



**THE EIGHTH UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN FINLAND - UNEP COURSE
ON MULTILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS**

Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand

4 – 16 September 2011

Agenda (as at 3 September 2011)

<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>4 September 2011</i>
6.00 p.m. AIT Conference Center	Get-together at the AIT Conference Centre - Registration - Introduction to the Course - Introduction of participants, organizers and resource persons - Practical information - Light dinner
<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>5 September 2011</i>
Session 1 9.30 – 10.30 a.m. AIT Conference Center Room 108	Opening Remarks - Address by UNEP, Ms. Haruko Okusu , Ph.D, Programme Officer, UNEP/DELCC, Biodiversity MEA Focal Point, UNEP - Address by the University of Eastern Finland, Prof. Tuomas Kuokkanen , University of Eastern Finland; Counsellor, Ministry of the Environment of Finland - Address by the Finnish Government, Ms. Kerstin Stendahl , Counsellor, Ministry of the Environment of Finland - Address by AIT Extension, Dr. Jonathan Shaw , Executive Director, AIT Extension, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand Group Photo
10.30 – 11.00 a.m.	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
Session 2 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Keynote lecture on the Special Theme of the Course: Synergies among the Biodiversity Related MEAs by Mr. Balakrishna Pisupati , Ph.D., Chairman of the National Authority of India
12.30 – 2.00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
Session 3 2.00 – 3.30 p.m.	Clustering of MEAs – past experiences and the road to Rio by Ms. Kerstin Stendahl
3.30 – 4.00. p.m.	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
Session 4 4.00 – 4.45 p.m.	Global trends on biodiversity based on the third edition of Global Biodiversity Outlook by Mr. Erie Tamale , Programme Officer, CBD Secretariat
Session 5 4.45.-5.30 p.m.	Introduction to biodiversity-related MEAs by Ms. Haruko Okusu
7.00 p.m.	<i>Dinner hosted by UNEP and the University of Eastern Finland</i>

<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>6 September 2011</i>
Session 6 9.00 – 10.00 a.m.	Synergies among biodiversity-related conventions based on the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and the Aichi Targets by Mr. Erie Tamale
Session 7 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.	Synergies based on transboundary habitat/ecosystem-level conservation of migratory species by Mr. Douglas Hykle , Coordinator / Senior CMS Advisor, IOSEA Marine Turtle MoU Secretariat
11.00 – 11.30 a.m.	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
Session 8 11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Synergies between the Ramsar's Scientific and Technical Review Panel (STRP) and the other biodiversity Conventions' scientific advisory bodies by Ms. Monica Zavagli , Science and Technical Support Officer, Ramsar Secretariat
12.30 – 2.00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
Session 9 2.00 – 3.30 p.m.	How biodiversity synergies support and facilitate national implementation of MEAs to halt biodiversity loss by Mr. Peter Herkenrath , UNEP-WCMC
3.30 – 4.00 p.m.	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
Session 10 4.00 – 5.30 p.m.	Opportunities and challenges for establishing synergies and areas for enhanced cooperation in the biodiversity cluster by Ms. Marina von Weissenberg , Counsellor, Ministry of the Environment of Finland
<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>7 September 2011</i>
Session 11 9.00 – 10.30 a.m. AIT Conference Center Room 108	Interactive session based on participants' preparatory tasks led by Prof. Tuomas Kuokkanen
10.30 – 11.00 a.m.	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
Session 12 11.00 – 12.00 a.m.	Regional cooperation experience from the Asia and the Pacific Region by Ms. Haruko Okusu
Session 13 12.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Introduction to the workshop on the Aichi Targets and synergies by Ms. Haruko Okusu and Mr. Erie Tamale
	LUNCH BREAK
Session 14 2.00 – 3.30 p.m.	Workshop on the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Targets and synergies led by Ms. Haruko Okusu together with Ms. Marina von Weissenberg, Mr. Peter Herkenrath and Ms. Kerstin Stendahl
3.30 – 4.00 p.m.	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
4.00 – 5.30 p.m.	Workshop on synergies (cont.)
7.00 p.m.	Reception hosted by the Ministry of the Environment of Finland
<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>8 September 2011</i>
Session 15 9.00 – 10.30 a.m. AIT Conference Center Room 108	International environmental diplomacy and negotiations by Ms. Sylvia Bankobeza , Legal Officer, UNEP/DEL/C and Mr. Cam Carruthers , former Senior Programme Officer, UNFCCC Secretariat on their behalf and on behalf of Ms. Simone Schiele , Fellow, Ecologic Institute
10.30 – 11.00 a.m.	TEA/COFFEE BREAK

