

PEF attends meeting of OECD Task Team on Governance and Capacity Building for Natural Resource and Environmental Management

Bilateral donors as well as the OECD's Development Assistance Committee (DAC) and Environmental Policy Committee (EPC) participated in the meeting of the OECD Task Team on Governance and Capacity Development held in Paris from 27-28 February 2008.

The UNDP-UNEP Poverty-Environment Facility attended the meeting, and the Facility expressed eagerness to use the outputs developed by OECD in the field of capacity building for environment.

Topics and future projects discussed by the task team included:

- Surveying environmental agencies' activities in the field of environmental and natural resource management carried out in developing countries,
- Guidelines on capacity development for environment, including making the economic case for environmental and natural resources management and integrating environment into mid-term budgets, and
- Communication of the task team regarding its value added.

The UNDP-UNEP PEF is especially keen to become a client for OECD's capacity building products related to making the economic case for natural resource and environmental management in national plans and integrating environment into mid-term budgets. The OECD is also developing a diagnostic tool to assess the institutional capacity for environmental and natural resource management, which will be pertinent to the work of the Poverty-Environment Facility.

Capacity development for environment and natural resources is an essential component of successful poverty-environment mainstreaming. The Poverty-Environment Facility looks forward to using OECD-developed tools for capacity building in its future work. For more information about the OECD's work on environment and development, please visit:

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