

20th Consultative Meeting with Industry Associations

Paris, 9 - 10 October 2003

Agenda

Thursday 9 October, 2003

09:00 - 09:30 Registration

09:30 - 10:00 Opening, welcome and introduction - meeting facilitator Peter Knight
Klaus Töpfer, Executive Director, UNEP
Introduction of Monique Barbut, incoming Director of UNEP DTIE

10:00 - 11:30 [New winds of change in the climate debate](#)
[Developments in the climate change debate, legislation and initiatives taken by public authorities and industry to reduce greenhouse gas emissions - chaired by Mark Radka, UNEP](#)

10:00 - 11:00 Panel discussion:
- Current science of climate change, Geoff Jenkins, Hadley Centre
- How legislation will impact industry, Colin le Duc, Sustainable Asset Management (SAM) Group

11:00 - 11:30 Open discussion

Coffee / Tea break (11:30 - 11:45)

11:45 - 13:00 [New initiatives, models to build and manage cities sustainably:](#)
[A session on building, construction, water and waste management in the urban environment - chaired by Steve Halls, UNEP IETC](#)

Presentations, each followed by questions from the floor:
- Foundations for sustainable building and construction, Geoff Levermore, International Centre for Research and Innovation in the Built Environment and Manchester University
- New innovations in urban waste management, Peter Jones, Biffa plc
- Solutions in ecological sanitation, Ralf Otterpohl,

International Water Association

Buffet Lunch (13:00 - 15:00)

- 15:00- 17:00 WSSD follow-up: Building capacity and mapping the future: Promoting integration between and within sectors, in all regions, to improve information flows and engage in constructive dialogue with stakeholders, building on the WSSD sector reports process, chaired by Peter Knight, Context:
- 15:00 - 15:20 Introducing the UNEP proposal for the next four years: cross / sectoral reporting, regional consultations and stakeholder forums
- 15:20 - 17:00 Plenary and group discussions on the proposal
- Four working groups (WGs)
- Feedback and conclusions

Coffee / Tea break (17:00 - 17:15)

- 17:15 - 19:00 The Life Cycle: From research to reality
Against the background of WSSD follow up activities on consumption and production, a panel discussion on new trends in life cycle management, including product design, eco-efficiency in production, product information and stewardship - chaired by Fritz Balkau (UNEP PCB)

- 17:15 - 18:15 Panel discussion:
- Integrating the upstream and downstream, Luis Alberto De la Torre, Peru Cleaner Production Centre
- Life cycle thinking as part of environmental management systems, Kevin Bradley, Alliance for Beverage Cartons and the Environment (ACE)
- Developing environmental declarations on products and services, Lennart Karlson, ABB and International Life Cycle Panel
- Life cycle: an eco-efficiency afterthought, Rebekah Young, World Business Council for Sustainable Development

- 18:15 - 19:00 Open discussion and proposals for co-operation

Cocktail (19:00 - 20:00)

Friday 10 October, 2003

- 09:00 - 10:30 Corporate environmental and social responsibility (CESR) Boom or bust: What's

behind all the talking?

A multistakeholder panel will be assessing the state of play in CESR, with an update on new developments in the Global Compact and focus on the challenge for industry associations - chaired by Peter Knight

- 09:00 - 09:30 Panel 1: Brief agency updates
 - UNIDO, Kai Bethke
 - ILO, Paola Pinoargote
 - OHCHR, Lene Wendland
 - UNEP, Cornis van der Lugt
- 09:30 - 10:15 Panel 2: Response and discussion
 - Business perspective, Lord Richard Holme, International Chamber of Commerce
 - Labour perspective, Jim Baker, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions
 - NGO perspective, Steve Sawyer, Greenpeace International
 - View from the sideline, John Elkington, SustainAbility Ltd
- 10:15 - 10:30 Questions from the floor

Coffee / Tea break (10:30 - 10:45)

- 10:45 - 13:15 **Sustainability Reporting: Are the markets taking note?**
 A discussion on the role and take-up of sustainability reporting, challenges in introducing reporting in small and large companies, and new developments in the GRI process - chaired by Chris Tuppen (GeSI)
- 10:45 - 11:45 Panel discussion:
 - Take-up of the Global Reporting Initiative Guidelines, Paul Hohnen, GRI Secretariat
 - How do we rate performance? Geneviève Ferone, Core Ratings
 - How do we assure credibility? Jonathan Cohen, AccountAbility
 - Why should companies report?
 How do we get more people to use reports?
 response from
 Aron Kramer, BSR
 Catherine Rubbens, CSR Europe
 David Vidal, The Conference Board
- 11:45 - 12:00 Questions from the floor, working group tasks

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- 12:00 - 13:30 Three Working Groups on sector specific indicators, working with GRI and UNEP to develop sector supplements to the GRI Guidelines

Lunch (13:30 - 14:30)

- 14:30 - 16:00 **Trade and Environment: Life after Cancún**
 What are the latest developments in the trade and environment debate? Where next in the WTO process following Cancún? How can we improve the enforcement of international environmental

agreements? A topical debate to conclude the event,
chaired by Peter Knight

14:30 - 15:30

Panel discussion:
- WTO agenda following Cancún, Charles Arden-Clarke, UNEP
- WTO and multilateral environmental agreements, a view from industry Ulrike Schmülling, Union of Industrial and Employers Confederations of Europe
- Needs and concerns of the South
Julia Oliva, The Centre for International Environmental Law
- An NGO perspective
Tom Crompton, World-Wide Fund for Nature

15:30 - 16:00

Questions from the floor, open discussion

16:00 - 16:30

Next steps, conclusion and closure of meeting
Monique Barbut, Director, UNEP DTIE