

**Actions Undertaken pursuant to GC 22/17/11A on the Capacity Building of Judges and Related Legal Stakeholders.**

<b>Sub-Regional Chief Justices Needs Assessment and Planning Meetings/venue</b>	<b>Participating countries</b>	<b>Outcome - National and sub-regional capacity building plans on environmental law</b>
<b>NIS &amp; Eastern Europe</b> Lviv, Hungary, May 15-16 2003	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgystan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan	Lviv Statement, National and Regional capacity building Programmes
<b>Mekong</b> , Bangkok, Thailand, 17-18 June 2003	Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam	Mekong Statement, Regional and National Capacity Building Programmes
<b>Latin America</b> , Buenos Aires, Argentina, 23-25 September 2003	Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay,	Buenos Aires Statement and Regional Capacity Building Programme
<b>Anglophone in Eastern and Western Africa</b> , Nairobi, Kenya, 10-11 October 2003	Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, The Gambia, Uganda	Nairobi Statement, National Capacity Building Programmes
<b><u>Southern Africa, Johannesburg, South Africa, 10-11 December 2003,</u></b>	Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe,	Johannesburg Statement, National and Regional Capacity Building Programme. Establishment of Southern African Judges Commission
<b>Pacific</b> , Auckland, New Zealand, 13-18 December 2003	Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Micronesia, Mauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.	Pacific Statement, National Capacity building Programme, Establishment of the Pacific Island Judges Committee on Environmental Law
<b>European Judges Meeting</b> , Luxembourg, 26 April 2004	France, United Kingdom, Belgium, Italy, Slovenia, Sweden, Denmark, Greece, Portugal, Ireland, Lithuania, Romania, Turkey, Norway, European Commission representative.	Establishment of European Union Judges Forum on Environment
<b>Arab Chief Justices Needs Assessment and Planning Meeting</b> , 29-31 May 2004, Cairo, Egypt	Bahrain, Egypt, Djibouti, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates,	Cairo Statement, National Capacity Building Programmes, Establishment of the Arab

		Judges Union
<b>Caribbean Chief Justices Needs Assessment and Planning Meeting</b> , 11-12 June 2004, Trelawny, Jamaica	Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Guyana, Jamaica, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and the countries of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)	Jamaica Statement, Subregional and National Capacity Building Programmes.
<b>Francophone countries in Africa</b> , Paris, 3-4 February 2005.	Algeria, Benin, Burkinafaso, Burundi, Cameroun, Capeverde, Comoros, Congo-Brazaville, Democratic republic of Congo, Cote D'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Equatorial Guinea, Mauritius, Madagascar, Mali, Morroce, Niger, Central Africa Republic, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Chad, Togo, Tunisia,	Paris Statement . Agreement to follow up with national programmes.
<b>North American Conference on the Judiciary and Environmental Law</b> ; Organized by IUCN, Pace University School of Law, in collaboration with UNEP, New York, December 2004. This forum was organized as a direct follow up to the Global Judges Conference organized by UNEP.	Judges from the USA and Canada, Bar Associations	Awareness on environmental law. In response to this programme there was an activity in Mexico to raise awareness of judges in environmem
<b>National and Sub-regional Training Programmes for the Judiciary and related legal stakeholders in environmental law</b>		
<b>Tanzania High Court Judges</b> National Symposium on Environmental Law, Arusha, June 2003	35 Tanzanian Judges Trained	<b>35 Judges trained and sensitised on environmental law issues</b>
<b>Judicial Symposium on Environmental Law and Practice</b> in Uganda held at Imperial Botanical Beach Hotel, Entebbe, 11-14 May 2003; Magistrates Training Symposium on environmental Law and Practice, Entebbe, 30 November – 3 December 2003.	29 Ugandan Judges and Magistrates trained	Training and sensitisation of members of the Judiciary on environmental law
<b>South Africa National Judges</b>	25 Judges were trained	Training and sensitisation of

