

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**  
**of Russia's national seminar on access to environmental information**  
**(Moscow, 7-8<sup>th</sup> December 2000)**

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December

9:00 – 10:00 Registration of participants

Morning session

10:00 – 13:00

Opening ceremony:  
Messages from UNEP, EEC, RF Ministry of Natural Resources (1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Minister), RF Ministry of Industry, Science & Technologies, ICSTI (Director).

Reports:  
G.Cunningham, UNEP/INFOTERRA, *«Reform of UNEP's Global environmental information exchange network, INFOTERRA»*

J. Wates, Secretary to the Aarhus Convention, European Economic Commission, *«A new international framework regulating public access to environmental information»*

N. Rybalsky, REFIA/RF Ministry of Natural Resources, *«A new stage of co-operation between Russia and UNEP/INFOTERRA»*

A. Fedorov, RF Ministry of Natural Resources, *“Public access to environmental information – important element in Russia’s national environmental information service”*

E. Samotesov, REFIA/Ministry of Natural Resources, *“Building an environmental information consortium and EIS in Russia: the challenges and prospects”*

Questions and discussion

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

Afternoon session

Reports:

A. Barsov, REFIA *“Information support of transfer of environmentally sound technologies”*

*“Environmental information and the business community” – presentation from Russian business community*

*“Experience in building environmental information services”\**

*“Opportunities for organization of bilateral and multilateral projects in the field of environmental information exchange”\**

\* presentations from national environmental information services (INFOTERRA NFP for Ireland, Denmark) and international organizations,

Questions and discussion

18:00

Reception on behalf of the organizers

Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December

9:30 – 12:45

ICSTI, *“Participation of ICSTI, Infoterra RSC, in implementation of Russia’s environmental information service”*

General discussion on subjects, raised during seminar presentations

Discussion of the final document

Closing of the seminar

12:45 – 13:45

Lunch