Session 16 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	MEA negotiation primer: negotiating techniques by Ms. Sylvia Bankobeza and by Mr. Cam Carruthers
12.30 – 2.00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
Session 17 2.00 – 3.30 p.m.	Drafting exercise conducted by Ms. Sylvia Bankobeza and by Mr. Cam Carruthers
3.30 – 4.00. p.m.	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
4.00 – 4.30 p.m.	Drafting exercise (cont.)
Session 18 4.30 – 5.30 p.m.	Introduction to the negotiation workshop to be held on 12-13 September by Mr. Niko Urho , Senior Adviser, Ministry of the Environment of Finland and Mr. Cam Carruthers
FRIDAY	9 September 2011
8.00 a.m.	Depart from AIT
9.30 – 12.00 a.m.	Excursion to Khok Kham and Amphawa
10.00 p.m.	Arrive in AIT
SATURDAY	10 September 2011
9.00 – 12.30 a.m.	Opportunity to prepare for the negotiation workshop to be held on 12-13 September
12.30 – 1.45 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
1.45 p.m.	Depart from AIT
3.00 p.m.	Reception hosted by H.E. Sirpa Mäenpää , Ambassador of Finland, 160/22 Mooban Panya Soi 19, Pattanakarn Road, Bangkok 10250
5.00 p.m.	Depart to AIT
SUNDAY	11 September 2011
	Free day!

WEEK 2

<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>12 September 2011</i>
Session 19 9.00 – 10.30 a.m. AIT Conference Center Room 108	Negotiation Workshop on synergies among biodiversity related conventions, led by Mr. Cam Carruthers, Mr. Niko Urho, Mr. Marko Berglund , Programme Officer, UNEP/DELIC and Ms. Simone Schiele
10.30 – 11.00 a.m.	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Negotiation Workshop (cont.)
12.30 – 2.00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
2.00 – 3.30 p.m.	Negotiation Workshop (cont.)
3.30 – 4.00 p.m.	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
4.00 – 5.30 p.m.	Negotiation Workshop (cont.)
<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>13 September 2011</i>
9.00 – 10.30 a.m. AIT Conference Center Room 108	Negotiation workshop (cont.)
10.30 – 11.00 a.m.	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Negotiation workshop (cont.)
12.30 – 2.00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
2.00 – 3.30 p.m.	Negotiation workshop (cont.)
3.30 – 4.00 p.m.	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
4.00 – 5.30 p.m.	Negotiation workshop (cont.)
<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>14 September 2011</i>
8.30 a.m.	Departure from AIT to Bangkok
Session 20 10.30 – 12.00 a.m.	Synergies based on species-level conservation with trade implications by Ms. Marceil Yeater , Chief, Legal Affairs and Trade Policy, CITES Secretariat
12.00 – 12.30 p.m.	Tour of ESCAP building
12.30 – 2.00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK AT ESCAP
Session 21 2.00 – 2.45 p.m.	Compliance and enforcement with a special focus on the biodiversity conventions and the potential for synergies by Mr. Marko Berglund

Session 22 2.45 – 3.30 p.m.	Green Customs Initiative by Ms. Haruko Okusu
3.30 – 4.00 p.m.	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
Session 23 4.00 – 4.30 p.m.	How ESCAP's work on Green Growth and its paths can contribute to the conservation of biodiversity in the Asia and the Pacific by Ms. Hitomi Rankine .
Session 24 4.30 – 5.00 p.m.	Introduction to the negotiation workshop to be held on 15 September by Prof. Ed Couzens , University of KwaZulu-Natal, South-Africa
5.00 p.m.	Departure from ESCAP for dinner cruise
THURSDAY	15 September 2011
Session 25 9.00-10.30. a.m.	Negotiation exercise on the conservation of cetaceans led by Prof. Ed Couzens
10.30.-11.00 a.m.	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
11.00 – 12.30 a.m.	Negotiation workshop (cont.)
12.30 – 2.00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK
2.00 – 3.30 p.m.	Negotiation workshop (cont.)
3.30.-4.00 p.m	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
4.00 – 5.30 p.m.	Negotiation workshop (cont.)
7.00 p.m.	Reception
FRIDAY	16 September 2011
Session 26 9.00 – 9.45 a.m. AIT Conference Center Room 108	Presentation of InforMEA webportal by Mr. Marko Berglund , Programme Officer, UNEP
Session 27 9.45 – 11.00 a.m.	Summing-up and evaluation of the course led by Prof. Tuomas Kuokkanen, Ms. Haruko Okusu and Mr. Marko Berglund - Discussion on the strengths and weaknesses of the Course - ways to improve the next course and training needs not addressed during the Course - Collection of evaluation forms
11.00 – 11.30 a.m.	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
Session 28 11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.	Awarding of certificates
12.30 p.m.	FAREWELL LUNCH