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National Focal Points' Meeting

Inter-American Forum on Environmental Law (FIDA)

Brasilia, May 8-9, 2008

The National Focal Points' meeting is being held pursuant to a resolution of the Inter-American Commission on Sustainable Development CIDS/CIDI/RES.3 (III-0/02); the mandates issued by OAS Member States in the Inter-American Program for Sustainable Development (PIDS 2006-2009), and the Declaration of the First Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High Level Authorities on Sustainable Development (Santa Cruz 2006).

The agenda is based on consultations with the OAS-DSD Environmental Law Advisory Group, and identifies existing and possible areas of work that are open to recommendations from the National Focal Points.

INAUGURATION: MAY 7

7:00 **Inauguration Reception**

FIRST DAY: MAY 8

9:00 **Opening Remarks**

- OAS Representative
- Antonio H. Benjamin, Justice, Supreme Court of Justice of Brazil

9:30 **Overview of objective, structure and progress to date on selected themes and approaches for the hemispheric network workplan on Environmental Law and Enforcement (FIDA),**

- OAS Department of Sustainable Development (OAS-DSD)

10:00 **Overview of meeting objectives and response of National Focal Points**

- Review progress on the FIDA workplan, and identify priorities and a common work program based on the consensus of the national representatives for the next 4 years.

10:15 **Coffee Break**

10:30 **Moving forward the environmental law and enforcement agenda in the region: consideration of themes (Presentations by experts based on background thematic notes)**

Chair: TBD

- Legal Frameworks for Water Resources Management, Luis Fernando Macias
- Trade and Environment, Isabel Calle
- Climate Change and Domestic Environmental Law Agenda, Lynn P. Holowesko
- Conflict Management in Shared Natural Resources, Ricardo Saucedo
- Procedural Issues: Environmental Enforcement, Market-based Instruments, Administration of Justice, Public Participation and Alternative Dispute Resolution, Gustavo Alanis



12:30 **Lunch**

2:00 **Prioritizing and designing a strategic Inter-American agenda for environmental law and enforcement: Group Session**
Chair: TBD

- Working Groups to discuss specific actions and linkages among the themes. The experts above will co-chair each group discussion which will be based on background thematic notes.

4:00 **Prioritizing and designing a strategic Inter-American agenda for environmental law and enforcement: Plenary Session - group discussion and recommendations by theme**
Chair: Sheila Abed, Chair IUCN Environmental Law Commission

- Legal Frameworks for Water Resources Management
- Trade and Environment

5:30 **Closing of First Day**

SECOND DAY: MAY 9

9:00 **Prioritizing and designing a strategic Inter-American agenda for environmental law and enforcement: Plenary Session - group discussion and recommendations by theme**
Chair: Sheila Abed, Chair IUCN Environmental Law Commission

- Climate Change and Domestic Environmental Law Agenda
- Conflict Management in Shared Natural Resources
- Procedural Issues: Environmental Enforcement, Administration of Justice, market-based instruments, Public Participation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

11:30 **Roundtable discussion on network process**
Chair: TBD

- Communications and Exchange of Information
- Frequency of Meetings
- Partnerships
- Possible Financial Support for Activities

12:30 **Lunch**

2:00 **Closing Session - Review and approval of priority actions and work program**

3:30 **Closing Remarks**

- Representative of Environmental Law Advisory Group
- OAS Representative
- Antonio H. Benjamin, Justice, Supreme Court of Justice of Brazil / Brazil National Focal Point

CLOSE OF MEETING