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Note by the Executive Director

Summary

The Executive Director has the honour to provide, in the annex to the present note, an executive summary of the status of the implementation of the decisions adopted by the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at its twenty-second and its twenty-third regular sessions, held in Nairobi from 3 to 7 February 2003 and from 21 to 25 February 2005, respectively, as well as its eighth special session, held in Jeju, Republic of Korea, from 29 to 31 March 2004. The annex covers the elements of the programme of work of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for the biennium 2004–2005 and the status of their implementation.

The annex should be considered in conjunction with various other official documents that are being submitted to the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at its ninth special session, since it primarily provides information on the status of implementation of those Governing Council decisions in respect of which reports are not explicitly required by the decisions of the past sessions and will therefore not be found among the working documents of the ninth special session.

This document comprises two parts. Part I contains information on the status of implementation of Governing Council decisions addressing selected subject areas since the submission of the relevant reports to the Governing Council at its twenty-third session to date, while part II contains information on the status of the implementation of other Governing Council decisions for the period July–September 2005. Part I covers the following subject areas: poverty and the environment; compliance with and enforcement of multilateral environmental agreements, including the preparation of the manual on compliance with and enforcement of multilateral environmental agreements; and activities of UNEP as an implementing agency of the Global Environment Facility.

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Annex

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Part I Status of the implementation of Governing Council decisions addressing the selected subject areas since the twenty-third session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum

A. POVERTY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

1. In response to decisions 22/10 (Poverty and the environment in Africa) and 23/10 (Poverty and the environment), UNEP has developed a four-year project that aims at increasing developing countries' capacity to mainstream environment/ecosystems in their development strategies, in view of that the links between environment and poverty are not currently adequately reflected in development and poverty reduction programmes¹. The project has been implemented in the seven pilot countries of Africa, in close collaboration with the ministries of environment and ministries of finance and planning of these countries, as well as the respective country offices of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). These pilot countries are Kenya, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda.
2. Workplans with Kenya, Mali, Mauritania and Mozambique were signed and their implementation is underway, and workplans with Uganda and Tanzania are already under implementation, while the workplan with Rwanda was approved in late September 2005, with preliminary activities already underway².
3. As part of the project activities, UNEP held a regional workshop on poverty and environment harmonization in Nairobi from 10 to 12 May 2005, attended by the seven pilot countries and international research institute partners. The workshop provided a forum and opportunity to share experience with regard to the project implementation and bottlenecks encountered in their respective countries. It further consolidated yearly activity plans and working modalities of each of the pilot countries.
4. UNEP sponsored a training workshop, conducted by the Southern African Millennium Ecosystem Assessment and Rhodes University, on integrated ecosystem assessment held in South Africa from 12 to 16 September 2005, attended by representatives from all the pilot countries. The workshop enhanced the understanding of the participants on the principles and practice of integrated ecosystem assessment, with demonstrated links between ecosystems and poverty reduction at a practical level.
5. UNEP, in cooperation with UNDP, organized a high-level event during the 2005 World Summit on the Poverty and Environment Partnership 'Environment for the Millennium Development Goals' in New York on 14 September 2005. The event, attended by over 18 Head of States, as well as ministers responsible for foreign affairs or environment, provided an excellent profiling of the links between poverty and the environment. The event also included a series of announcements of activities and commitments in support of mainstreaming environment into the implementation of the internationally agreed goals of the Millennium Declaration. The Executive Director of UNEP and the Administrator of UNDP jointly presented the UNEP-UNDP Poverty and Environment Initiative³.
6. A website on poverty and environment was set up and it is found at: http://www.unep.org/dpdl/poverty_environment.

B. COMPLIANCE WITH AND ENFORCEMENT OF MULTILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING THE PREPARATION OF THE MANUAL ON COMPLIANCE WITH AND ENFORCEMENT OF MULTILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENTS

7. In response to decisions 22/17IID (Implementation of the Montevideo Programme III), 23/1I (Bali Strategic Plan on Technological Support and Capacity Building), and 23/1V (Multilateral Environmental Agreements), as well as in an effort to promote implementation of the Guidelines on Compliance with and Enforcement of multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs), as adopted by decision GCSS.VII/4

¹ Also refer to document UNEP/GCSS.IX/3/Add.1

² The UNEP-UNDP joint project in Rwanda is emerging as a best practice example of UNEP-UNDP cooperation.

³ The live proceedings of the event are found at http://web1.media.globix.net/client/framework/2005_0914/launch.htm, while more information on the event is found at: <http://www.iisd.ca/sd/pei/>.

(Compliance with and enforcement of multilateral environmental agreements), UNEP continued to prepare and revise the draft Manual on Compliance with and Enforcement of MEAs.

8. The Manual provides a “tool box” to facilitate the use of the Guidelines, designed to be a reference document in which users, such as negotiators, legislative drafters, customs officers, “pick and choose” what is most relevant to them. The structure of the Manual follows that of the Guidelines, and includes an explanatory text for each Guideline, as well as case studies and, where available, checklists summarizing the main considerations to be taken into account on specific issues. The Manual also includes annexes and an index with cross-references to other relevant topics.

9. The draft Manual benefited from, and is being revised on the basis of, feedback received through a series of regional workshops on compliance and enforcement. Following five regional workshops held during the year 2004, three additional workshops have been held in 2005⁴. These workshops assisted in building the capacity to negotiate, ratify, and implement MEAs, of the participating government officials and experts from key regional and national NGOs around the world. In addition, the workshops also provided valuable feedback on the draft Manual, not only in organizational and layout matters but also in substantive texts in the illustrative examples and the various appendices.

10. The Manual will be published in hard and electronic copies, and translated into all the official United Nations languages⁵.

11. Activities of UNEP aiming at building capacity in compliance with and enforcement of MEAs at the national level are detailed in Part II of the present report.

C. ACTIVITIES OF UNEP AS AN IMPLEMENTING AGENCY OF THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY

12. In connection with decision 22/19 (Amendments to the instrument of the establishment of the restructured Global Environment Facility), and subsequent to the report submitted to the twenty-third session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum (GC-23/GMEF) on the activities of UNEP as an implementing agency of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) (document UNEP/GC.23/INF/24), as at 30 September 2005, the cumulative UNEP-GEF work programme was financed to US\$1.022 billion, including US\$499.5 million in GEF resources, and involved 561 activities across the six GEF focal areas in support of 153 countries. The portfolio comprises 76 full size projects, 74 medium sized projects, 344 national enabling activities, 31 ongoing PDF-Bs and 36 ongoing PDF-As.

13. The pipeline of UNEP-GEF projects over the next three years is estimated at almost US\$600 million in GEF funding. Of this, an estimated US\$321 million would support full-size projects that are officially entered into the GEF pipeline. A list of UNEP/GEF projects approved between 1 November 2004 and 30 September 2005 is found in Appendix.

14. Activities of UNEP as an implementing agency of GEF for the period July-September 2005 are provided in Part II of the present report.

⁴ These workshops are for Spanish-speaking Latin American and Caribbean countries, Mexico City, 7-10 March 2005; Arabic-speaking West Asian countries, Damascus, 2-5 May 2005; and Francophone Africa, Yaounde, 9-12 May.

⁵ The Manual is expected to be finalized by the end of 2005 for launching during the first quarter of 2006.

Part II Status of the implementation of other decisions adopted by the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum at its twenty-second, its eighth special, and its twenty-third session for the period July-September 2005

A. WATER POLICY AND STRATEGY OF UNEP

1. Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities

15. In response to decision 22/2 II (Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities), and in connection with decision 23/2 (Updated water policy and strategy of the United Nations Environment Programme), activities of UNEP include the following:

Strategic Action Plan on Municipal Wastewater (SAP)

- Participated in the Stockholm International Water Week, 23-28 August, convened yearly by the Swedish International Water Institute, and attended by approximately 1400 participants⁶;
- Participated in the stakeholders meeting of Aqua for All, a Dutch non-governmental organization (NGO) on Water and Sanitation, The Hague, 6 September, with the theme on Solidarity and Financing, which discussed opportunities for innovative solidarity funds in the field of water, sanitation and hygiene promotion;
- Participated in a Workshop, organized by UNESCO, on Wastewater re-use in agriculture, Algiers, 17-21 September, and discussed with Italian government representatives, UNESCO and Algerian counterparts on the envisaged contribution from UNEP under the Partnership for Africa.

Capacity-building on municipal wastewater management

- Delivered the UNESCO-IHE-UN/DOALOS-UNEP training on municipal wastewater management to participants from the Black Sea, Trabzon, Turkey, 12-16 September, through the Train-Sea-Coast Black Sea team at the Middle East Technical University (METU), in cooperation with the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) and the Trabzon Municipality⁷.

Physical Alteration on Destruction of Habitats (PADH)

- Prepared a draft issue paper addressing the policy and legislation for the management of the coastal and marine areas in South Asia, as a synthesis of five national reports of Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, for dissemination during the Governing Council meeting of South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme (SACEP) and South Asian Seas Inter-ministerial Meeting, Thimphu, 24-26 August;

- Discussed with UNIDO a joint publication on the tourism principles;
- Signed memoranda of understanding (MOUs) with Government of Seychelles, Sri Lanka and Thailand to translate the Sustainable Coastal Reconstruction Principles into national languages, hold national dissemination workshops and secure governments endorsement. Discussions with Governments of Indonesia, Kenya, Tanzania and Yemen are in progress in a similar initiative;
- Published an article "Managing the Coastal Zone: what lessons to draw from the Tsunami? In Tropical Coasts, vol. 12, no. 1, July;
- Visited the pilot project site (Creating Market Opportunities for Mangrove) in southern Sri Lanka and discussed with the communities; and carried out pre-feasibility study of a pilot project for the management of pollution in the ports and harbour of Mauritius in partnership with private sector and civil society.

Integrated Coastal Area and River Basin Management (ICARM)

- Participated in the First National Encounter of Integrated River Basin and Coastal Area Management, Itajaí, Brazil, 31 July-5 August, convened by the Minister of the Environment and the National Forum of River Basins with the support of the government of the State of Santa Catarina. The meeting discussed legal, institutional and technical instruments derived from policies dealing with both river basin and coastal area management, and a viable scenario for their integrated implementation;
- Organized the Integrated Coastal Area and River Basin Management Expert Group Meeting, The Hague, 12-13 September, which discussed the draft ICARM Casebook and the ICARM Progress Marker, as well as activities to link integrated water resources management (IWRM) to the management of the coastal and marine environment;
- Organized a meeting on Coastal Marine Ecosystem Indicators, The Hague, 14 September, to align the multiple approaches and develop a succinct and standardized set of indicators, which are being developed in cooperation with the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO and partners, the European Union, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration/Large Marine Ecosystems (NOAA/LME) and the Universities of Rhode Island and Delaware.

National Programmes of Action

- Continued to provide technical assistance in the development/revision of National Programmes of Action (NPAs), including participation at the NPA meeting at the Third Meeting of the Interim Scientific, Technical and Advisory Committee (ISTAC) to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-based Sources and Activities in the Wider

⁶ In particular UNEP contributed to the following: the UN-Water Seminar, the EU Water Initiative Side Events on innovative financing, as well as sanitation and wastewater, and Swedish Environment Institute organized stakeholder meeting on ecological sanitation. More information is found on the SIWI website: www.siwi.org.

⁷ Local governments were actively involved.

Caribbean Region (LBS), Mexico City, 22-26 August;

- Completed a first draft of the revised UNEP Handbook on the Development and Implementation of NPAs;
- Signed an MOU with Comisión Permanente del Pacífico Sur (CPPS) aiming at ensuring overall coordination with regards to the execution of pilot projects included in individual MOUs, being signed, with each Member State of CPPS, namely Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama and Peru;
- Signed an MOU with the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) on the promotion of the implementation of NPAs in the framework of the National Environmental Management Strategies (NEMS) in the Member States of the OECS;
- Continued the preparations for the MOUs to initiate NPA development processes in Costa Rica and Guatemala;
- Joined the Steering Committee of the GEF-Russian Arctic NPA project and provided financial support;
- At the request by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, initiated a process to revise Indian NPA, taking into consideration of the Tsunami impacts and the review of the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification 1991 by Professor Swaminathan Committee (February 2005)⁸.

Contribution to the Regional Seas Programme

- Black Sea: In the context of the Second Phase of the GEF-Black Sea Ecosystem Recovery Project, continued the development of an Inter-Agency Agreement between UNOPS to facilitate the process for national consultations on the revised Protocol on Protection of the Black Sea Marine Environment Against Pollution from Land-based Sources;
- Caspian Sea: In the context of the Strategic Action on the Caspian Marine and Coastal Environment and support to the Caspian Sea Framework Convention, advanced the development of the GPA national strategies in Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation and Turkmenistan;
- Southeast Pacific: Participated in the 16th meeting of the South Pacific Environment Programme (SPREP) meeting, Apia, 13-16 September, which approved the work programme and budget for 2006 (US \$ 8 million) and indicative budgets for 2007 and 2008; and endorsed Pacific Islands Regional Oceans Policy Integrated Strategy (PIROP) and the Strategy for solid waste management in Pacific Island Countries and Territories.

