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ПРОГРАММА ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ ПО ОКРУЖАЮЩЕЙ СРЕДЕ

## UNEP Consultative Meeting with Industry Associations 2000 *EVALUATION REPORT*

Of the 43 associations represented at the meeting, twenty (47%) completed the evaluation form. The results and some general comments are reflected below:

**1. My expectations have been met:**

disagree strongly 0% disagree 0% unsure 5% agree 80% agree strongly 15%

**2. For myself personally, this meeting has been useful:**

disagree strongly 0% disagree 0% unsure 0% agree 80% agree strongly 20%

**3. The speakers on the agenda were informative:**

disagree strongly 0% disagree 0% unsure 10% agree 80% agree strongly 10%

**4. The meeting enabled industry associations to share learning experiences:**

disagree strongly 0% disagree 10% unsure 25% agree 60% agree strongly 5%

**5. The agenda addressed key issues:**

disagree strongly 0% disagree 0% unsure 10% agree 75% agree strongly 15%

**6. I leave the meeting with a clear understanding of next steps for Rio+10 preparations:**

disagree strongly 0% disagree 5% unsure 55% agree 30% agree strongly 10%

**7. Any suggestions on focus areas for the DTIE in the 2001-2002 biennium:**

Comment included the following:

- Rio+10: UNEP must help prepare a precise programme for the run up to Rio+10, linked with parallel international conferences (see percentages under 6 above).
- The transfer and transformation of technology that is locally appropriate needs more attention.
- The *Catalysts for Change* paper should be put on the website for comment and updating.
- Discussion needs to focus more on cross sectoral issues that concern all, such as financing development, public private partnership and improving governance. More emphasis should be given to facilitating cross-sectoral cooperation.
- The good work of UNEP is most appreciated. UNEP should be mindful of the attitudes of some members, namely that their associations are there to protect the interests of their members, companies who are in business to make profits for their shareholders.

**8. Other comments on the meeting:**

Generally the following points emerged:

- Meeting format: the structure of the meeting without presentations by each association was welcomed, with many participants indicating they found the group discussions much better and very helpful.
- Group discussions: Next time group discussions need to focus more on cross sectoral issues that concern all. More time should be provided for group discussion and their tasks may be defined more clearly. **Limited time for group discussion is most likely the reason some participants were unsure whether associations had sufficient opportunity to share learning experiences** (see percentages under 4 above).
- After hours: Some voluntary time may be provided during e.g. the evening for those associations interested to informally exchange information on their activities.
- Venue: There needs to be separate rooms for group discussions. The venue was attractive but not very practical, with e.g. limited space at the coffee bar. At times the conference room lacked cool / fresh air.
- Speakers: The meeting was exceptionally informative and the speakers excellent. There needs to be speakers from developing countries. The agenda should allow more time for debate.
- Attendance: More associations from the US as well as from developing countries need to be present / involved.