 3: Public Private Partnerships <i>How are public private partnerships helping us to ensure that basic services are delivered and improved? Are partnerships with foreign involvement helping to meet local needs in different regions? What innovations are introduced to enable the setting up and scaling up of partnerships, including access to financing? Debate chaired by Eric Usher, UNEP DTIE</i>
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14:00 – 14:40 Panel discussion

- Lessons from the provision of electricity, water, *Charles Chaumin, Senior Vice President, Suez-Environnement*
- Are we meeting community needs ? *Harriette Amissah-Arthur, Director: Kumasi Institute for Technology and Environment, Ghana*

- Challenges in financing partnership establishment, scale-up, *Michael Holz, Global Head : Sustainable Development, Deutsche Bank and representing UNEP FI*
- Partnering to implement environmental convention goals, *Tom Hamlin, Project Manager, Global Environment Facility*

14:40 – 15:00 Open floor discussion

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee / Tea break

15:30 – 17:30

Group Session 3: Financing for Sustainable Development

Working groups discussion on investment in cleaner technologies and production processes; problems experienced in getting access to capital and funding mechanisms; improved ways of assessing economic merit and determining payback periods; what is expected from government and international organisations, multilateral financial institutions.

15:30 - 17:00

Discussion in working groups A – D on:

- What enabling environment is required
- Recommended action in critical areas, suggested work programmes with partners and UNEP

17:00 - 17:30

Concluding discussion in plenary

- Feedback from working groups A - D
- General discussion

17:30 – 18:00

Next steps, conclusion and closure of meeting