Third Meeting of Government's Experts on Sustainable Production and Consumption in Latin America and the Caribbean

Camino Real Hotel
Managua, Nicaragua,
August 3rd to 5th, 2005.

AGENDA and OBJECTIVES

The World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg established as one key area of its Plan of Implementation the need to promote a 10 year framework of programs supporting national and regional initiatives to accelerate a change towards Sustainable Production and Consumption.

Moreover, the Latin American and the Caribbean countries prepared the Latin American and Caribbean Initiative for Sustainable Development that was presented in Johannesburg in 2002, expressing the need to incorporate cleaner production in the industry and to work towards sustainable consumption.

The increasing productive capacity of the region in response to trade liberalization and economic integration trends makes more relevant the need to work in this initiative and address the priorities related to trade, environment and market access established in the Johannesburg Declaration and the Summit of the Americas Process.

As a sign of will and engagement from the Latin American and the Caribbean countries, two *Meetings of Government's Experts on Sustainable Production and Consumption in Latin America and the Caribbean* have been implemented in Buenos Aires, Argentina and Managua, Nicaragua respectively. The main results from these meetings are the creation of the *Regional Council of Government's Experts on Sustainable Production and Consumption* and a *Regional Strategy on Sustainable Production and Consumption.* These results were presented and approved during the XIV Meeting of the Environmental Ministers' Forum of Latin America and the Caribbean and were recognized as model actions in the XI Meeting on the Sustainable Development Commission (New York, May 2003) and in the International Meeting of the 10 year framework of Programs on Sustainable Production and Consumption (Marrakech, June 2003).

To give continuity to this important process and increase the participation of the countries in the region, the Natural Resources and Environment Ministry of Nicaragua (MARENA), the Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean of the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP-ROLAC) and the Organization of American States in collaboration with the Division of Technology, Industry and Economics of UNEP (UNEP-DTIE) and the United Nations Sustainable Development Division (UNDESA), are organizing ***The Third Meeting of Government's Experts on Sustainable Production***

and Consumption in Latin America and the Caribbean. This meeting will take place in the city of Managua, Nicaragua on August 3rd to 5th 2005.

The main objectives of this meeting are:

- Promote the internalization on Sustainable Production and Consumption in the government of the region,

- Revise and discuss the regional **Strategy** on Sustainable Consumption and Production so that it includes **priorities y concrete actions** to:

  - Promote the elaboration of action plans at a national level and identify pilot projects for the development of national policies and strategies on Sustainable Consumption and Production.
  - . Identify opportunities for the integration of Sustainable Consumption and Production initiatives to meet the new trends in trade liberalization and market access.
  - Analyze the possibilities of organizing a regional round table on Sustainable Consumption and Production with the participation of: the private sector, civil society, costumer associations and governments.

  - Elaborate a regional action plan of technical assistance to be provided by **"UNEP/ROLAC"** to the countries on the Latin America and the Caribbean region.

Train Government's experts on Sustainable Production and Consumption including access to markets and trade and environment topics.

Consolidate the network of experts' work on Sustainable Consumption and Production and strengthen their work dynamics.

Draft a Declaration to be released during the next the *Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latinamerica and the Caribbean* as well as in the next meeting of the 'Marrakech's Process' that would take place in Costa Rica.

AGENDA

Wednesday August 3

8:30 Registration

9:00 Opening ceremony,

Mr. Arturo Harding, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources (MARENA), Nicaragua.