<b>Training Programme</b> January 2004.		members of the Judiciary on environmental law
<b>Vietnam National Judges Training Programme</b> (6-7 May 2004, Hanoi, Vietnam)	60 Judges trained	Training and sensitisation of members of the Judiciary on environmental law
<b>National Judges Training Programme</b> (10-11 May 2004 Phnom Penh, Cambodia)	45 Judges trained	Training and sensitisation of members of the Judiciary on environmental law
<b>Lao PDR National Judges Workshop</b> on Environmental Law (2003)	30 Judges trained	Training and sensitisation of members of the Judiciary on environmental law
<b>National Judges Symposium, Vientiane, Lao PDR, 18-19 July 2005.</b>	Judges trained in environmental law and enforcement of international legal instruments	Training and sensitisation of members of the Judiciary on environmental law
<b>Environmental Law Training Programme for the Federal Justice, San Martin, Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina, 27 June 2005.</b>	Meeting organized by DPDL-ROLAC jointly with the Vice-Ministry of Environment of Argentina, the Ministry of Justice and the Argentinean Programme for the Judicial Reform (FUNDEJUS)  30 federal legal stakeholders participated in the course, mainly judges. Prosecutors, attorneys, judicial officials and Court Registrars also participated.	The activity consisted of a series of presentations and lectures, illustrated by Argentinean jurisprudence on environment related cases.
<b>National Judiciary Training Programme on Environmental Law for High Court Judges in Zambia, 11-14 December 2005</b>	45 Judges Trained in handling cases in the field of environmental law.	Training and sensitization of judges.
<b>National Judicial Sensitization Programme on environmental law in Nigeria 7-9 February 2006</b>	Judges sensitized in environmental law	Capacity of National Judicial Institute to develop programmes in environmental built. Judges sensitized on handling environmental related cases.
<b>Sub-regional Sensitization Programme for Judges in Environmental Law (Ghana, Gambia, Sierra Leone), held in Accra, Ghana, 16-17 March 2006</b> National legal practitioners training	30 participants Judges of the Supreme Court and High Court and Magistrates.	Training and sensitization of Judges, Magistrates.0

programme on environmental law December 2005 National Judiciary Training Programme on Environmental Law for High Court Judges in Zambia 11-14 December 2005		
<b>Seychelles Judicial Forum on Environmental Law held in Mahe, Seychelles</b> , from 27-28 February 2006.	DPDL organized this meeting with the Ministry of Environment of Seychelles. 26 participants - Judges and other legal stakeholders were sensitized.	Training and sensitization of Judges, Magistrates, State attorneys, Parliamentarians.
<b>National Judicial Colloquium for Judges on Environmental Law and its Enforcement</b> , held in Mombasa Kenya from 10-14 January 2006	Training organized with the National Environmental Management Agency of Kenya and other NGOs sponsored by the Padelia Project	(37 participants mainly Judges of the High Court from Kenya, and neighbouring Uganda and Tanzania and 7 from the Kenya Environment Tribunal).
<b>Kenya National judicial Colloquium on Environmental Law</b> Mombasa, Kenya 17-22 April 2006.	Training organized with the National Environmental Management Agency of Kenya and other NGOs (CASELAP and ILEG) and sponsored by the Padelia Project	Judges of the High Court from Kenya, and Tanzania sensitized on environmental law issues.
<b>National Judicial Capacity Building Workshop</b> , 26-28 April 2006, Santiago, Chile	National workshop for sensitization of Judges organized in consultation with the Environmental Law Institute and USEPA.	Judges were sensitized on environmental laws and case law.
<b>Environmental Law Training Programme for Judges of Provincial Supreme Courts and other tribunals</b>  Buenos Aires, Argentina, 30 June – 1 July 2005	More than 80 participants, mainly high level judges, took part in this event, which was a joint initiative of the Vice-Minister of Justice, the Sub-Secretary of Environment and Sustainable Development of Argentina and UNEP/ROLAC Environmental Law Programme.	Judges were sensitized on environmental laws and case law.
<b>Central Asian Judges Conference</b> , Ashgabad, Turkmenistan, from 28 - 30 November 2005.	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan	Judges from the Central Asian Countries were sensitized on environmental issues.
<b>Regional Conference on the Role of the Judiciary in the</b>	Judges from the Arab countries participated. The meeting was	Chief Justices and Senior Judges from Arab countries

<b>Development of Environmental law in the Arab region.</b> (26-28 Oct 2002, Kuwait)	organized by UNEP, IUCN and ARCEL.	were sensitized on environmental issues.
<b>Training for Legal Practitioners,</b> (advocates, prosecutors, state attorneys etc.)		
<b>Symposium of environmental law for Kenyan legal Practitioners</b> (advocates), Nakuru, Kenya, 5-7 February 2004	Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania	Training and sensitization of legal practitioners who bring cases to court.
<b>National Legal Practitioners Training Workshops in Environmental Law in Tanzania</b> 2004-2005	Organized for Legal practitioners from different regions/provinces of Tanzania	80 legal practitioners trained in three training workshops.
<b>National Legal Practitioners Training Workshop Nigeria,</b> Abuja, December 2005	Organized for State Attorneys and private Advocates from different states in Nigeria.	20 Legal Practitioners trained.
<b>Symposium on the Provision and Implementation of Environmental Justice,</b> Mexico City, Mexico, 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2005	The Environmental Law Programme (DPDL) of ROLAC participated in the Symposium on the Provision and Implementation of Environmental Justice, organized jointly by the Mexican Bar Association and the Global League of Environmental Lawyers. The symposium took place in the premises of the Mexican Bar Association in Mexico City. Participants were recognised environmental lawyers, public officials, authorities, the academia and civil society	Legal practitioners and other legal stakeholders trained in environmental law.
<b>Activities organized by other institutions where UNEP has contributed its expertise</b>		
<b>1. Asian Justices Forum on the Environment, Bangkok,</b> Thailand, 18-19 November 2003	70 Judges from Thailand were trained organized by USAEP	Training and sensitization of members of the Judiciary
<b>2. Regional Symposium on the Role of the Judiciary in Promoting Sustainable Development,</b> Bangkok, Thailand , 21-23 June 2004	25 Judges from East Asia: China, Japan, Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam were trained. (Co-organized with the World Bank Institute (WBI)	Training and sensitization of members of the Judiciary
<b>3. South Asian Judicial Interaction on Environmental Justice and Equity,</b> Kathmandu,	25 Judges from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka were trained (organized by Forum of	Training and sensitization of members of the Judiciary

