# <u>Latin American and the Caribbean Regional Workshop on the Implementation of</u> UNFCCC Article 6 (Education, Training and Public Awareness)

### Sheraton Montevideo Hotel Montevideo, Uruguay

#### 30 March - 1 April 2005

#### Introduction

- 1. The Conference of the Parties, at its eighth session (COP 8, New Delhi, India, October/November 2002), a five-year work programme on Article 6 of the Convention was adopted and named the "New Delhi work programme". Within this five-year framework, Parties have agreed on a list of activities that could be undertaken at the national level to enhance climate focused education and training programmes and increase the availability and dissemination of information on climate change, thereby improving public understanding and participation in addressing climate change issues.
- 2. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), at its seventeenth session, reaffirmed that regional workshops could be a means of further developing and implementing the New Delhi work programme on Article 6, and that such workshops could advance the work on assessing needs, identifying priorities, sharing experience and exchanging information on related activities (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/13, para. 52 (b)).
- 3. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), at its eighteenth and subsequent sessions, reiterated the need for regional workshops on Article 6 and, at its twenty-first session, welcomed the offer of the Government of Uruguay to host a Latin American and the Caribbean regional workshop in March 2005 (FCCC/SBI/2004/19, para. 65).

#### **Purpose and objectives**

- 4. The purpose of the workshop is to promote the further development and implementation of the New Delhi Work Programme on Article 6 in the Latin American and the Caribbean (LAC) region.
- 5. The objectives of the workshops are:
  - 5.1. To share ideas and experiences on national and regional Article 6 activities
  - 5.2. To develop options and strategies for strengthening and expanding these activities
  - 5.3. To promote greater regional and international cooperation on implementing the New Delhi Work Programme in LAC.

#### **Expected outcomes**

- 6. The expected outcomes will be:
  - 6.1. To identify progress in implementing FCCC Article 6 activities in the region
  - 6.2. To help identify areas where progress is slow, not known, or not existing
  - 6.3. To identify specific opportunities for international and regional cooperation
  - 6.4. To make recommendations for further action and further promote the implementation of the New Delhi work programme.
  - 6.5. To promote partnerships with all sectors of the economy.

### **Preliminary Agenda**

Day 1: Wednesday, 30 March 2005

09:00 - 10:00	Registration			
Opening session				
	Welcome and opening			
10:00 – 10:20	✓ Uruguay FCCC focal point			
	✓ UNFCCC secretariat			
10:20 – 10:40	Keynote Address			
	✓ Senior Representative of the Government of Uruguay			
10:40 – 11:10	Coffee Break			
Session I – Setting the Scene – General introduction				
11:10 – 11:20	Introductory remarks by the Chair of the workshop			
11:20 – 12:00	Background			
	✓ UNFCCC secretariat (background and context)			
	✓ UNEP (background and presentation of results from the advance questionnaire)			
12:00 - 13:00	Ice-breaking tour de table			
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch			
Session II – Panel discussions on activities and lessons learned				
Presentation of case studies and national experiences complemented by comments from panellists and followed by questions and answers session from the floor				
14:30 – 16:00	✓ Panel A: Public Awareness, communication, public access to information and public participation			
	✓ Questions and answers			
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break			
16:30 – 18:00	✓ Panel B: Education and training			
	✓ Questions and answers			
18:00 – 18:30	Conclusions of day 1			

### Day 2: Thursday, 31 March 2005

Session III – Panel discussion on opportunities for international and regional cooperation				
Presentations complemented by comments from panellists on existing and planned opportunities and followed by question and answer session from the floor				
9:00 – 10:30	<ul><li>✓ Panel A: Regional cooperation</li><li>✓ Questions and answers</li></ul>			
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break			
11:00 – 12:30	<ul><li>✓ Panel B: International cooperation</li><li>✓ Questions and answers</li></ul>			
12:30 – 13:00	Conclusions of session III			
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch			
Session IV – Working groups				
Two small-group parallel working sessions to identify strengths, barriers, and opportunities and strategies to overcoming those barriers				
14:30 – 16:00	Working group A:	Working group B:		
	Public Awareness, communication, and public access and participation	Education and training		
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break			
16:30 – 18:00	Working group A (Resumed)	Working group B (Resumed)		
18:00 – 18:30	Conclusions of day 2	, , ,		

## Day 3: Friday, 1 April 2005

Session IV – Working groups (resumed)				
0.00 10.20	Working group A	Working group B		
9:00 – 10:30	(Resumed)	(Resumed)		
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break			
Session V – Reports from Working groups				
Presentation of reports from working groups followed by general discussions				
11:00 – 11:45	✓ Report Working group A			
	✓ General discussion			
11:45 – 12:30	✓ Report Working group B			
	✓ General discussion			
12:30 – 13:00	Conclusions of Session V			
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch			
Session IV – Outcomes and possible ways forward				
Concluding session should allow to sum-up and identify progress in implementing FCCC Article 6 activities and help identify areas where progress is slow, not known, or not existing with a view to make recommendations for further action.				
14:30 – 16:00	✓ Roundtable discussion			
	✓ Closing remarks and closure of the meeting			