⁸ Website of the Ministry of Environment and Forests: <http://www.envfor.nic.in>.

Second GPA Intergovernmental Review Meeting (IGR-2)

- Continued the preparations for IGR-2, to be held on 16-20 October 2006 in Beijing, to which a joint UN-Oceans/UN-Water Task Force will provide input and guidance;
- Discussed with the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Government of Mauritius, a comprehensive review of policy development and policy implementation processes addressing GPA at the national level for presentation during IGR-2.

Other major activities

- Participated in the Third Meeting of the Interim Scientific, Technical and Advisory Committee (ISTAC) to the Protocol Concerning Pollution from Land-based Sources and Activities in the Wider Caribbean Region (LBS), Mexico City, 22-26 August; and a NPA meeting to discuss possibilities of initiating a programme on strategic financing through the process of the Organisation of East Caribbean States (OECS) and the National Environmental Management Strategies (NEMS);
- Finalized a draft guidance for reviewing and harmonizing laws and institutions to enhance the implementation of Protocols for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (LBSA Protocols), for circulation within the Regional Seas Conventions and Action Plans;
- As part of the activities at the global level, participated in a Working Conference of the Xiamen International Forum for Coastal Cities, Xiamen, 18-20 July, to advance the preparatory work of the Xiamen International Forum for Coastal Cities (Xiamen Forum)⁹, scheduled for October 2005;
- As part of the activities at the regional level, participated in the national workshops on Guiding Principles for Post-Tsunami Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, Bangkok, 8-9 September, Wadduwa, Kalutara, Sri Lanka including visits to various pilot projects, 12-15 September;
- Contributed to a meeting of the Advanced Professional Training Programme of the Capacity Building International (located in Germany), the Netherlands, 23 August, organized by the National Institute of Coastal and Marine Management of the Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management of The Netherlands.

⁹ The Forum is organized by the Xiamen Municipal Government, the State Environmental Protection Administration of China (SEPA), in cooperation with the GEF/UNDP/IMO Regional Programme on Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA), ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, and UNEP.

2. Regional Seas Programme

16. In response to decision 22/2 IIIA (Regional seas strategies for sustainable development), activities include the following:

- Printed the brochure "Partnerships for Sustainable Development", highlighting common elements among the individual Regional Seas, the new global strategy, principle priorities, partnerships and a summary of each of the Regional Seas Programmes. Translated into Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish a flyer of the Global Regional Seas Strategic Directions for 2004-2007;
- Made available the new website (www.unep.org/regionalseas), serving as an information and news center¹⁰;
- Jointly with the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), produced a brochure that includes a map overlay of the Regional Seas and Large Marine Ecosystems (LMEs)¹¹; and participated in the LME 7th Consultative Committee Meeting, Paris, 4-6 July, to discuss strengthening the LME, Regional Seas and NOAA partnership;
- Undertook a review of the Regional Seas Programmes (RSPs) to strategically summarize the history and current status of individual RSPs, including identifying trends, best practices, alternative policies, programmes of work, sources of fund raising, and legal and institutional approaches to the common mandate, with the goal of providing recommendations for enhancing the RSPs;
- Signed an MOU with the Permanent Secretariat to the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea against pollution, to support it for the development of Regional Activity on Marine Litter in the Black Sea within the framework of the Strategic Action Plan on Rehabilitation and Protection of the Black Sea (BS SAP); and supported it for the organization of a Joint Workshop of the Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD): Looking for Synergy in Achieving Biodiversity Millennium Goals in the Black Sea, Istanbul, 15-17 September;
- Signed an MOU with the International Atomic Energy Agency Marine Environment Laboratory (IAEA), within the framework of the Nairobi

Convention and the UNEP/GEF Land-based Activities in the Western Indian Ocean (WIO-Lab) project, to assess the monitoring and analysis capacities of key laboratories in the WIO region;

- Signed an MOU with the Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment Meteorology (MNREM) of Samoa concerning the support to print a booklet on the mangroves in Samoa titled "*Mangroves of Samoa: Status and Conservation*";
- Participated in the Regional Organization for the Conservation of the Environment of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden (PERSGA) meeting on the Regional Plan of Action on Land-based Activities, Jeddah, 3-9 September, which discussed the draft proposal for the Regional Plan of Action;
- Signed an MOU with the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME), Kuwait, concerning environmental assessment activities in (i) the Contaminant Screening Project and (ii) the Open Sea Cruise; as well as the strengthening of the image processing capacity of ROPME;
- Participated in a meeting of the Focal Points for the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP), Athens, 21-24 September, which considered the provisional agenda for the 14th Conference of the Parties (COP) for MAP, the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD), the Emergency and Prevention Protocol and the progress made on the new Integrated Coastal Area management (ICAM) Protocol;
- Provided support to the East Asian Seas programme to follow-up on all Regional Seas activities and projects in the region, including South Asian Seas, Northwest Pacific, and South Pacific.

Northeast Pacific Action Plan-La Antigua Guatemala Convention

17. In response to decision 22/2 IIIC (The Northeast Pacific Action Plan-La Antigua Guatemala Convention), UNEP signed an MOU with the Central American Commission for Maritime Transport (COCATRAM) Nicaragua, August, concerning the organization of the Third Intergovernmental Meeting of the Plan of Action of the Convention for Cooperation in the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Northeast Pacific, to be held in Guatemala. UNEP also assisted in the mobilization of resources¹².

Abidjan Convention/Nairobi Convention

18. In response to decision 22/2 IIID (Abidjan Convention for Cooperation in the Protection and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the West and Central African Region and Nairobi Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment)

¹⁰ It provides an overview of the global role of the RSP as well as detailed regional profiles for each of the Regional Seas programmes. It further contains a database of partners and publications, providing links to RS important partners and their relevant databases, an overview of current and future Regional Seas projects and other useful information on the global coastal and marine environment.

¹¹ Website: http://www.unep.org/regionalseas/Publications/RSP_Large_Marine.pdf.

¹² This includes support from SIDA (SEK 3 Million - approx.\$400K).

of the Eastern African Region), UNEP participated in the Scientific Symposium of the Western Indian Ocean, organized by the Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA), Mauritius, 28 August-4 September, and organized side events on the WIO-Lab project.

3. Coral reefs

19. In response to decision 22/2 IV (Coral reefs), activities include the following:

- Continued to provide organizational support to the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) secretariat, *inter alia*, in the handover of the ICRI secretariat from Seychelles and the United Kingdom to Japan and the Republic of Palau, 1 July;
- Prepared the MOU, signed in September, between UNEP and the Japan Wildlife Research Centre (JWRC) for the disbursement of the counterpart contributions of the United States in support of the work of the ICRI secretariat;
- Prepared an MOU in support of coral reef monitoring and assessment undertaken by the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network (GCRMN) and Reef Check, for the period 2005-2006;
- Secured funds to initiate activities of the cold-water coral reef programme of work, including the development of a global cold-water coral reef database and the preparation of a TV documentary;
- Undertook preparation for the keynote speech and a poster for the 3rd Deep Sea Coral Symposium, to be held in Miami, Florida, during the fourth quarter 2005; prepared a platform paper for the World Maritime Technology Conference 2006, to be held in London ("Cold-water coral reefs – How to conserve the remote and unknown");
- Participated in the ICRAN Board Meeting, Cambridge, 29-30 September;
- Submitted funding proposals to GEF and the EC in support of regional coral reef work in East Africa and South Asia¹³;
- Continued to work with the dredging industry, and prepared a platform paper for presentation at the 2005 CEDA Dredging Days conference in Rotterdam, November 2005;
- Initiated work of a correspondence group to facilitate the exchange of data and information between the International Cable Protection Committee;

¹³ For the East Africa proposal, country consultations are in progress led by the coordinator of the Nairobi Convention. The proposal to the EC for \$ 845,000 (Euro 700,000) in support of work in South Asia has been accepted, subject to final administrative processes. The complementary GEF project for Marine Protected Area work in South Asia is being advanced.

- Initiated a project on the effects of climate change on coral reefs and the goods and services that they provide;
- Prepared documentation on the cold-water coral reef work for the MASH (Marine protected Areas, Species and Habitats) meeting, Bristol, United Kingdom, 3-7 October;
- In addition to collaborative efforts on tropical coral reefs, established close contact and cooperation with CBD and other partners on the issue of the protection of cold-water coral ecosystems.

4. Dams and Development Project (DDP)

20. Activities in the phase 2 project include the following:

- Finalized the five information sheets outlining DDP goal, objectives and work programme and outcomes of issue based workshops¹⁴;
- Finalized DDP Phase 1 Final Report, Confluence Newsletter No.7;
- Advanced the preparation for the Gaining Public Acceptance workshop, the Government Advisory Consultative Group, Steering Committee and the 4th Dams and Development Forum meetings, scheduled for October 2005;
- Redesigned and launched the website in conformity with Phase 2 goal and work programme;
- Continued to follow up on potential dialogue activities in various countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean and the responses of Governments which were invited to participate in DDP Phase 2;
- Participated in the Workshop on Conventional Renewable Energies, convened by World Energy Council, Posadas, Argentina, 17 August;
- Signed an MOU with the National Association of Professional Environmentalists in support of launching a national dialogue on dams and development in Uganda;
- Sent letters to various representatives of the Dams and Development Forum seeking re-engagement in the DDP Phase 2 activities.

B. SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES AND OTHER GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS OF SPECIAL FOCUS

1. Small island developing States (SIDS)

21. In response to decision 23/5 (Small island developing States), activities include the following:

- Continued maintaining the SIDS on-line database, containing the past, current and future activities

¹⁴ Website: <http://www.unep-dams.org>

based on the Barbados Programme of Action and the Mauritius Strategy¹⁵;

- At the request of the UN SIDS Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF), provided input on implementing activities in line with the Mauritius Strategy;
- Initiated the creation of a UNEP position based at SPREP, aiming at coordinating activities with SPREP and other organizations in the region;
- Initiated the preparation of a work plan internalizing the Mauritius Strategy, aligned to the Bali Strategic Plan and setting out priority activities to be achieved;
- Participated in the Capacity building workshop to assist Caribbean SIDS in meeting the legal obligations of the Cartagena Convention and related MEAs, Kingston, 4-6 July, organized as a direct follow-up to the Mauritius International Meeting, attended by 13 Caribbean SIDS.

2. Arctic

22. In response to decision 22/11 (Sustainable development of the Arctic), activities include the following:

- Continued on the development of the Polar sections of the GEO reports, the development of new initiatives related to the use of earth observation information in early warning and assessment (through the European Space Agency), and on the implementation of the GEF-funded ECORA project on integrated ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation in Northern Russia;
- Held a bilateral meeting on Environment and Security initiatives in the Arctic with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Arendal, 25 August;
- Participated in a seminar of the Arctic Council on information and communication technology in the Arctic, Yllave, Finland, 7-9 September, which discussed developing a feasibility study on Arctic cooperation on information and communication technology (ICT);
- Held a meeting, Arendal, 5 September, with the Norwegian Minister of Environment together with the Mayors of Aust Agder County and Arendal Municipality, to discuss new Arctic initiatives, including an Arctic Environmental and Security proposal and cooperation with Inuit Circumpolar Conference and SIDS on a joint climate change and vulnerability project;
- Participated in the launch of the Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Programme and related Conservation of Flora and Fauna working group meetings, Cambridge, 5-9 September;

- Participated in the 19th AMAP working group meeting and the AMAP International Symposium on Arctic Oil and Gas Development, St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, 5-9 September, attended by over 250 participants from the public and private sectors¹⁶;
- Organized a meeting with Norway parliamentarians, Arendal, 6 September; and participated in a meeting of the Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region, Oslo, 30 September.

3. International year of deserts and desertification

23. In response to decision 22/15 (International year of deserts and desertification), UNEP continued preparations for the activities associated with the International Year of Deserts and Desertification in 2006, in collaboration with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (UNCCD), UNDP and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). In this context, UNEP initiated production of the Global Environment Outlook report for Deserts (GEO for Deserts), including the convening of the first GEO for Deserts authors' meeting, Mendoza, Argentina, 6-8 September. The GEO for Deserts will provide an updated expert view on the status of world's deserts as well as an outlook on development potentials and conservation needs.

24. Other activities UNEP in the area of drylands include the following:

- Continued implementation of the project "An Ecosystem Approach to Restoring West African Drylands and Improving Rural Livelihoods through Agroforestry-based Land Management Interventions", in cooperation with the World Agroforestry Centre, the Centre for Environmental Policy of the University of Florida, and West African Governments; implementation of GEF project Desert Margins Programme (DMP); and programme development and capacity-building of the FAO/UNEP Global Land Cover Network (GLCN);
- Continued the activities in relation to GEF projects¹⁷.