9:30 Presentation of the meeting's objectives and methodology, Diego Masera (PNUMA- ORPALC)

10:00 Progress in the implementation of the Marrakech's Process and in the preparations of the Second Meeting of the Process in Costa Rica. María Guzmán MINAE Costa Rica

10:30 Progress in the region, presentation of the report on cleaner production and sustainable consumption, Jose Wagner Faria Pacheco CETESB, Brazil

11:00 Coffee Break

11:15 Results of the Global Meeting on sustainable Consumption and Production **SCP8**, Alfonso Flores, SEMARNAT México

11:45 Panel on national initiatives about Sustainable Consumption and Production, Argentina, Brazil, Panama, Ecuador, Cuba and Costa Rica

13:15 Lunch

14:15 Presentation of the Sustainable production and Consumption Information Centers, Veronica Rodriguez, CIPMLCS, Argentina

14:45 Presentation of the Youth X Change project in Mexico,Tiahoga Ruge CECADESU Mexico

15:15 Workshops:

- Eco-design, Jose Maria Fernandez, IHOBE

16:15 *Coffee Break*

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16:30 Sustainable Procurement and Life cycle analysis, Luz Aida Martinez, SEMARNAT, México.

17:30 Selection of the drafting Committee of the Declaration to be released in the next *Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean*, as well as in the next meeting of the Marrakech's Process that would take place in Costa. (4 people, with sub regional representation)

17:45 Summary of first day

18:00 *Working session of the Drafting Committee for the declaration for the Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean*

20.00 Dinner

Thursday August 4

9:00 Summary of the First Day, Marlon Miranda, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Nicaragua. (MARENA)

9:15 Presentation of the Regional Strategy on Sustainable Consumption and Production in Latin America and the Caribbean. Diego Masera, UNEP-ROLAC

9:45 WORKING GROUPS: Definition of strategic and immediate sub-regional actions on Sustainable Consumption and Production

11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:15 WORKING GROUPS: Get acquainted with UNEP- NAP methodology and draft a National Action Plan

12:15 Presentation and plenary discussion.

13:00 *Lunch*

14:30 Elaboration of a regional action plan of technical assistance from "UNEP/ROLAC/DTIE" to the countries on the Latin America and the Caribbean region

15:00 Analyze the possibilities of organizing a regional round table on Sustainable Consumption and Production with the participation of: the private sector, civil society, costumer associations and governments.

15:30 Coffee Break

15:45 *Working session of the Drafting Committee for the declaration for the Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean*

17:00 Reading and discussion of the draft declaration for the *Forum of Ministers of Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean* and the Costa Rica Meeting.

17:30 Remarks by Ricardo Sanchez, Director of UNEP ROLAC

20.00 Dinner

Friday August 5

Capacity Building Workshop on Trade and Environment: Opportunities for Sustainable Production and Consumption

9:00 Opening Session

- Representatives of MARENA, OAS and UNEP
- Presentation of conclusions of Third Meeting of Government Experts on Sustainable Production and Consumption

9:30 Trade and Environment Concepts

- Environmental Protection in the Context of Free Trade,
  Maria Antonieta Rivas, Director Trade and Environment, MARENA

- Environmental Assessments and a tool for policy planning,
  Claudia S. de Windt, Office for Sustainable Development and Environment, OAS

10: 30 Challenges and Opportunities: Case Studies of Specific Sectors in Central America

- Environmental Assessments of Trade: The Experience of Melon and Sugar Cane in Costa Rica and Guatemala.
  Randall Arce, CINPE

- Experience in the Cocoa Sector in Nicaragua.
  Edgar Koepsell, Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and Promotion of Entrepreneurial Competences, GTZ Nicaragua.

11: 30 Coffee Break

12:00 Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable Production and Consumption with trade liberalization

- Environmental Goods and Services, trends and opportunities for trade
  Chantal Line Carpentier, Head Trade and Environment Program, CEC

- Environmental Requirements for Market Access,
  Jenny Suazo, Advisor, Secretariat of Natural Resources, SERNA, Honduras

12:30 Questions, Comments and Observations.

1:30 Lunch

2:30 Opportunities and Collaboration Mechanisms
Carlos Murillo, CINPE

2:45 Open Discussion

16:00 Closing remarks, Ing. Arturo Harding, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources (MARENA), Nicaragua.