

**UNFCCC WORKSHOPS ON  
SYNERGIES AND COOPERATION WITH OTHER CONVENTIONS**

**Espoo, Finland, 2-4 July 2003**

**Agenda**

**WEDNESDAY 2 JULY**

08.30 – 09.30 Registration

09.30 – 10.00 **Welcome and opening session**

- Welcome and opening by Finnish authorities
- Opening remarks by:
  - Daniela Stoycheva, Chair of SBI*
  - Halldor Thorgeirsson, Chair of SBSTA*
  - Janos Pasztor, UNFCCC secretariat*

**Part I: SBI workshop on possible synergies and joint action with the other  
Multilateral Environmental Conventions and Agreements**

*Chair: Daniela Stoycheva*

**Session 1: Different approaches to addressing Synergies among MEAs**

10.00 – 10.45 Presentations from international organizations (15 min each)

- *Vijay Samnotra (UNEP)*
- *Khalid Hussain (UNDP)*
- *Avani Vaish (GEF)*

10.45 – 11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00 – 11.45 Presentations from international organizations (continued)

- *Jerry Velazquez (UNU)*
- *Annie Roncerel (UNITAR)*
- *Maria Socorro Manguiat (IUCN)*
- *Nick Davidson (RAMSAR Convention)*

11.45 – 12.30 Discussion on approaches to addressing synergies among MEAs

12.30 – 14.00 *Lunch*

**Session 2: Biological Diversity Perspectives**

14.00 – 15.30 Presentations followed by panel discussion on synergies from the perspective of the preservation of biological diversity

- *Presentation: David Cooper, CBD secretariat*
- *Discussion Panel: Biodiversity national focal points*

15.30 - 16.00 *Coffee Break*

**Session 3: Desertification Perspectives**

16.00 - 17.30 Presentations followed by panel discussion on synergies from the perspective of combating desertification

- *Presentation: Grégoire De Kalbermatten, UNCCD secretariat*
- *Discussion Panel: Desertification national focal points*

## **THURSDAY 3 JULY**

### **Session 4: Possible synergies and joint action with other Multilateral Environmental Conventions and Agreements**

- 09.00 - 10.45 Working Group Discussions: Approaches, challenges and opportunities in addressing synergies and joint action
- 10:45 - 11:00 *Coffee break*
- 11.00 – 12.20 Panel Discussion: Identifying possible synergies and joint actions
- *Facilitator: Kilaparti Ramakrishna (Woods Hole Research Center)*
- 12.20 – 12.30 Chair's conclusions
- *Daniela Stoycheva*
- 12.30 – 14.00 *Lunch*

### **Part II: SBSTA workshop on cooperation with other conventions**

*Chair: Halldor Thorgeirsson*

- 14.00 – 14.30 Introduction: Cooperation between Conventions
- *Halldor Thorgeirsson*
- 14.30 - 16.30 Presentations by participants on national experiences
- 16.30 – 16.45 *Coffee break*
- 16.45 – 18.30 Panel on cross-cutting areas under the three Rio conventions: Technology Transfer, Education and outreach, and Capacity-building
- *Key note by Jerry Velasquez (UNU)*
  - *Discussion Panel*

## **FRIDAY 4 JULY**

- 09.00 – 10.30 Panel on cross-cutting areas under the three Rio conventions: Reporting
- *Key note by Vijay Samnotra (UNEP)*
  - *Discussion Panel*
- 10.30 – 10.45 *Coffee break*
- 10.45 – 12.30 Panel on cross-cutting areas under the three Rio conventions: Impacts and adaptation
- *Key note by Avani Vaish (GEF)*
  - *Discussion Panel*
- 12.30 – 14.00 *Lunch*
- 14.00 – 16.00 Panel on cross-cutting areas under the three Rio conventions: Research and systematic observation
- *Key note by William Westermeyer (GCOS)*
  - *Discussion Panel*
- 16.00 – 16.30 *Coffee Break*
- 16.30 – 17.30 Discussion and conclusions: Cooperation at the local level
- *Facilitator: Halldor Thorgeirsson*
- 17.30 – 18.00 **Closing of the workshops**