¹⁶ The Symposium was held in conjunction with the annual Russian Arctic Operation/ CIS Offshore International Convention.

¹⁷ This includes the preparation of a Medium Size Project (MSP): Building Capacity for Networking among Desertification Institutions in Southern Africa, for the implementation of the "CST/UNCCD Survey and evaluation of networks, agencies and bodies relevant to the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) - Phase 2: Pilot in-depth survey in southern African sub-region and maintenance and development of the database developed during Phase 1", and appraisal of the GEF project Land Degradation Assessment in Drylands.

¹⁵ Website:
<http://www.sids.unep.org/html/database.html>.

C. KEEPING THE WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL SITUATION UNDER REVIEW

25. In response to decision 22/1 IB (Early warning and assessment process of the United Nations Environment Programme) and in relation to decision 23/6 (Keeping the world environmental situation under review), UNEP continued developing the fourth Global Environment Outlook report (GEO-4) based on the GEO-4 Comprehensive Chapter Outline and chapter workplans, adopted by the GEO-4 First Production and Authors Meeting, Nairobi, 20-24 June. Activities in this regard include the following:

- Organized regional GEO-4 production meetings for Africa, Johannesburg, 15-23 August; Asia and the Pacific, Trang, Thailand, 22-24 August; West Asia, Manama, 29-31 August; and Europe, Szentendre, Hungary, 19-21 September;
- Organized the GEO-4 First Global and Regional Scenarios Workshop, Bangkok, 12-15 September, attended by nearly 100 participants; the production meeting of the GEO-4 Chapter 2 'Atmosphere' Lead Author Group, York, United Kingdom, 25-26 September, jointly with the Stockholm Environment Institute; and the GEO-4 First Production and Authors Meeting for Chapter 1 'Environment for Development', Nairobi, 26-28 September;
- Held the inaugural meeting of the GEO Outreach Working Group, in cooperation with IUCN, Gland, Switzerland, 30 June-1 July;
- Continued the updating and upgrading the GEO Data Portal with data and functions specifically for use under GEO-4 and developing its regional manifestations, including holding, jointly with the Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development, a specialized training workshop on the use of satellite data and associated software and the use of the GEO Africa Data Portal for integrated environmental analysis and assessment, attended by 13 African countries, Nairobi, 8-20 August; and developing of the West Asia GEO Data Portal, in cooperation with the Environmental Research and Wildlife Development Agency of Abu Dhabi and the University of United Arab Emirates;
- Established the GEO Fellowship Programme to bring young and qualified professionals into the GEO-4 process, who would not otherwise be involved¹⁸.

¹⁸ 34 fellows representing 27 countries were selected who will participate in the GEO-4 report production process.

D. ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCIES AND POST CONFLICT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS

1. Environmental emergencies

26. In response to decisions 22/8 (Further improvement of environmental emergency prevention, preparedness, assessment, response and mitigation), and 23/7 (Strengthening environmental emergency response and developing disaster prevention, preparedness, mitigation and early-warning systems in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster), UNEP continued to implement activities in response to environmental emergencies and contributed to the United Nations system-wide coordinated efforts¹⁹.

2. Post-conflict environmental assessments

27. In response to decision 22/1 IV (Post-conflict environmental assessments), activities include the following:

- With regard to Afghanistan, supported the National Environment al Protection Agency (NEPA) to develop its new structure under the Priority Reform and Restructuring Process (PRR) of the Afghan Administration; finalized the draft Environmental Management Act in both Dari and English; prepared a draft environmental impact assessment (EIA) Policy Discussion Paper; provided 10 NEPA staff with the environmental training, Bangkok; supported, jointly with USAID and the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), the implementation of the first Environment Friendly Mountaineering course, organized by NEPA and Mountain Wilderness International (MWI), aiming at promoting community-based and environmentally-friendly tourism development; supported NEPA in the celebration of the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, Kabul, 15 September, including the production of awareness raising and educational materials in local languages; continued the implementation of the Joint Programme-Green Afghanistan Initiative (GAIN); supported the relevant ministries of the Government in compliance with and enforcement of MEAs; co-chaired with NEPA the Technical Working Group on MDG7; and contributed to the work of United Nations Common Country Analysis (UNCCA) Working Group on Economic Growth and Development and that of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF);
- With regard to Iraq, held consultation with the new Minister of Environment, Amman, 8 July, on institutional assessment; coordinated a meeting of the Minister with the United Nations agencies and the relevant NGOs of Iraq, 9 July; held a workshop on MEAs, including discussion on the GEF mechanism, Amman, 11-13 July; participated in the 4th meeting of the International

¹⁹ Information on the activities in this regard and those through the UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit is found in document UNEP/GCSS.IX/5.

Reconstruction Fund Facility for Iraq, Jordan, 18-19 July; held the second training workshop in the assessment and monitoring of Depleted Uranium, Geneva, 15-20 August, attended by participants from the Ministries of Environment and Health; organized the 4th Technical training on Environmental Site Assessment, Amman, 22-24 August; developed for approval by the UNGD/Iraq Trust Fund and the United Nations Steering Committee for Iraq a new project on hazardous waste chemicals clean up and storage of Al Qadissiya site in Iraq²⁰; held with the second consultation with the Ministry of Environment Staff, Amman, 28 September; held in cooperation with the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN) a raining workshop on biodiversity conservation and natural resources management, Jordan, 29 September-3 October; and prepared for the establishment of an environmental information centre in the Ministry;

- With regard to Liberia, presented the second draft of the document "Environmental Considerations in Refugee and internally displaced persons (IDP) Operations Liberia" at the third meeting of stakeholders, Monrovia, 14 July, attended by the United Nations agencies, the Government of Liberia and national and international NGOs; participated in the IDP Planning Unit Camp Closure Task Force Committee meetings, which organized and carried out a rapid assessment of IDP camps; together with UNMIL and UNICEF visited 4 camps; discussed an assessment of EIA capacity of the Government; completed a preliminary report on the key environmental legislation; as part of the Environmental Law Institute project "Liberia Forest Legislation Clustering MEAs" and facilitated by two national NGOs, held two MEA workshops, Buchanan, Grand Bassa County and Yarpah Town, Rivercess County, 14 and 15 September, respectively, which discussed the forest governance principles, especially community management and a draft legislation clustering forestry related MEAs in Liberia; participated in formation of the Inter-Agency Contingency Plan for a possible influx of Ivorian nationals, Liberian returnees and third country nationals from Côte d'Ivoire into Liberia; and participated in the United Nations Country Team and Common Country Assessment (CCA) and Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) planning process, Monrovia, 27-29 September;
- With regard to Sudan, undertook a fact finding mission to Sudan, 18-26 July; to begin the planning process for the environmental assessment; participated in the United Nations Country Team retreat, Port Sudan, 17-18 August; prepared the first draft of the environmental sector plan for both North and South Sudan; and participated in the regional remote sensing

conference, Khartoum, 26-30 September, attended by over 100 participants.

3. Environment in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

28. In response to decision 22/1 V (Environment in the Occupied Palestinian Territories), activities include the following:

- Initiated a project to undertake a post disengagement environmental assessment in the Gaza settlements;
- Completed the satellite image analyses and proposed new images acquired after disengagement;
- Held a meeting of the expert group, Geneva, 6 September, whose participants will undertake the Gaza settlements assessment mission;
- Undertook a stakeholder mission, Israel, 13-15 September, to discuss the post disengagement environmental audit with various stakeholders.

E. SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT, AS WELL AS SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION PATTERNS

1. Economics and trade

29. In response to decision 22/6 (Promotion of sustainable consumption and production patterns), activities include the following:

Integrated Assessment

- Convened the National Stakeholders Workshop to present preliminary findings of the Integrated Assessment Planning (IAP) Initiative, Bogotá, Santiago and Brasília, 25 July, 27 July and 29 July, respectively;
- Convened a stakeholders workshop to launch the IAP Project initiative²¹, Nairobi, 3 August; Convened a workshop to discuss the IAP preliminary analysis²², Kampala, 4-5 August; and discussed the IAP preliminary analysis with policy makers²³, Dar es Salaam, 8 August;
- Convened the Second Review Meeting on Integrated Assessment for Sustainable Development, Geneva, 21-22 September, to

²¹ The project aims at enhancing the planning capacity of the Government of Kenya through the development of widespread use of integrated assessment and planning with the focus on the Draft National Energy Plan and the global village energy partnership.

²² The main objective is to enhance the capacity of the Government of Uganda to conduct an integrated assessment of its trade policy.

²³ The objective of the project is to assist the Tanzanian Governmental agencies design integrated, cross and intra sectoral policies, with specific focus on sound environmental policies, promoting sustainable trade, and poverty reduction, especially at district level.

²⁰ The project cost is US\$905,005.

review and provide further guidance to the country teams on the implementation of the projects;

- Convened an IAP Meeting on "Towards an International Framework for Integrated Assessment", Geneva, 23 September, which discussed the need for harmonizing assessment approaches, consolidating assessment methodologies, and enhancing national capacity to implement integrated assessment;
- Convened a Training Session on Integrated Assessment for the Organic Agriculture Initiative, Geneva, 23 September.

Economic instruments

- Convened an informal roundtable on "Promoting Development and Sustainability in Fisheries Subsidies Disciplines", Geneva, 30 June, attended by Governments, IGOs, NGOs and experts, to discuss issues of sustainable development in artisanal fisheries and options for special and differential treatment for developing countries, linking trade rules to sustainable development and poverty reduction;
- Convened Second Meeting of the Network of Institutions for Sustainable Development (NISD), Geneva, 19 September, attended by 45 institutions including universities, policy research institutes, environmental institutes, NGOs and Governments, which discussed current status of capacity building in economic instruments and valuation and provided recommendations for future activities of UNEP and the NISD;
- Met with the Brazilian Mission to discuss Brazilian proposal on fisheries subsidies, 20 July; Prepared Mauritanian country project on impacts of fisheries subsidies and provided detailed comments;
- Prepared project proposal on fisheries subsidies and sustainable fisheries management for developing countries aiming at building capacities of developing country negotiators to develop sustainable policies and proactively participate in the ongoing international negotiations.

Finance Initiative (FI)

- Convened the bi-annual meeting on FI Finances, to review the current expenditures and budget allocation for 2005 and the start of 2006 budget process, New York, October;
- Convened the International Corporate Governance Network (ICGN) Global Summit on Corporate Governance, London, 7-8 July, attended by the leading players in the international corporate governance debate; and the annual meeting of ICGN;
- Convened with the Environment Finance Publications a two-day conference on "EU Emissions Trading 2005: Competitive and Financial Implications", Brussels, 11-12 July, which provided an invaluable update on the

progress of the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) since its launch;

- Convened a workshop "Finance for Water Solutions", Stockholm, 25 August at the World Water Week Conference;
- Convened UNEP FI meeting with the signatories from the United Kingdom, London, 9 September; Second Expert Group Meeting with institutional investors to draft the Principles for Investments as part of UNEP FI Principles for Responsible Investments, Toronto, Canada, 14-16 September; and participated in Asset Management Working Group (AMWG) at the Council of Institutional Investors Fall 2005 conference, 27-30 September;
- Launched the UNEP FI General Insurance Working Group, with an initial focus on: Ways to raise awareness of environment products and tools throughout the market and within the insurance companies themselves; Examining and looking at ways of creating different products and services; Improving ways of defining environmental risk and evaluating the consequences for the Insurance sector of not addressing this risk; and drawing attention to the role the insurance industry can play in an environmentally sustainable future.

Trade

- Convened informal meetings between UNEP and several secretariats of MEAs to discuss the ongoing WTO negotiations, Geneva, 7 July and 15 September;
- Convened a launch meeting of a new initiative on Integrated Assessment of Trade-related Policies and Biological Diversity in the Agricultural Sector, Geneva, 14-15 July, attended by key institutions and individuals working in related fields;
- Convened a UNEP-UNCTAD Capacity Building Task Force (CBTF) Workshop on Post-Doha Trade and Environment Issues, Santo Domingo, 21-22 July, aiming at strengthening national capacities in integration of trade, environment and development objectives into national policymaking; and participated in the WTO Regional Workshop on Trade and Environment Issues for Latin American and the Caribbean Countries, 19-21 July;
- Signed Letters of Agreements (LOAs) between UNEP and national project partners to launch the UNEP/UNCTAD CBTF Organic Agriculture initiative in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, 15 July;
- Convened UNEP-UNCTAD CBTF Workshop on Environmental Goods and Services, Bangkok, 25-26 August, aiming at building national capacities to participate in the WTO negotiations on environmental goods;
- Convened an International Workshop on Integrated Assessment of Trade-related Policies in the Rice Sector, Geneva, 20 September, which discussed the findings of six country projects;

- Signed an MOU with the CITES secretariat, UNCTAD and the University of Geneva to undertake a project focused on supporting wildlife trade policy assessments in four developing countries.

