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Conclusions



Session 3: Assumption

- To build on contractual and compliance based supplier relationships and to build innovative and beneficial (SD and business) partnerships.

Supply Chain Issues

- Requirements for local content coupled with lack of capacity
- Applicability and legitimacy of foreign standards to local circumstance and for SMEs
- Lack of capacity – governance, trainers, skills, infrastructure etc
- Cultural/values issues – e.g. emphasis on safety, use of dialogue/participatory approaches, language
- Emphasis on linking EHS issues – and to green procurement practices in government and offices
- Size, number and diversity of supplier/contractor companies – more difficult when there are many small companies

Supply Chain Issues

- Lack of transparency beyond the first tier of supplier
- Difficulty in gaining commitment due to management, leadership, relationship issues
- Governance instruments for supply chain requirements – e.g. Kimberly process
- Structure of relationships between large and small scale producers
- Innovation requires looking at the full value chain (LCA)

UNEP – Getting Others to Act

- Initiation, fostering and governance of supply chain instruments – to convene, not run
- Facilitate cross sector sharing of practical work, concrete examples
- Facilitate cross and inter agency sharing – what are the different arms of UNEP doing
- Leverage existing networks and institutions to promote capacity building (e.g. cleaner production)

UNEP – Getting Others to Act

- Tool development and dissemination (CB) through partnerships – act as catalyser, broker
- Regional/local - facilitate issue engagement (e.g. government procurement), support capacity building, act as listening post, facilitate links
- Foster partnerships