



PROGRAM

National Focal Points' Meeting

Inter-American Forum on Environmental Law (FIDA)

Brasilia, May 7,8 and 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

4:30 **Opening Ceremony, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil (Departure from Hotel at 4:00 pm)**

7:00 **Reception and Cultural Presentation Conferencia Nacional de Medio Ambiente Centro de Convenções Ulisses Guimarães (Departure from Ministry of Foreign Affairs)**

FIRST DAY: MAY 8

9:00 **Opening Remarks**

- Cletus I. Springer Director Department of Sustainable Development, Organization of American States (OAS-DSD)
- 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),**

- Claudia S. de Windt, Chief Environmental Law, Policy and Good Governance (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: Guillermo Acuña, ECLAC

- Legal Frameworks for Water Resources Management, Luis Fernando Macias
- Trade and Environment, Isabel Calle
- Climate Change and Domestic Environmental Law Agenda, Antonio H. Benjamin and Luiz Fernando Villares
- Conflict Prevention and 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**

- *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 Prevention and 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: Claudia S. de Windt (OAS-DSD)

- *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