2. Promotion of sustainable consumption and production patterns

30. In response to decision 22/6, activities include the following:

- Participated in the Cleaner Production Symposium, hosted by the United Arab Emirates Federal Environment Agency, and presented module on Cleaner Production financing, Dubai, 27-30 June;
- Supported the coordination of the national level training in Slovakia to integrate cleaner production into Environmental Management on Industrial Estates (EMIE), 13-16 September;
- Undertook awareness rising/training activities as follows: the first global exhibition of public and corporate advertisements related to sustainability issues, during the World Advertising Festival, Cannes, France, 20-26 June, and the exhibitions during the American and French Advertising Weeks; publication of Communicating Sustainability—How to Produce Effective Public Campaigns; publication of Making Tourism More Sustainable: a Guide for Policy Makers²⁴; and lectures the training course of the Japan International Cooperation Agency on financial mechanisms for ESTs for water and wastewater;
- Continued the implementation of the relevant projects, including SC.Asia project to support 12 Asian countries²⁵ to develop National Action Plans on Sustainable Consumption; the Application of Cleaner Production to Multilateral Environmental Agreements (ACME) project to support MEA implementation by applying cleaner production to production processes; and the Greenhouse Gas Emission reduction from Industry in Asia and the Pacific (GERIAP) project, aiming at reducing greenhouse gas emissions by applying cleaner production to energy systems in energy intensive sectors in Asia;
- Initiated the implementation of the following projects: African Brewery Sector Water Saving Initiative (ABREW) project, aiming at assisting the African brewery sector to reduce fresh water consumption and minimize waste water discharge; Policy Reinforcement for Environmentally Sound and Socially Responsible

²⁴ The publication aims at providing tourism decision makers with guidance and a framework for the development of policies for more sustainable tourism, a toolbox of instruments that they can use to implement these policies, and some selected case studies.

²⁵ These countries are Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam.

Economic Development (PRODEV) project, aiming at building capacity in the City of Guiyang, China, to implement the Circular Economy approach to sustainable development; and project on resource augmentation in Viet Nam in line with Bali Strategic Plan for Capacity-building and Technology Support, focussing on rainwater harvesting, wastewater reuse and composting in a sugar industry and nearby community and agriculture;

- Continued to support the preparations for the 6th Asia-Pacific Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production, Melbourne, Australia in October 2005; the Asia-Pacific Industrial; Engineering and Management Conference, Manila, December 2005, to include sustainable consumption and production as a new track in industrial engineering training and education throughout Asia;
- Supported the International Center for Environmental Technology Transfer (ICETT) in developing and delivering capacity building training on sustainable consumption and production, Hanoi, August;
- Coorganized with ICETT the sub-regional workshop on Capacity Building for Sustainable Consumption and Production, Hanoi, 27 August -2 September;
- Continued the preparation of a partnership on sustainable building and construction, including contacting companies and developing an activity plan, in support of a life cycle approach to increasing sustainability of buildings;
- Organized and participated in the Second International Expert Meeting on a 10-Year Framework of programmes for Sustainable Consumption and Production; and coordinated working groups and conducted training, San José, 4-9 September;
- Participated in the 1st International Water Association (Asia and Pacific) Conference, Singapore, 10-15 July, and made a presentation on water and sanitation; and the 2005 World Sustainable Building Conference, Tokyo, 27-29 September.

F. CHEMICALS MANAGEMENT

1. Lead and cadmium

31. In response to decision 23/9 (Chemicals management)²⁶, in particular, decision 23/9 III (Lead and cadmium), UNEP has been posting submissions on lead and cadmium by Governments, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and the private sectors, in response to

²⁶ Report in relation to development of a strategic approach to international chemicals management is found in document UNEP/GCSS.IX/6.

the letter dated 16 May 2005, on a special web-page at http://www.chem.unep.ch/Pb_and_Cd/SR/Review.htm.

2. Mercury programme

32. In response to decision 23/9 IV (Mercury programme), UNEP organized an informal meeting with donor countries, Vienna, 17 September, on the margin of the third meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the Development of a Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management. The meeting discussed the possibility of establishing a "small grants programme" to support implementation of smaller country projects associated with the partnership initiatives, as one approach to reducing the risks to human health and the environment from the release of mercury and its compounds to the environment ²⁷.

G. GOVERNANCE AND LAW

33. In response to decisions 22/17IID and 23/1V, as well as in an effort to build national capacity in compliance with and enforcement of MEAs, activities of UNEP included the following:

- In partnership with the Global Programme of Action for the Marine Environment and the Caribbean Regional Coordinating Unit (CAR/RCU), convened the Capacity-Building Workshop, Kingston, 4-6 July, to assist Caribbean small island developing States (SIDS) in meeting their legal obligations under the Cartagena Convention on the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region and related MEAs;
- Participated in the 13th Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Environment and Sustainable Unit of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS-ESDU) and the 5th Meeting of the OECS Aid Coordination for the Environment, Antigua and Barbuda, 11-12 July. The meetings discussed the status of implementation of the UNEP-OECS Project on development of a harmonized framework legislation to implement the biodiversity-related MEAs. These include the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), Convention on Migratory Species, Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat (Ramsar Convention), World Heritage Convention, and the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas of Wildlife (SPA) - a Protocol to the Cartagena Convention;
- In collaboration with the Lusaka Agreement Task Force (LAFT), organized a meeting of the Bureau

of the 7th Governing Council of the Lusaka Agreement on Co-operative Enforcement Operations Directed at Illegal Trade in Wild Fauna and Flora, Nairobi, 21-22 July. The meeting approved with amendments the draft LAFT strategic plan for further consideration by the 8th Governing Council scheduled for 2006;

- Organized, in cooperation with the University of the South Pacific and the United Nations University, the South Pacific Regional Workshop, Suva, 3-5 August, to assist SIDS in the Pacific to implement regional seas agreements and related MEAs;
- In cooperation with the Government of Finland and University of Joensuu, convened the Second Course on International Environmental Law-making and Diplomacy, Joensuu, Finland, 14-26 August, attended by participants from 32 developing countries;
- In partnership with the Malaysian Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment and the United Nations University, convened the National Training Workshop on Multilateral Environmental Agreements, Pahang, Malaysia, 4-8 September, to train environmental officials in Malaysia to implement various MEAs;
- In partnership with the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, the Government of Norway, and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, organized the Caribbean Regional Workshop on the Green Customs Initiative, Port of Spain, 6-7 September. The workshop trained approximately 65 customs officers and environment officials to implement MEAs;
- In partnership with the Government of Pakistan, organized a national workshop to review and assess the status of implementation of biodiversity-related MEAs (CBD, CMS and Ramsar Convention), Islamabad, 22-23 September, attended by participants from the Federal and Provincial Governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and civil society organizations (CSOs);
- Assisted Liberia in revising its forest legislation to implement a cluster of forest-related environmental agreements in a synergetic and harmonized manner;
- Continued to plan and develop projects to build national capacity to negotiate, comply with and enforce MEAs.

H. CIVIL SOCIETY, ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

1. Sport and the environment

34. In response to decision 22/18 III (Long-term strategy for sport and the environment), activities include the following:

²⁷ Website: <http://www.chem.unep.ch/mercury/partnerships/>.

- Jointly with the Global Sports Alliance, co-organized and hosted the Sports Summit, Nagoya, Japan, 30-31 July, attended by over 300 participants from international sport organizations and federations, including the International Olympic Committee (IOC), FIFA, the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) and the World Federation of the Sporting Goods Industry (WFSGI);
- Contributed to the final plenary at EXPO 2005, attended by over 3,000 participants, including delivery of a speech by the Deputy Executive Director. The event produced the declaration of commitments on sport and environment;
- Continued the preparations of the Sixth World Conference on Sport and Environment, to be held in Nairobi, 9-11 November 2005, which is a joint initiative with IOC;
- Signed MOUs with 2006 FIFA, 6 September, with Sadili Oval Club on the Nature and Sports Camp, which is a sports and leadership training programme²⁸ for slums in Nairobi, 30 September;
- Finalized an MOU with the Beijing 2008 Olympic Organizing Committee;
- Supported the Nature and Sports Camp in the preparations of the August Sports Camp and in the preparations of the Corporate Challenge²⁹, 6 August.

2. Civil society

Environmental education and training

35. In response to decisions 22/9 (Support to Africa) and 22/18 (Civil Society), UNEP continued to promote environmental education and training. Activities in this regard include the following:

- In cooperation with UNESCO and in partnership with other stakeholders, advanced the planning and preparation for the African launch of the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014) and the development of an African Implementation plan, including a multi-stakeholder's steering committee meeting scheduled for October 2005;
- Organized an interactive workshop for children on water at the 2005 Children's World Summit in Japan, Aichi, 26-29 July; and launched a children workbook on water titled "A trip with Drip the water drop"³⁰;

²⁸ The MOU emphasizes the need to harness sports and environmental skills and knowledge among the children, promotion of gender issues in sports and the identification of sustainable environmental friendly income generating projects for the youth.

²⁹ Over 500 children participated in the soccer camp and 130 in the Tennis camp. During the camps four environmental workshops were held.

³⁰ The Workbook is on the UNEP's website and is published in English, French and Japanese.

- In cooperation with the University of Joensuu and with the support by the Government of Finland, organized the second University of Joensuu/UNEP course on International Environmental Law-making and Diplomacy in Joensuu, Finland, 14-26 August, with the special theme 'forest';
- Participated in the Board meeting of the Global Virtual University (GVU), Arendal, Norway, 1-2 September, and presented a lecture at the Adgers University College, Krsitiansand, in commemoration of the first intake and start of the GVV Masters programme in Global Environment and Development Studies³¹;
- Signed an MOU with the South African Development Community Regional Environmental Education Programme to work with UNEP and other major stakeholders to produce training courses and toolkits for integrating environment and sustainability learning and research;
- Prepared a draft workbook for academics on Environmental Education, Ethics, and Action to be tested at the 3rd World Environmental Education Congress, October 2005.

Outreach activities

36. Major outreach activities include the following: GRASP exhibition at the UN Pavilion at the Aichi World EXPO, 14 August-3 September.

3. Business and industry

37. In relation to decision 22/7 (Engaging business and industry), activities include the following:

- Finalized the Mining for Closure manual in cooperation with UNDP, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), providing guidance on how to deal with orphaned mine sites; continued, in cooperation with the French Agency for the environment and energy management (ADEME), the preparation of the methodological guide 'Identification and Management of Contaminated Sites';
- Published 'Integrating Sustainability into Business, An Implementation Guide for Responsible Tourism Coordinators' and 'A Management Guide for Responsible Tour Operators', providing an overview of practices adopted by members of the Tour Operators' Initiative, which is the international network of tour operators supported by UNEP and UNESCO; and supported the Initiative in engaging local tour operators in sustainable development;
- Continued the implementation of the ICRAN Mesoamerican Reef Alliance Project, aiming at developing a regional code of conduct for the marine recreation sector in the Caribbean;

³¹ All the registered students from Africa were given full sponsorship by the Government of Norway.

- Participated in the Global Compact Communications on Progress (COP) workshop, Geneva, 6-7 July, to discuss with business representatives ways of improving company reporting on progress and use of the GRI Guidelines; co-hosted, with IUCN and UNDP, a Seed Initiative Board meeting, Gland, 11 July, with donor Government representatives from Germany, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States of America, and corporate sponsors; co-hosted with Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) a sustainability reporting and GRI revision process workshop with representatives from leading Indian companies, Mumbai, 6 September; and a GRI revision international expert working group meeting, Mumbai, 7-8 September; and participated in 2nd ISO Working Group on Social Responsibility (SR) Expert Meeting, Bangkok, 26–30 September, to promote the environmental dimension of SR and the environment principles of the Compact.

I. ACTIVITIES AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL

1. Regional Office for Africa

38. In response to decision 22/9 (Support for Africa), major activities include the following:

Second African Environment Outlook (AEO-2) report and African Environment Information Network (AEIN)

- Held a meeting of AEO-2 Authors and Editors, Johannesburg, 14-24 August, which produced a draft consolidated report, for review by AMCEN Inter Agency Technical Committee;
- Held a training workshop on data and information management using the AEO-EIS toolkit, Tunis, 26-28 July for French speaking countries³²; and three-week capacity building training workshop on the interpretation and use of satellite data, remote sensing and data and information management³³, Nairobi, 8–26 August;
- Provided support to national and regional reporting processes³⁴;
- Finalized the AEO for Youth report.

