



Poverty Environment Mainstreaming: Regional Workshop, Bhutan, April 2008

Day 1, Wednesday, 9 April 2008 (Thimphu, Bhutan)

0830 hours	Registration
0900 hours	Traditional Welcome Ceremony: "Marchang"
0930 hours	<p><i>Session 1: Welcome and Opening Remarks</i></p> <p>Moderated by Ms. Sonam Lhaden Khandu</p> <p>Inaugural Address: Dasho Nado Rinchhen, Deputy Minister, National Environment Commission, Bhutan</p> <p>Welcome Address, Why the Environment Matters for Gross National Happiness and MDG achievement: Mr. Karma Tshiteem, Secretary, Gross National Happiness Secretariat, Bhutan</p> <p>Workshop introduction: Mr. Nicholas Rosellini, UN Resident Coordinator</p> <p>Vote of Thanks, Mr. Phuntsho Wangyel, Gross National Happiness Secretariat, Bhutan</p>
1000 hours	Tea/Coffee break
1030 hours	<p><i>Session 2: What is Poverty Environment Mainstreaming</i></p> <p>Moderated by Mr. Karma Tshiteem, Secretary, Gross National Happiness Secretariat, Bhutan</p> <p>Overview presentation of Poverty Environment Mainstreaming: Ms. Dechen Tsering (UNEP) and Mr. Sergio Feld (UNDP)</p> <p>Poverty Environment Mainstreaming: What role for Ministries of Finance/Planning Presentation by Mr. Shankar P. Sharma, Former Vice Chairman, National Planning Commission, Nepal</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <p>Mr. Jafar Ahmed Chowdhury, Secretary, Planning Commission, Bangladesh</p> <p>Mr. Tuon Thavrak, Director General, Ministry of Planning, Cambodia</p> <p>Mr. Khamlien Pholsena, Director General, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Lao PDR</p> <p>Discussion</p>



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1230-1330 hours	Lunch
1330 hours	<p><i>Session 3: Poverty Environment Mainstreaming: What role for the Ministry of Environment</i></p> <p>Moderated by Mr. Sonam Yangley, Director, National Environment Commission, Bhutan</p> <p>Presentation by National Environment Commission, Bhutan</p> <p>Discussants: Mr. Phan Tuan Hung, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Vietnam Mr. Chuon Chanrithy, Director, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia</p>
1500 hours	Tea/Coffee break
1530 hours	<p><i>Session 4: Poverty Environment Mainstreaming at the local level</i></p> <p>Moderated by Mr. Prabhu Budhathoki, Former Country Representative, IUCN Nepal</p> <p>Presentation by Mr. Aminul Islam, UNDP Bangladesh</p> <p>Discussant: Ms. Nguyen Thi Ngoc Anh, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Vietnam</p>
1630 hours	<p><i>Session 5: Break Out Groups to Discuss Country Ideas for Poverty Environment Mainstreaming and possible areas for UN support</i></p> <p>Introduction to break out groups: Ms. Dechen Tsering (UNEP), Mr. Sergio Feld (UNDP)</p> <p>Country Teams: Bangladesh Bhutan Cambodia Lao PDR Nepal Vietnam</p>
1900 hours: Welcome Reception and Dinner Hosted by Secretary, GNH Secretariat, Royal Government of Bhutan	



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Day 2, Thursday, 10 April 2008 (Thimphu, Bhutan)	
0900 hours	<p><i>Session 6: Linking Climate Mainstreaming with Poverty Environment Mainstreaming</i> Moderated by Ms. Sultana Bashir (UNDP)</p> <p>Overview presentation of Climate Mainstreaming: Mr. Thiyagarajan Velumail, UNDP Discussants: Mr. Sam Chamroeun, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia Ms. Munira Begum, Ministry of Finance, Bangladesh Mr. Lal Shankar Ghimire, Ministry of Finance, Nepal</p>
1030 hours	Coffee Break
1100 hours	<p><i>Session 7: How can the UN support Poverty Environment Mainstreaming</i> Moderated by Mr. Iori Kato, UNDP Lao</p> <p>Overview by John Horberry, Poverty Environment Facility, Nairobi (UNEP) Presentation by Vietnam Poverty Environment Programme Presentation by Bhutan Poverty Environment team</p>
1230 hours	Lunch (and country group presentations completed)
1400 hours	<p><i>Session 8: Country presentation on Next Steps for Poverty Environment Mainstreaming and Areas for UN support (20 minutes each country)</i></p> <p>Moderated by Dechen Tsering, Regional Office Asia-Pacific (UNEP)</p> <p>Bangladesh Bhutan Cambodia Lao PDR Nepal Vietnam</p>
1600 hours	Tea/Coffee
1630 hours	<p><i>Session 9: Regional Learning and South-South Exchange on Mainstreaming</i> Moderated by Sergio Feld (UNDP) Open discussion</p>
1715 hours	Close of day 2



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Day 3, Friday, 11 April 2008 (Thimphu, Bhutan)

0900 hours	<p><i>Session 10: Donor Harmonization on Poverty Environment Mainstreaming</i></p> <p>Moderated by Mr. Nicholas Rosellini, UN Resident Coordinator, Bhutan</p> <p>Introduction by Mr. John Horberry, Poverty Environment Facility (UNEP)</p> <p>Discussions based upon feed-back from Countries on Challenges and Opportunities in Implementing the Poverty Environment Initiative</p>
	Close of formal workshop
1100 hours	Coffee Break
1300 hours	<p>Field Trip (afternoon of 11 April to 12 April)</p> <p>Leave for Phubjikha, alpine valley showcasing livelihoods, conservation and local people (Field Trip for Interested participants)</p> <p>Drive to Phubjikha: 4 hours, 11 April Night in Phubjikha</p> <p>Field Trip to be organized in cooperation with the Royal Society for Protection of Nature</p> <p>12 April - day in Phubjikha Valley, afternoon leave for Paro on Saturday 12 April, Night in Paro</p> <p>Leave from Paro on Sunday 13 April</p>