

# Asia Pacific Civil Society Regional Preparatory Meeting For the 7<sup>th</sup> Global Civil Society Forum (GCSF)

28th – 29th October 2005  
Prince Palace Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

## Programme

### Day One: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2005

- 08:00-08:45     **Registration**
- 09:00-09:15     Opening of the Meeting
- *Mr. Surendra Shrestha, Regional Director and Representative, UNEP/ROAP*
- 09:15-10:00     Tour the table of participants and review of the draft agenda
- 10:00-10:15     Coffee break and group photo
- 10:15-12:00     Capacity Building Session on UNEP/ROAP Regional Strategy and Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity Building
- *Mr. Surendra Shrestha, Regional Director and Representative, UNEP/ROAP*
  - Question and Answer
  - Discussion
- 12:00-13:00     **Lunch break**
- 13:00-15:45     Introduction of the Ministerial Consultation Themes on:
- 1) Energy and the Environment
  - 2) Tourism and the Environment
  - 3) Chemical Management
- Overview and Highlight of the Issues of the Three Themes
    - *Dr. Saradha Ramaswamy Iyer, Third World Network*
  - Sub-regional presentation from the sub-regional Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) Focal Points and comments from the CSOs on one of the three themes.
    - Southeast Asia: Ms. Elenita Cogonon Dano, Food Sovereignty Watch-Mindanao
    - Northeast Asia: Mr. Sin Kim, UNEP National Committee for South Korea and Ms. Sheri Liao, Global Village of Beijing
    - Central Asia: Mr. Sestager Aknazarov, Public Association "Lab. Ecology of Biosphere" and Mr. Oleg Victorovich Pechenyuk, NGO<Endeependent Ecological Expertise>,
    - South Pacific: Ms. Joy Tisinu Kaloumaira, Fiji Council of Social Services
    - South Asia: Mr. Anand Kumar, Development Alternatives, Mr. Muhammad Eusuf, Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies(BCAS), Mr. Mahmood Ahmad Khwaja, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI)
  - Formulation of the working groups, appointment of Chairperson, rapporteur, presenter (reporting back for Day 2) for respective working groups by the CSOs.
- 15:45-16:00     **Coffee break**
- 16:00-18:30     Consultation on Environment for Development: Environment and Poverty Linkages, focusing on Energy, Tourism and Chemical Management
- Overview Presentation on "Poverty and Environment Linkages"

- *Dr. Subrato Sinha, Environmental Affairs Officer, UNEP/ROAP*
- Presentation by NGOs on poverty dimension of environment
  - Mr. Jayakumar Chelaton, THANAL
  - Dr. Adbulla Naseer, Volunteers for Environment and Social Harmony (VESHI)
  - Ms. Farah Sofa, WALHI/Friends of the Earth Indonesia
- Question and Answer
- Discussion
- Recap of linkages of poverty and three policy themes and next steps

18:30-20:30

Reception

## Day Two: Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 21, 2005

- 08:20-08:30 Review of the agenda for Day 2
- 08:30-10:45 Working Group on the Ministerial Conference Themes  
(3 working groups: one theme one group)
- Energy: Chair Mr. Deo Prasad, UNSW Centre for a Sustainable Built Environment, Presenter Mr. Rakesh Kumar Jha, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)
  - Tourism: Chair Ms. Anita Von der Thursen-Pleumarom, Tourism Investigation & Monitoring Team, Presenter Ms. Catherine Ruth Leech, Sarvodaya Sharmada Movement
  - Chemicals: Chair and Presenter Mr. Mahmood Ahmad Khwaja, Sustainable Development and Policy Institute (SPDI)
- 10:45-11:00 **Coffee break**
- 11:00-13:00 Report from the working group and collating inputs, drafting of statement
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00-15:45 UNEP and Civil Society: Evaluation of Progress and New Possibilities
- Overview of UNEP and Civil Society and UNEP Decision Making  
Mr. Denis Ruyschaert, Programme Officer, Major Groups and Stakeholders Branch, Division of Policy Development and Law  
UNEP HQ
  - Example of UNEP and CSO engagement: Mr. Ahmad Safrudin, KPBB
  - Question and Answer
  - Discussion
- 15:45-16:00 **Coffee break**
- 16:00-18:00 Discussion and approval of the regional statement and election of representatives for the drafting meeting and to the 7<sup>th</sup> Global Civil Society Forum by Civil Society Organizations
- Dr. Saradha Ramaswamy Iyer, Third World Network and Mr. Anselmo Lee, FORUM ASIA
  - Review and Discussion
- 18:00-18:15 **Closing Ceremony**  
Dr. Saradha Ramaswamy Iyer, Third World Network  
Mr. Hiroshi Nishimiya, Deputy Regional Director, UNEP/ROAP