Partnership Project on the Development of Environmental Law and Institutions in Africa (PADELIA)

- Continued the implementation of project activities under the signed MOUs, including coordination of consultancy studies to review existing legislation, institutions and policies, development of specific legislation, capacity building activities (including training)³⁵;
- Held the Colloquium of Judges of East African Court of Justice and Senior Judges from the East African Community Member States on environmental law and litigation, Mombasa, Kenya, 2-4 June, attended by 15 Judges from the three East African countries and from the East African Court of Justice;
- Held the Steering Committee meeting of the Association of African Environmental Law Lecturers³⁶, Nairobi, 10-11 August, to review draft constitutive instruments of the Association and its modus operandi options;
- Organized the Train the Trainers for the Judiciary on Environmental Law and Litigation, Nanyuki, Kenya, 5-8 September, which tested the draft Training Manual for Trainers in Environmental Law, attended by 27 Judges and Justices as well as those responsible for judicial education and environmental law lecturers;
- Held a meeting for the National Project Coordinators from the SAHEL subregion, Nairobi, 29-30 August;
- Finalized the 8 PADELIA publications;
- Advanced the preparations for a ten-day Training Course on Environmental Law and Policy for the Lusophone African countries, Maputo, 22-28 October; and a Training Course on Legislative Drafting in Environmental Law for Francophone Countries, Mali, late 2005 or early 2006;
- Continued with the preparations for holding two subregional meetings on harmonization of prioritized environmental laws under PADELIA;
- Continued with the preparations for an external evaluation of the PADELIA Project Phase II;

³² These countries are Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Niger, Sénégal, Gabon and Tunisia.

³³ The following countries were in attendance: Botswana, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Mauritius, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

³⁴ Activities include the following: Concluded an MOU with IGAD to support the subregional organization in preparing the Environment Outlook Report to Eastern Africa; provided technical support to Kenya for completion of the second national state of environment report, and to Gabon for its first report; concluded MOUs with the cities of Dakar, Nairobi and Lusaka to prepare Cities Environment Outlook reports; and concluded MOUs with Ethiopia, Ghana and Nigeria to prepare national environment outlook reports.

³⁵ Burkina Faso, Mali, Mozambique, and Uganda have already or almost completed the execution of the first set of prioritized environmental law activities. In particular, Uganda has signed a third MOU to include a new project funded by the Government of Belgium concerning the Rio conventions with specific consideration to poverty alleviation. A number of workshops on environmental law topics or training were organized in Burkina Faso, Mali and Senegal.

³⁶ The meeting is a follow up to the Symposium of Environmental Law Lecturers held in 2004 where a declaration to form an Association of Environmental Law Lecturers was made and an Interim Steering Committee was formed.

- Continued with the revisions or extensions of duration of the existing MOUs with PADELIA Project countries.

Post-conflict environmental assessments

- Continued to be involved in the second phase of the process of the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region, in respect of mainstreaming and integrating environmental issues in the Programmes of Action³⁷.

Climate and atmosphere

- Through the OzoneAction's Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP), continued to provide capacity building and specialized technical support to African compliance with the Montreal Protocol, including the Regional Network of ODS Officers for English and French speaking African countries;
- Visited Maputo, 25-27 July, to evaluate the implementation of the MOU for the assessment of methyl bromide consumption in Mozambique³⁸.

Promotion of sustainable consumption and production patterns

- Participated in the Africa Regional Workshop on Electricity and Development, Nairobi, 13-14 July, organized by the African Policy Research Network (AFREPREN), UNDP and the International Energy Agency (IEA) under the framework of the Global Network on Energy for Sustainable Development (GNSD);
- In collaboration with the National Environmental Management Authority of Kenya and other partners, launched a Pilot Project on Plastic Waste Management in Nairobi³⁹.

New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)

- Contributed to the development of the sub-regional environmental action plan for the environment initiative of NEPAD for Southern Africa;
- Organized and supported activities to mark the 2005 Clean Up the World campaign celebrations in African countries, 16-18 September, focussing

on promoting "Green Cities, Green Communities".⁴⁰

Poverty and the environment

- Developed in cooperation with the African Network of Environmental Journalists a communication strategy entitled *Communication for Sustainable Development and Poverty Alleviation*, for the 7 project countries of the project on Poverty and environment⁴¹.

2. Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific

Global Programme of Action for Protection of Marine Environment from Land Based Activities and the Regional Seas Programme

- Met with National Focal Point of Coordinating Body for the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA) and other relevant agencies to discuss and seek support for the new strategic direction, Kuala Lumpur, 3-5 July; Sydney, 13-15 July; Phnom Penh and Hanoi, 17-20 July; and Brunei, 29 July-1 August.

Environmental law

- Visited Indonesia to meet with the State Minister of Environment of Indonesia, the President of the Governing Council, to discuss the organization of the Bali Workshop on Environmental Law scheduled for October 2005, Jakarta, 24-27 July.

MEAs

- Visited Bangladesh to finalize a workplan for the implementation of the UNEP components of the National Phase out Plan, and to provide guidance on the issue of potential Methyl Bromide products in Bangladesh, Dhaka, 17-20 July.

Environmental emergencies

- Supported the visit by Ms. Tokiko Kato, UNEP Special Envoy, 31 August-4 September, to the

³⁷ UNEP participated in the following meetings: the second meeting of the Technical Thematic Task Forces (TTTFs) on the Great Lakes Region, Nairobi, 27 June-1 July; the second meeting of the Regional Preparatory Committee (RPC) on the Great Lakes Region, Lusaka, 18-22 July; the third meeting of the Technical Thematic Task Forces (TTTFs) on the Great Lakes Region, Nairobi, 5-11 September; and the third meeting of the Regional Preparatory Committee (RPC), Luanda, 26-30 September.

³⁸ Also participated in the Prosecutors Training Course, Johannesburg, 25-28 July.

³⁹ Also participated in the launch meeting of the Pilot Project on Plastic Waste Management, Nairobi, 19 July.

⁴⁰ Also participated in the following meetings: the Southern Africa consultative meeting on the development of the sub-regional environmental action plan for the environment initiative of NEPAD, Gaborone, 12-15 July; the workshop on Invasive Alien Species, Durban, 12-14 September; the meeting of francophone countries on the development of their national environmental legislation, Nairobi, 3-4 August; a major consultative meeting, the Gambia, 8-10 August; the 1st National Biological Post-graduate Scientific Conference, Kenyatta University College, 2-5 August; the Lusophone Workshop on Sport and Environment, Angola, 18-19 August, the host country for the 5th Lusophone Games; the Fifty-Fifth Regional Committee Meeting (RC 55) of the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for Africa, Maputo, 22-26 August; the initiation of the 1st training course for the African environmental officials, Beijing, 8-27 September, in the framework of the China-Africa Environmental Cooperation, on the theme of water pollution and water resources management for African countries.

⁴¹ Also see Part I of the present report.

Tsunami affected areas in Southern Thailand as well as slum areas and children in Bangkok⁴².

Regional implementation of the programme of work

- Participated in the Holcim Awards - Awarding of Prizes, Beijing, 21-23 September.

Preparation for GCSS-IX/GMEF

- Coorganized the Asia-Pacific Sub-regional Environmental Policy Dialogue (SEPD 3), with the National Environment Commission of Bhutan, Thimphu, 29-30 September. The Executive Director participated.

Bali Strategic Plan

- Received the Visit of Ms. Yuexin Du, Assistant Resident Representative of UNDP in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, to review a draft country programme document and formulate projects in the environment sector, Bangkok, 3 August;
- Discussed with the Asian Development Bank joint cooperation regarding Environment Knowledge Hub (eKH), Manila, 30-31 August;
- Visited the Philippines to discuss ongoing Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) projects and other related programme and activities, Manila, 30-31 August;
- Visited Nepal to discuss the collaboration with the Environment Ministry, South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) and King Mahendra Trust for Nature Conservation (KMTNC), Kathmandu, 17-18 August;
- Participated in the South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme (SACEP) Governing Council, Thimphu, 24-26 August.

Keeping the world environmental situation under review

- Deputy Executive Director participated in the Regional Ministerial Meeting on MDGs and discussed with the State Minister of Environment of Indonesia, President of the Governing Council, Jakarta, 3-5 August.

Other activities

- Participated in and provided sponsorships to various meetings at the regional level⁴³; and

- Participated in various meetings at the national level⁴⁴.

3. Regional Office for Europe

MEAs

- Organized and provided substantive inputs to a working meeting of Senior Representatives of the Caspian States on the preparation for the Meeting of Ministers and High-level officials of the Government/Contracting Parties to the Framework Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caspian Sea, Geneva, 4-5 July, which agreed on the draft Statement of the Meeting, tentatively scheduled for December 2005;
- Coorganized, with the Department of Environment of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Caspian Environmental Programme, and the UNECE Espoo Convention, a National Capacity Development/Training Workshop on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in a Transboundary context in the Caspian Sea Region, Gorgan, Iran, 11-12 July, and prepared background documentation;
- Hosted and provided substantive inputs to the Second Meeting of the Carpathians Environment Outlook (KEO) Steering Group, Vienna, 7-8 July; and held bilateral consultations with Austrian government officials, Vienna, 27 September;
- Held a Workshop on MEAs, Amman, 11-15 July.

⁴⁴ These meetings include: the International Symposium Environmental Law, attended by Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia, Thailand, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Nagoya, 8-12 July; the 2nd Regional Dialogue on Air Quality Management Initiatives and Programme in Asia, Bangkok, 12 July; the Greater Mekong Sub-region Strategic Environment Framework (GMS-SEF II) (National Environmental Performance Assessment Project) National Workshop III, Kunming, China, 8-10 August; the First North-East Asia Youth Environment Network Conference (1st Tunza-NEAYEN), Seoul, 10-12 August; the GMS-SEF II (National Environmental Performance Assessment Project) National Workshop III, Hanoi, 11-13 August; Project National workshop III of Cambodia, Phnom Penh, 15-17 August; GMS National Environmental Performance Assessment Project in Siem Reap, Cambodia, 16-17 August, and in Vientiane, 22-23 August; the Pacific Forum on Education for Sustainable Development, organized by SPREP, Suva and Sydney, 19-22 August; Society of Petroleum Engineers' Asia and Pacific Health, Safety and Environment Conference, Kuala Lumpur, 19-21 September; the Second Dialogue on Environmental Education (Asia Cooperation Dialogue and International Conference on Education for Sustainable Development), Tokyo, 20-22 September; the Experts group meeting: Transforming Industrial Energy Efficiency Markets in South East Asia, hosted by the Government of Thailand, Ministry of Industry, Department of Industrial Promotion in cooperation with UNIDO, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and the Alliance to Save Energy, Pattaya, 20-23 September; the Thailand UN Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) Retreat, organized by UNDP Thailand, UNEP being the chair of Thematic Working Group on Environment for Common Country Assessment (CCA), Hua Hin, 28-30 September.

⁴² A charity concert was organized in Bangkok to raise fund for tsunami victims.

⁴³ These meetings include the following: the Judges Symposium for Lao People's Democratic Republic, Vientiane, 16-19 July, attended by over 100 participants; the Partners Meeting for the Development of Environmental Knowledge Hub (eKH) for the Asia and the Pacific Region, Bangkok, 4-5 August; and the Planning Meeting on Environmental Health, jointly with WHO, Chulabhorn Research Institute and UNDP, Thailand, 11 August.

Water

- Participated in the International meeting of the Group of European Basin Organizations for the Implementation of the European Union Water Framework Directive, Namur, Belgium, 29 September-1 October; and exchanged experiences of relevant to the Black Sea LBS protocol and the Caspian Sea Framework Convention.

Forest-related issues

- Exchanged information on mandate, structure and activities of FAO, IUCN and UNEP and further explored possible collaboration and synergies with regard to policy options for an improved contribution of forest and land use to sustainable development in Eastern Europe, Sopron, Hungary, 17 August;
- Met with EUROMONTANA and FAO-SARD M representatives, Brussels, 25 August, on preparation for the upcoming conference *"Integrated Rural Development in the Mountain Areas of Central and Eastern Europe and the Balkans"*, to be held on 24-26 October 2005 in Slovakia;
- Within the framework of the Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy (PEBLDS), held discussions with the Chair of Expert Group 6 on the areas of forest, agricultural, fishery and aquaculture ecosystems, Amsterdam, 31 August, and participated in the 2nd Expert Group Meeting for the development and sustainable use of indicators, Vienna, 18-21 September; participated in the Expert Level Meeting of the Ministerial Conference for the Protection of Forests in Europe (MCPFE), Warsaw, 4-6 September; and organized the 12th Meeting of the PEBLDS Bureau, Geneva, 16 September.

Civil society, engagement of young people

- Participated in the World Youth day festival, Cologne, 18-20 August;
- Participated in the Workshop on youth participation in the European Environment and Health Committee (EEHC) and Children's Environment and Health Action Plan for Europe (CEHAPE) Task Force, Dublin, 27-28 September.

Further improvement of environmental emergency prevention, preparedness, assessment, response and mitigation

- Prepared background documentation and chaired the Management Board and Advisory Board meeting of the Environment and Security (ENVSEC) Initiative and held negotiations with the Initiative's National Focal Points and donor countries, Bratislava, 27-30 September.

Promotion of sustainable consumption and production patterns

- Participated in the 2005 Annual General Meeting of the Northern Alliance for Sustainability

(ANPED), and ANPED Working Group sessions and discussion on Sustainable Development and Sustainable Production and Consumption (SCP); and provided input to NGOs strategies and project proposals on SCP in the Pan-European region, Sofia, 9-13 September.

