

Fostering the Green Economy - Exchange of Asian Experiences in Implementing Environmental Fiscal Reforms

Pre-Workshop to the Global Conference on Environmental Taxation
Wednesday, 3 November 2010, Imperial Queen's Park Hotel, Bangkok, Bangkok Panarama 2 room

DRAFT programme:

8.30 Registration

09:00 Welcome and opening of the Workshop: GTZ and UNDP/UNEP (PEI)
Introduction to Environmental Fiscal Reform

09:30 Agenda setting & policy development: Environmental Taxes and Benefit Sharing

- Case work from EFR Training on agenda setting/policy development
- **India (The Energy and Resources Institute, TERI):** Stakeholder management in decentralized jurisdictions
- **Viet Nam, (GTZ expert, Ministry of Finance):** Environment fiscal reform process for the introduction of an environmental tax law
- Joint discussion

11:00 Break

11:15 Managing diverse stakeholder interests: Implementing Environmental Taxes and Charges

- Case work from EFR Training on stakeholder concerns
- **Bhutan (Ministry of Agriculture and Tax Administration):** Payments and benefit sharing for natural resources - watersheds, hydropower and tourism
- **Thailand, (Ministry of Finance and Trade/Agriculture Ministry):** Managing environmental and social impacts of agricultural subsidies
- Joint discussion

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Dealing with stakeholder opposition: Reforming taxes and subsidies

- Case work from EFR Training on stakeholders and policy reforms
- **Nepal (Ministry of Local Development):** Natural resource taxes at local government level
- **Lao PDR (Ministry of Planning and Investment):** Social and environmental impacts of investment fiscal incentives and charges
- Joint discussion

16:00 Break

16:15 Ways forward to promote implementation

Overview of further available training material
Identification of further technical support and lesson learning (ADB, ESCAP, GTZ, UNDP/UNEP),

17:30 End of Workshop

19:00 Official Welcome Reception of the
11th GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL TAXATION
(for registered participants of the GCET: <http://www.acc.msu.ac.th/gcet2010>)