Other major activities

- UNEP-Brussels carried out various liaison activities with the European Union and its institutions, including holding contacts/meetings with EU officials, and international organizations in Brussels; as well as production of four issues of EU Environment News;
- UNEP-Moscow carried out various liaison activities with Russian Federation authorities and organizations, including, among others, consultations with the Ministry of Natural Resources on the Programme of cooperation, discussions with the State Duma, NGOs, and the Centre for International Projects;
- Deputy Executive Director held bilateral meetings with the ministries of Foreign Affairs and of Environment of Finland, and contributed to the course on International Environmental Law-making and Diplomacy at the University of Joensuu, Helsinki and Joensuu, 14-17 August; and
- Participated in several other events⁴⁵ and held briefings⁴⁶ for various audiences.

4. Regional Office for Latin America and the CaribbeanAssessment and early-warning

- Organized, in cooperation with GEO Collaborating Centre in Uruguay, CLAES, the Regional Training and Planning Workshop for GEO, 4-8 August;

⁴⁵ These events include the following: Roundtable on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the Secretary General's Reform with presentations by UNDP, UNEP, WHO, UNCTAD, IUCN, NSD, UN/NGLS, attended by over 100 participants from Permanent Missions in Geneva, UN agencies and civil society, Geneva, 12 September; Course on "International Environmental Policy Making" delivered to 30 students of the University of Geneva in the framework of the MBA on international organizations, 14 September; Delivery of a speech on *"Tourism for environmental management"* at the University of Geneva during the International Congress *"Sustainable Management in Action"* (SMIA 05) and distributed new UNEP publications, Geneva, 19-20 September.; and the XIV General Assembly of Ministers and Highest authorities of the Housing; X Latin American Forum of Housing and Urban Development, Caceres, Spain, 19-21 September.

⁴⁶ Presentation by GEN members to 25 law graduate students from the American University of Washington DC, Geneva, 5 July; Presentation on UNEP activities to 106 students from the Paris-based *Association Culturelle d'Etudes Européennes*, Geneva, 22 September; and Briefing to a 4-member delegation from the Permanent Mission of Senegal and the Senegalese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Geneva. 1 September.

- In cooperation with the School of Architecture and Urbanism of the National University of Tucuman, Argentina, organized the review and validation workshop of the GEO San Miguel de Tucuman Report, 5-6 July, attended by representatives of different sectors, including the Ministry of Public Health and the Social Development Directorate, municipal entities, academic institutions such as the Faculty of Economic Sciences of the History Institute, the Natural Sciences Faculty of the Engineering School and the Regional Technological University, the private sector and the media;
- Held the second Regional Meeting for GEO for Youth in Latin America and the Caribbean, Lima, 18-22 July, which discussed the results of the GEO for Youth LAC project and a long-term strategy;
- At the request by the Government of Honduras, organized the Capacity Building Training Workshop on Scenarios, Tegucigalpa, 18-22 July, as part of the GEO Honduras process, conducted by two facilitators from the Tellus Institute/Stockholm Environment Institute, Boston, and two Mexican government officers, who developed the scenarios chapters of the GEO Mexico report;
- Held a Meeting with representatives of the Partnership 21 (Instituto de Estudios de la Religion -ISER, Instituto Brasileiro IBAM IBAM Instituto Brasileiro de Administracao Municipal Rede de Desenvolvimento Humano REDEH) and UN-HABITAT, Rio de Janeiro, July, to discuss the implementation of the GEO Cities Project in the municipalities of Beberibe, Piranhas, Marabá and Ponta Porã;
- In cooperation with the Ministry of Environment and the Brazilian Institute for Natural Resources (IBAMA), initiated the preparations for GEO Brazil II;
- In cooperation with the Brazilian Ministry of the Environment and the Latin American Center of Social Ecology (CLAES), undertook the Brazilian consultation on a GEO-Mercosur process, Brasilia, 29-30 September.

Climate and atmosphere

- Supported the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre in Belize for institutional strengthening, including support to the regional Symposium on Information Sharing in Climate Change and Sustainable Development Issues, Belmopan, 12-14 September.

Forest-related issues

- Organized, in cooperation with Centro de Educación y Capacitación para el Desarrollo Sustentable (CECADESU), Cuban Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment, the Workshop Water, Soil and Forest, an inseparable Triad, Mexico City, 8-12 August, attended by CSOs representatives.

Sustainable consumption and production patterns

- Held the Third Regional Meeting of Government's Experts on Sustainable Production and Consumption in Latin America and the Caribbean, Managua, 3-5 August, which discussed a regional action plan on technical assistance to be provided by UNEP;
- Organized the ceremony for the signature of the International Declaration on Cleaner Production, São Paulo, 14 September; and the course on Environment, Social Communications and Access to Information, Mexico City, 23-26 August.

Engaging business and industry

- In cooperation with Empresas Públicas de Medellín, organized the International Environmental Video & Documentary Festival, Medellín, Colombia, at El Parque de los Deseos, August; the opening ceremony drew more than 300 participants.

SIDS

- Visited Grenada, 15-19 August, to work with the Government of Grenada and relevant stakeholders in respect of the UNEP/EU project on Rehabilitation of Five Critical Watershed Areas in Grenada and the National Action Plan under UNCCD;
- Visited Dominica to discuss with the Government of Dominica the project Transforming Dominica into an Organic Island.

International year of deserts and desertification

- Participated in the meeting of the Brazilian Focal Point for UNCCD on the implementation of the National Desertification Plan, 10 August;
- Worked with the International Mexican Posters Biennial to include the issues "International Year on Desert and Desertification", topic in the announcement of the 2006 Biennial.

Environment and cultural diversity

- Participated in various meetings on indigenous issues: These meetings include a meeting in Panama City, 19-23 September; Inter Agency Support Group for Indigenous Issues, 19-21 September, focussing on coordinating the work of different United Nations agencies for indigenous peoples; and Workshop on Traditional Knowledge, the United Nations and Indigenous People, 21-23 September.

Governance and law

- Held the Latin American Regional Seminar on Law and Environmental Policies Training, Panama City, 25 July-5 August, addressing law operators to solve legal aspects of environmental conflicts and eventualities.

Regional implementation of the programme of work

- Coordinated with the Ministry of Environment in Caracas in preparation for the Meeting of the

Forum of Ministers for the Environment from Latin America and the Caribbean.

5. Regional Office for North America

Assessment and early-warning

- Discussed with the Matt Varilek, Staff Director of Honourable Senator Tim Johnson, the possibility of establishing a training programme in cooperation with USGS and South Dakota State University (SDSU) on integrated trend analysis for developing countries, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 3 August.

Chemicals

- Met with representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency and State Department of the United States of America to discuss methyl bromide and the Green Customs Infrastructure, Washington D.C., 29 September;
- Met with L. Greer, Scientist and Head of Mercury programme at Natural Resources Defense Council to facilitate partnerships and collaborative activities among UNEP, the Governments of Canada and the United States, civil society organizations as well as multilateral institutions in the region, Washington D.C., 27 July.

Promotion of sustainable consumption and production patterns, as well as engagement of business and industry

- Organized the first Advisory Board meeting for the Solar and Wind Energy Resource Assessment (SWERA) project⁴⁷, Washington D.C., 15 September; and also organized relevant meetings on SWERA with the National Security, Environment & Safety, United States Telecom Association and the United States State Department; Washington D.C., 13-16 September;
- Participated in the 2nd Expert Group Meeting for the Principles of Responsible Investment, Toronto, Canada, 15-16 September.

Civil society

- Met with the Austin Earth Council Alliance and Austin's Collective Strength to discuss hosting by Austin, Texas, of the World Environment Activities of next year, Washington D.C., 4 August;
- In cooperation with major international CSOs in the region⁴⁸, hosted the Green Room at the 2005

World Summit, New York, 12-16 September, to raise the profile of environmental issues at the Summit;

- Discussed with Kathleen Rogers of Earth Day on the idea of integrating Earth Day and WED, Washington D.C., 19 September;
- Met with interested NGOs to promote cooperation with Council on green building, Washington D.C., 22 September, in an effort to reactivate the green building programme.

Engagement and involvement of young people

- Held meetings with officers of Taking IT Global to discuss use of web in outreach to youth, in conjunction with the Decade of Education on Sustainable Development (DESD), Toronto, Canada, 12 September; and
- Met with Janet Freimuth, Executive Director of International Coalition for Children and the Environment (ICCE), to identify areas of collaboration to strengthen outreach to children and youth, especially to indigenous youth, Washington D.C., 27 September.

Other major activities

- Delivered a speech at the launch of the *One Planet, Many People: Atlas of Our Changing Environment*, at the United States Geological Survey (USGS) National Center for Earth Resources Observation and Science (EROS)⁴⁹, Sioux Falls, 7 July;
- Participated in the Sundance Summit, Sunday, 10-12 July, hosted by Robert Redford, Mayor Rocky Anderson of Salt Lake City, Utah, and ICLEI, and delivered a speech on international environmental policy addressing global climate change and follow-up on the actions of World Environment Day⁵⁰;
- Met with Cristian Samper, Director, Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institute, Washington D.C., 26 July, which resulted in identifying potential opportunities for collaboration with the Governments and other institutions⁵¹;
- Met with senior officials of the United States Department of State to discuss among others the preparation for GCSS-IX/GMEF, Washington D.C., 2 August;
- Delivered a keynote address at the Environmental Protection Agency's international group on

⁴⁷ The purposes of the meeting were to: 1) raise the profile of the project; 2) stimulate the use of the SWERA products among end-using organizations; 3) stimulate financial investment in the SWERA project for continuation and expansion of the project; 4) promote, generate and maintain support for UNEP from North American governments and CSOs; 5) facilitate partnerships and collaborative activities; and 6) enhance the profile of UNEP in North America.

⁴⁸ Partners included Conservation International, the Nature Conservancy, the UN Foundation and Worldwatch Institute.

⁴⁹ South Dakota Senators Tim Johnson and John Thune, and Congresswoman Stephanie Herseth. Community and educational leaders from the state also attended.

⁵⁰ Several mayors who attended the San Francisco celebration were also in attendance at the Summit.

⁵¹ One of the identified opportunities is the possibility for the development of an exhibit based on Atlas of Our Changing Environment in the Museum of Natural History.

environmental technology verification,
Washington D.C., 13 July.

6. Regional Office for West Asia

Assessment and early-warning

- Held the West Asia First Production and Authors Meeting for GEO-4, to discuss the outline of the West Asia section, and various roles to the collaborating centres in the region, Manama, 29-31 August;
- Provided support to the Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME), for the preparation of their State of the Marine Environment report; and continued the coordination of the Arab Millennium Ecosystem Sub-Global Assessment in three sites in the Arab region⁵².

Post-conflict environmental assessment

- Met with the Iraqi Minister of Environment to discuss UNEP's activities in Iraq, Jordan, 8-9 July;
- Held the Policy and Action Planning Workshop (Risk Assessment and Remediation), aiming to build capacity of Iraqi experts on site assessment, risk assessment, remediation and hazardous waste management, Amman, 22-24 August;
- Participated in the Technical Meeting on the Post Disengagement Audit of the Occupied Palestinian Territories, and provided information on the methods for field assessment of industrial sites, Geneva, 6 September; UNEP will provide backstopping support to the audit.

Climate change and atmosphere

- In partnership with the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) and the Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for the Environment (CAMRE), organized the Arab Regional Conference on Energy for Sustainable Development: Progress Achieved and Environmental Issues, Cairo, 10-12 September.

MEAs

- Participated in the Regional Symposium on the Adequacy of Arab Legislations Concerning Waste and Chemical Management and the 18th Meeting of Arab Technical Team concerned with MEAs relevant to chemicals and wastes, Cairo, 13-15 September;
- Organized and the "Roundtable Meeting on Halon Management for Civil Aviation and Airline Companies, held back to back with the 2005

Follow-up Meeting of ODS Officers for West Asia Network, Manama, 26-29 September.

Preparation for GCSS-IX/GMEF and the associated meetings, and other major activities

- Met with the Emirates Diving Association, who are the Secretariat for the organization of the seventh Global Civil Society Forum, United Arab Emirates, 4 July;
- Participated in the Technical Advisory Committee Meeting for the Zayed International Prize for the Environment to discuss the selection of the Third Cycle Prize Winners, United Arab Emirates, 20-21 July;
- Met with the Organizing Committee of the SYRENVIRO 2006 Conference and Exhibition, taking place in April 2006, of which UNEP is a major sponsor and organizer of technical workshops, and will be an exhibitor, Damascus, 28 August;
- Participated in the Environment Round Table for Arab States, with a particular emphasis on the establishment of a funding mechanism for projects in the region, Lebanon, 6-8 September;
- Participated in and/or provided sponsorship to various regional meetings⁵³;
- Participated in various national meetings⁵⁴.

J. GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY

39. In connection with decision 22/19, for the period 1 July and 30 September 2005, four UNEP/GEF

⁵³ These meetings include the following: the 11th Regional Meeting of the Arab International Hydrological Programme (IHP) National Committee, Damascus, 25-27 September; the Meeting of Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP) Focal Points to develop and elaborate areas of joint programming with MAP, Athens, 21-24 September; the Expert Group Meeting on Reversing Land Degradation: Issues and Options, Beirut, 25-27 July; the Meeting of the Regional Centre of the Basel Convention and presented on technical guidance on the management of ODS waste, Amman, 28-30 August; meeting with Energy and Research Institute (TERI) of Delhi to discuss a research project being undertaken in association with the Gulf Research Centre, Bahrain, 18 July, Bahrain; the Conference on Sustainable Development of the Syrian Coast, Syria, 27-29 September; and the Roundtable Meeting on Halon Management for Civil Aviations and Airline Companies, held back to back with the 2005 Follow-up Meeting of ODS Officers for West Asia Network, Manama, 26-29 September.

⁵⁴ These meetings include the following: the Jordanian National Halon Workshop providing guidance on the development of the national Halon Bank, Amman, 15-17 August; a one day meeting for the Chillers sector stakeholders, in cooperation with the National Ozone Unit of Bahrain, 23 August; and the meeting with the Under Secretary of Agriculture, Ministry of Commerce and Agriculture of Bahrain to discuss the preparation of the National Action Plan (NAP) under UNCCD, Bahrain, 6 September.

⁵² Other activities in this area include the following: Continued to provide technical support to countries preparing the national environment outlook reports; Completed the development of knowledge bases for integrated environmental assessment for the 12 countries in the region; Continued the distribution of the national Landsat data to countries in the region for 1990 and 2000.

medium-sized projects, three Project Development Facility (PDF) Block B grants to develop full-size projects, and five national enabling activities were approved by the GEF Chief Executive Officer (CEO). In addition UNEP approved eight PDFA grants to develop medium sized projects and one PDFA grant to develop a full size project⁵⁵.

⁵⁵ The projects approved are as follow:

Medium Sized Projects

- Biodiversity, Latin America (Belize, Ecuador): *"Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation into Tourism through the Development and Dissemination of Best Practices"*. GEF grant, US\$997,272; total project cost, US\$2,307,974.
- Biodiversity, Global: *"Knowledge Base for Lessons Learned and Best Practices in the Management of Coral Reefs"*. GEF grant, US\$965,000; total project cost, US\$1,889,000.
- Biodiversity, Global: *"Indigenous Peoples' Network for Change"*. GEF grant US\$938,844; total project cost, US\$1,438,737.
- Biodiversity, Multi-country, (Cameroon, Tanzania, Fiji, India): *"Coastal Resilience to Climate Change: Developing a Generalizable Method for Assessing Vulnerability and Adaptation of Mangroves and Associated Ecosystems"*. GEF grant, US\$1,000,000; total project cost, US\$2,000,000.

PDF Block B grants

- Climate Change, Regional (Burundi, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia): *"Greening the Tea Industry in East Africa"*. GEF grant, US\$ 569,400.
- Climate Change, Regional (Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda): *"Cogen for Africa"*. GEF grant, US\$ 367,400.
- International Waters, Regional (China, Mongolia, Russian Federation): *"Integrated Management of the Amur/Heilong River Basin"*. GEF grant, US\$ 650,000.

Enabling Activities

- Multi-Focal, Barbados: *"National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment for Global Environmental Management – Barbados"*. GEF grant, US\$209,500.
- Biodiversity, Russian Federation: *"Development of National Biodiversity CHM Project"*. GEF grant, US\$375,190.
- Biodiversity, Democratic People's Republic of Korea: *"Updating of NBSAP, Preparation of 2nd National Reports, and Establishment of a National Clearing House Mechanism (CHM)"*. GEF grant, US\$130,000.
- Persistent Organic Pollutants, Guinea: *"Development of a National Plan for Implementation of the Stockholm Convention on POPs in Guinea – supplementary budget request"*. GEF grant, US\$75,000.
- Persistent Organic Pollutants, Ecuador: *"Development of a National Plan for Implementation of the Stockholm Convention on POPs in Ecuador - supplementary budget request"*. GEF grant, US\$45,000.

PDF Block A grants*

Corporate support to GEF

40. UNEP continued to provide corporate support to the GEF, including inputs to the preparation of policy and business papers for the November 2005 GEF Council meeting and to the GEF monitoring and evaluation studies and reviews.

41. In this regard, UNEP participated in the following meetings: the special meeting of the GEF Council, Washington D.C., 31 August -2 September; the meeting on the fourth replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund, Washington D.C., 2 September; as well as the regular meetings of the GEF Executive Coordinators, the GEF Operations Committee and regular meetings of the GEF inter-agency task forces for each of the GEF focal areas and on cross-cutting issues. UNEP participated in the GEF National Dialogue Initiative, including the Dialogue held with Jordan. UNEP also participated in preparations for GEF outreach events for the UNCCD COP7.

Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP)

42. UNEP continued to provide support to the Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) of GEF, through its secretariat co-located in Nairobi and Washington D.C. Activities in this regard include: held a STAP workshop on biofuels, New Delhi, 29 August-1 September; and commissioned background studies; and prepared for a STAP writing workshop on trans-

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- International Waters, Africa (Benin, Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria and Togo): *Joint Management of Transboundary Coastal Aquifer Resources in the Gulf of Guinea*.
 - International Waters: *Promoting the Sustainable and Strategic Utilization of the Transboundary Groundwaters of Hispaniola: the Artibonito Intermountain Aquifer and the Masacre Coastal Aquifer Systems*.
 - Biodiversity, Africa (Tanzania, Zambia, Ethiopia): *Financing Africa's natural ecosystems: Developing and piloting alternative financial and institutional models of ecosystem management*.
 - Biodiversity, Indonesia: *Piloting Sustainable Finance in Bunaken National Park*.
 - Biodiversity, Peru: *Children's Lands: promoting an innovative type of Protected Area with the active participation of Children*.
 - Biodiversity, Dominican Republic: *Piloting an approach to promoting sustainability of protected areas: The case of Las Neblinas Reserve*.
 - Land Degradation, Democratic People's Republic of Korea: *Capacity-building and Demonstration in Integrated Land Use Management*.
 - Land Degradation, (El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua): *Sustainable Land Management in Watersheds Draining to the Gulf of Fonseca*.
 - Land Degradation, (Lao PDR, Thailand, China): *Sustainable Land Management in Mountainous Regions: Thailand, Lao PDR and China (Yunnan Province)*.

* \$25,000 each.

genic fish and the 7th meeting of STAP-III, both to be held in October 2005.

Support to Africa

43. UNEP continued the implementation of the UNEP/GEF medium-sized project (MSP), "*Capacity-building Programme for the Development of Sub-Regional Environmental Action Plans of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)*", entering its second year. Consultative meetings of experts to develop subregional environmental action plans were held for Northern Africa, under the aegis of the Arab Maghreb Union (UMA), Algiers, 3–7 July, and for Southern Africa, under the aegis of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), Gaborone, 12–16 July. A parallel activity funded by the government of Belgium, "*Capacity building to alleviate poverty through synergistic implementation of the Rio Conventions*", in Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda, also progressed in implementation⁵⁶.

February 2006, and the associated meetings, namely the International Conference on Chemicals Management and the seventh Global Civil Society Forum, to be held on 4-6 February and 5-6 February 2006, respectively, including the logistical arrangements in cooperation with the host Government, the United Arab Emirates, and the substantive preparations, in consultation with the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UNEP.

K. Inter-agency coordination⁵⁷

44. As part of its efforts in inter-agency coordination, UNEP continued to participate in the inter-agency process (meetings on 15 July and 28 September) aimed at ensuring a coordinated follow up and review, in 2006, of the Brussels Programme of Action for Least Developed Countries. UNEP participated in various United Nations Development Group (UNDG) working groups and task forces, including those on capacity-building, civil society, gender equality and enhancement of the involvement of non-resident agencies in the United Nations country level activities⁵⁸.

L. PREPARATION FOR THE NINTH SPECIAL SESSION AND THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL/GLOBAL MINISTERIAL ENVIRONMENT FORUM

45. In keeping with decision 23/12 (Provisional agendas, dates and venues of the ninth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum and the twenty-fourth session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum), UNEP continued the preparation for the ninth special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum, to be held on 7-9

⁵⁶ Experience gained through this initiative will be extended to other African countries through funding provided by the government of Norway.

⁵⁷ Information of relevance to the Environmental Management Group and activities of relevance to intergovernmental meetings is found in documents UNEP/GCSS.IX/3 and UNEP/GCSS.IX/8, respectively.

⁵⁸ Regional Offices contributed to the preparation of common country assessments (CCAs) in various countries, including Brazil, Moldova, and Thailand, as well as in the needs-assessment for Sudan. Preparations were made for participation in the needs assessment for Somalia.

Appendix

List of UNEP/GEF projects approved between 1 November 2004 and 30 September 2005

Participating Countries	IA	Focal Area	OP	Project Type	Project Title	GEF Approval Date	GEF Grant \$M	Cofinance \$M	Total Project Cost \$M	Executing Agency
Bosnia and Herzegovina	UNEP	Biodiversity	EA	EA	Biodiversity Enabling Activity: Additional Funding for Assessment of Capacity - building Needs for Biodiversity, Participation in the CHM and Preparation of a Second National Report	06-Dec-04	0.288	0.037	0.325	Federal Ministry of Physical Planning and Environment (FMPPE)
Costa Rica	UNEP	Persistent Organic Pollutants	EA	EA	Enabling activities for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs): National Implementation Plan for Costa Rica	10-Dec-04	0.451	0.025	0.476	Costa Rica: National POPs Commission (which is technically directed by the Department of Management of Environmental Quality (DIGECA) of the Ministry of Environment and Energy of Costa Rica (MINAE))
Brazil, Mexico, Cameroon	UNEP	Biodiversity	3	MSP	Improved certification schemes for sustainable tropical forest management	10-Jan-05	0.987	0.467	1.454	Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR); Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) International Centre; ProForest; Forest Stewardship Council National Initiative of Brazil, Forest Stewardship Council Regional Office in Cameroon, Forest Stewardship Council National Initiative in Mexico
Colombia, Tanzania	UNEP	Climate Change	11	MSP	Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions with Bus Rapid Transit	07-Feb-05	1.000	2.923	3.923	Institute for Transportation & Development Policy (ITDP)
Tuvalu	UNEP	Persistent Organic Pollutants	EA	EA	Enabling Activity for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs): National Implementation Plan for Tuvalu	17-Feb-05	0.221	0.020	0.241	Tuvalu: Office of the Prime Minister
Global	UNEP	Climate Change	6	MSP	Assessment of Risk Management Instruments for Financing Renewable Energy Projects	24-Feb-05	0.994	0.492	1.486	UNEP Division of Technology Industry and Economics (DTIE)
Dominica	UNEP	Persistent Organic Pollutants	EA	EA	Enabling Activities for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs): The Development of a National Implementation Plan for the Commonwealth of Dominica	03-Mar-05	0.259	0.072	0.331	Dominica: Ministry of Agriculture and Environment
Uganda	UNEP	Persistent Organic Pollutants	EA	EA	Enabling activities for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs): National Implementation Plan for Uganda	09-Mar-05	0.493	0.040	0.533	Uganda: National Environment Management Authority (NEMA)
Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland	UNEP	Biodiversity	3,4	MSP	Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biodiversity through Sound Tourism Development in Biosphere Reserves in Central and Eastern Europe	10-Mar-05	0.967	1.179	2.146	Ecological Tourism in Europe (ETE)
Russian Federation	UNEP	Persistent Organic Pollutants	EA	PDFB	Building the capacity of the Russian Federation to implement the Stockholm Convention on POPs and develop a National Implementation Plan	16-Mar-05	0.350	0.120	0.470	Ministry of Natural Resources of the Russian Federation, Autonomous Non-Profit Organization "Centre for International Projects"

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South Africa	IBRD/ UNEP	Ozone	ST RM	PDFB	National Sector Phaseout Strategy for Methyl Bromide	16-Mar-05	0.350	0.055	0.405	South Africa: Ministry of Environment, Ozone Unit
Global	UNEP	Biodiversity	EA	MSP	UNEP Support to CBD Parties for Preparation of 3rd National Reports to the CoP of CBD	17-Mar-05	1.000	0.000	1.000	UNEP-DGEF and National Agencies
Brazil, Ghana, India, Madagascar, Malaysia	UNEP	Biodiversity	3	PDFA	Whole forest observatories: An international network for monitoring canopy biodiversity and global climate change	31-Mar-05	0.025	0.000	0.025	Global Canopy Foundation and The Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute
Barbados	UNEP	Biodiversity	EA	EA	Assessment of Capacity Building Needs and Country Specific Priorities in the Conservation of Biodiversity, and Participation in the National Clearing House Mechanism	01-Apr-05	0.287	0.058	0.345	Barbados: Ministry of Housing, Lands and the Environment
Turkey	UNEP	Biodiversity	EA	EA	Consultation for National Reporting, Participation in the National Clearing House Mechanism and Further Development of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)	01-Apr-05	0.365	0.095	0.460	Turkey: General Directorate of Nature Protection & National Parks, Department of Nature Conservation, Ministry of Environment & Forestry
Ethiopia, Ghana, Uganda, Zambia	UNEP	Biodiversity	1,2 ,3	FP	Removing Barriers to Invasive Plant Management in Africa	06-Apr-05	5.725	6.174	11.899	Ethiopian Agricultural Research Organisation, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Ghana, National Environment Management Authority, Uganda, Environmental Council of Zambia, CAB International (CABI), and The World Conservation Union (IUCN)
Panama	UNEP	Persistent Organic Pollutants	EA	EA	Enabling activities for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs): National Implementation Plan for Panama	21-Apr-05	0.372	0.040	0.412	Panama: Ministry of Health, General Sub-directorate for Environmental Health
Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, Venezuela	UNEP	International Waters	9	PDFB	Integrated and Sustainable Management of Transboundary Water Resources in the Amazon River Basin	09-May-05	0.700	0.750	1.450	Regional Executing Agency: General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS). Local Executing Agencies: Organization of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (OTCA), in cooperation with the following national institutions. Bolivia: National Hydrology and Meteorology Service. Brazil: National Water Agency/Ministry of the Environment (ANA/MMA). Colombia: Institute of Hydrology, Meteorology, and Environmental Studies. Ecuador: National Water Resources Board. Guyana: Guyana Water Authority. Peru: National Institute of Natural Resources (INRENA). Suriname: Ministry of Public Works/Hydraulic Research Division. Venezuela: Directorate of Hydrographic Basins/Ministry of Environment.
Burkina Faso, Kenya	UNEP	Biodiversity	13	MSP	Dryland Livestock Wildlife Environment Interface Project "DLWEIP"	11-May-05	1.000	2.356	3.356	AU-IBAR

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Russian Federation, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan	UNEP	Biodiversity	1,2,3,4	MSP	Strengthening the Network of Training Centers for Protected Area Management through Demonstration of a Tested Approach	11-May-05	1.000	1.368	2.368	Zapovedniks Environmental Education Center
Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay	UNEP	Land Degradation	15	PDFB	Sustainable Land Management in the Transboundary Gran Chaco American Ecosystem	19-May-05	0.500	0.845	1.345	Organization of American States (OAS) in collaboration with the Environment and Sustainable Development Secretariat (Ministry of Health and Environment, Argentina); General Directorate for Land and Basins Classification (Ministry of Environment, Bolivia); Environment Secretariat (Ministry of Environment, Paraguay)
Global	UNEP/IBRD/UNDP/UNIDO/FAO	Persistent Organic Pollutants	14	PDFB	Capacity Building by Exchange of Lessons Learned on POPs Enabling Activities through Regional Networks	31-May-05	0.334	0.185	0.519	UNITAR and other international organizations assisting POPs enabling activities
Bulgaria, Moldova, Romania, Ukraine	UNEP	Multi-Focal	2,9	PDFA	Promoting Payments for Environmental Services (PES) and Related Sustainable Financing Schemes in the Danube Basin, particularly in the Lower Danube and Danube Delta sub-basins	03-Jun-05	0.025	0.025	0.050	WWF
Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela, Peru	UNEP	Biodiversity	4,1	FP	Conservation of the Biodiversity of the Paramo in the Northern and Central Andes	08-Jun-05	8.859	11.532	20.391	Consorcio para el Desarrollo Sostenible de la Ecorregión Andina - Consortium for the Sustainable Development of the Andean Ecoregion (CONDESAN)
Ethiopia, Eritrea, Madagascar, Namibia, South Africa	UNEP	Persistent Organic Pollutants	14	FP	Demonstrating cost-effectiveness and sustainability of environmentally sound and locally appropriate alternatives to DDT for malaria control in Africa	08-Jun-05	5.869	5.989	11.856	World Health Organization, Ministries of Health of the participating countries
Benin, Guinea, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal	UNEP	International Waters & Persistent Organic Pollutants	10,14	FP	Reducing Dependence on POPs and other Agro-Chemicals in the Senegal and Niger River Basins through Integrated Production, Pest and Pollution Management	08-Jun-05	4.478	4.828	9.305	UN Food & Agriculture Organisation (FAO)
Cameroon, Tanzania, Zambia, Cambodia, Indonesia, Thailand, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama	UNEP	Climate Change	6	FP	Renewable Energy Enterprise Development – Seed Capital Access Facility	08-Jun-05	8.700	40.500	49.200	E+Co Africa, National Investment Corporation (Cameroon), Special Fund for Equipment and Inter-Commune Intervention (Cameroon), Emerging Power Partners Ltd, FE Clean Energy, Electricity Authority of Cambodia, SME Cambodia, UNEP DTIE
Chile	UNEP	Persistent Organic Pollutants	EA	EA	Development of National Implementation Plans for the Management of Persistent Organic Pollutants - Chile "add-on"	14-Jun-05	0.054	0.019	0.054	Chile: Environmental Commission of Chile

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Global (pilot activities: Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Gabon, Madagascar, Morocco, PDR Lao, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sri Lanka, Turkey)	UNEP	Biodiversity	1-4	PDFB	Implementing the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation: identification of threatened plant species and protection of important plant areas in ten priority countries	14-Jun-05	0.350	0.226	0.576	IUCN and Plantlife International in partnership with national agencies
Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Surinam	UNEP	Biodiversity	1,2,3,4	PDFA	Generation and Dissemination of Conservation Finance Related Best Practices generated by Environmental Funds (EFs) in Latin America	16-Jun-05	0.025	0.032	0.057	Peruvian Trust Fund for National Parks and Protected Areas (PROFANAPE) on behalf of the Latin America and Caribbean Network of Environmental Funds (RedLAC)
Senegal, Mali and Mauritania	UNEP	Climate Change	5	PDFA	Regional Energy Efficiency Service Market Development in West Africa	23-Jun-05	0.025	0.042	0.067	IEPF in close collaboration with national executing agencies. Mali: National Directorate of Energy (Ministry of Mines, Energy and Water); Islamic Republic of Mauritania: Directorate of Energy (Ministry of Hydraulic and Energy); Senegal: Directorate of Energy (Ministry of Energy and Mines)
Bulgaria	UNEP	Persistent Organic Pollutants	EA	EA	Development of National Implementation Plans for the Management of Persistent Organic Pollutants - Bulgaria "add-on"	27-Jun-05	0.144	0.019	0.144	Bulgaria: Ministry of Environment and Water, Republic of Bulgaria
Namibia	UNEP	Biodiversity	EA	EA	Add on: Assessment of Capacity Building Needs to Conserve Biological Diversity in Namibia	28-Jun-05	0.208	0.064	0.208	Namibia: Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET)
Barbados	UNEP	Multi-Focal	EA	EA	National Capacity Needs Self-Assessment for Global Environmental Management – Barbados	19-Jul-05	0.210	0.037	0.247	Barbados: Ministry of Housing, Lands and the Environment
China, Mongolia, Russian Federation	UNEP	International Waters	9	PDFB	Integrated Management of the Amur/Heilong River Basin	22-Jul-05	0.650	0.628	1.278	China: State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA); Russian Federation: Ministry of Natural Resources; Mongolia: Ministry for Nature and the Environment
Benin, Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Togo	UNEP	International Waters	9	PDFA	Joint Management of Transboundary Coastal Aquifer Resources in the Gulf of Guinea	25-Jul-05	0.025	0.030	0.055	UNESCO
Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda	UNEP	Climate Change	6,5	PDFB	Cogen for Africa	01-Aug-05	0.367	0.417	0.784	African Energy Research Policy Network (AFREPREN)
El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua	UNEP	Land Degradation	15	PDFA	Sustainable Land Management in Watersheds Draining to the Gulf of Fonseca	02-Aug-05	0.025	0.052	0.077	Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE)
Russian Federation	UNEP	Biodiversity	EA	EA	Development of National Biodiversity CHM Project	03-Aug-05	0.375	0.025	0.400	Russian Federation: Biodiversity Conservation Center (BCC)

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Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	UNEP	Biodiversity	EA	EA	Updating of NBSAP, Preparation of 2nd National Reports, and Establishment of a National Clearing House Mechanism (CHM)	05-Aug-05	0.130	0.075	0.205	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of: National Coordinating Committee for Environment
Guinea	UNEP	Persistent Organic Pollutants	EA	EA	Development of a National Plan for Implementation of the Stockholm Convention on POPs in Guinea – supplementary budget request	05-Aug-05	0.075	0.019	0.094	Guinea: Ministry of Mines, Geology and Environment
Burundi, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe	UNEP	Climate Change	6	PDFB	Greening the Tea Industry in East Africa	09-Aug-05	0.569	0.818	1.387	East African Tea Trade Association (EATTA)
Peru	UNEP	Biodiversity	1,2,3,4	PDFA	Children's Lands: promoting an innovative type of Protected Area with the active participation of Children	09-Aug-05	0.020	0.003	0.023	Asociacion para la Niñez y su Ambiente (ANIA)
Tanzania, Zambia, Ethiopia	UNEP	Biodiversity	4,1	PDFA	Financing Africa's natural ecosystems: Developing and piloting alternative financial and institutional models of ecosystem management	11-Aug-05	0.025	0.015	0.040	Frankfurt Zoological Society (FZS); Tanzania National Parks Authority (TANAPA); Zambia Wildlife Authority (ZAWA); Rural Land & Natural Resources Administration Authority, Oromia, Ethiopia; Conservation Development Centre (CDC)
Belize, Ecuador	UNEP	Biodiversity		MSP	Mainstreaming Biodiversity Conservation into Tourism through the Development and Dissemination of Best Practices	16-Aug-05	0.997	1.311	2.308	Rainforest Alliance in cooperation with Conservation International-Center for Environmental Leadership in Business (CELB), Programme for Belize, CI/Ecuador, and Ecuadorian Ecotourism Association (ASEC) for Ecuador
Lao PDR, Thailand, China	UNEP	Land Degradation	15	PDFA	Sustainable Land Management in mountainous regions: Thailand, Lao PDR and China (Yunnan Province)	19-Aug-05	0.045	0.052	0.097	United Nations University (UNU) in collaboration with the Chiang Mai University (Thailand), the National Agriculture and Forestry Research Institute (Lao PDR), Yunnan University (China) and Kyoto University (Japan)
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	UNEP	Land Degradation	15	PDFA	Capacity-building and Demonstration in Integrated Land Use Management	21-Aug-05	0.025	0.008	0.033	Ministry of Land and Environment Protection
Global	UNEP	Biodiversity		MSP	Indigenous Peoples' Network for Change	26-Aug-05	0.939	0.500	1.439	International Alliance of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of the Tropical Forests IAITPTF)
Global	UNEP	Biodiversity		MSP	Knowledge Base for Lessons Learned and Best Practices in the Management of Coral Reefs	06-Sep-05	0.965	0.949	1.889	WorldFish Centre
Indonesia	UNEP	Biodiversity		PDFA	Piloting Sustainable Finance in Bunaken National Park	06-Sep-05	0.025	0.023	0.048	Bunaken National Park Management Advisory Board
Ecuador	UNEP	Persistent Organic Pollutants	EA	EA	Development of a National Plan for Implementation of the Stockholm Convention on POPs in Ecuador - supplementary budget request	12-Sep-05	0.045	0.019	0.064	Ecuador: Ministry of the Environment

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Dominican Republic, Haiti	UNEP	International Waters	9	PDFA	Promoting the Sustainable and Strategic Utilization of the Transboundary Groundwaters of Hispaniola: the Artibonito Intermountain Aquifer and the Masacre Coastal Aquifer Systems	13-Sep-05	0.050	0.030	0.080	General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/ OAS)
Dominican Republic	UNEP	Biodiversity	4	PDFA	Piloting an Approach to Promoting Sustainability of Protected Areas: The Case of Las Neblinas Reserve	15-Sep-05	0.025	0.029	0.054	Centro para el Desarrollo Agropecuario y Forestal, Inc. (CEDAF)
Cameroon, Tanzania, Fiji, India	UNEP	Biodiversity		MSP	Coastal Resilience to Climate Change: Developing a Generalizable Method for Assessing Vulnerability and Adaptation of Mangroves and Associated Ecosystems	20-Sep-05	1.000	1.000	2.000	World Wildlife Fund-US, WWF Tanzania Programme Office (TPO), WWF- East Africa Regional Program Office (EARPO), EAME National Committee for Tanzania, WWF Cameroon, WWF Fiji, WWF South Pacific, WWF India