Nepal, 24-25 June 2004	Justice of Nepal)	
<b>Symposium on Environmental Law for Judges on the Role of the Judiciary in Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law</b> , Rome Italy, 9-10 May 2003.	50 Judges participated the meeting was organized by the Italian Council of the Judiciary, in collaboration with UNEP and IUCN.	Judges from Europe and those representing other regions of the world were sensitized
First <b>International Conference on Environmental Law</b> held in El Calafate, Argentina on 23-24 April 2004.	The meeting was convened by the Patagonian Forum of Superior Tribunals of Justice and the Superior Tribunal of Justice of the Santa Cruz Province. UNEP /ROLAC participated as resource person and supported the organization of the meeting	Judges were sensitized on environmental law issues
<b>International Environmental Law Congress</b> , Foz de Iguazu Brazil, 7-9 April 2005	UNEP/ROLAC and the Brazilian Federal Tribunal for the 4 <sup>th</sup> Region jointly organized an International Congress on Environmental Law. Approximately 700 people participated in the congress, of which more that 100 were judges from all around Brazil as well as from Argentina, Costa Rica, Honduras, Mexico, Peru, Venezuela and Belgium.	Presentations, conferences and case law sessions were held by various renowned Environmental Law experts, professors and judges from the mentioned countries.
<b>Workshop “Progress and challenges of environmental justice”, organized by the Environmental Tribunal of Costa Rica</b> , San Jose, Costa Rica, October 2005	The national training workshop for judges was organized by the Environmental Tribunal of Costa Rica,	More than 150 environmental law stakeholders participated (legislators, judges, public officials, civil society, students) together with renowned environmental law experts form Latin America and Spain, who delivered interesting lectures.
<b>National Meeting of Argentinian Federal Judges on Sustainable Development</b> , held in Villa la Angostura, Argentina on 25-27 September 2003.	UNEP/ROLAC collaborated in the organization of the meeting and participated as resource person.	On this occasion the Permanent Environmental Forum of Argentinian Federal Judges was founded
<b>Judicial Environmental Law Symposium in Salta</b> , Salta Province, Argentina, 11-13 August 2005	DPDL/ROLAC Environmental Law Programme assisted the Superior Court of the Salta Province, the Academic Council of the Judges Academy and the Faculty of Law of the University	More than 300 participants participated in the highly interactive discussions and presentations were made on environmental law themes such as those dealing with

	of Salta in the organization of the Environmental Law Judges Symposium in the Argentinean province of Salta.	water, mining activities and sustainable development as a cross-cutting field.
<b>North American Symposium on the Judiciary and Environmental Law; Pan American University of Mexico</b> , Mexico City, Mexico, 29-30 November 2005	The Symposium was co-sponsored by the National Judicial Institute of Canada and the American Bar Association's Section on Environment, Resources, and Energy and jointly organized with the World Conservation Union (IUCN), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Mexican National Judicial Institute, Pace University School of Law, the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Environment, Energy and Resources and the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation brought together members of the Judiciary from the three North American countries (i.e., Canada, United States of America and Mexico) to discuss the evolving role of the judiciary in several important areas of environmental law.	The presentations covered the following areas of environmental law:- Constitutions and the Public Trust Doctrine; Standards of Proof, Scientific Uncertainty and the Precautionary Principle; Trade, the Environment, and the Courts; the Use of International Legislation in Domestic Decisions; Environmental Law Training of the Judiciary.
<b>Asia Pacific Jurist Association – Conference on Environment – Awareness – Enforcement</b> , New Delhi, India 20-22 January 2006	Awareness of Judges from Asia and Pacific regions on handling environmental cases raised.	Training and sensitization of judiciary
<b>Symposium of Judges and Prosecutors on the Enforcement of and Compliance with Environmental Legislation in Peru</b> , Lima, Peru, 30-31 January 2006	UNEP (DPDL/ROLAC) organized, as part of the UNEP Global Judges Programme, in coordination with the Peruvian Society on Environmental Law, the Symposium of Judges and Prosecutors on the Enforcement of and Compliance with Environmental Legislation in Peru. The Supreme Court, the	This particular symposium involved both the Prosecutors and the Judiciary. Training was also provided by renowned environmental law experts from Peru and from other invited Latin American countries.

	Attorney General (National Head Prosecutor), the Judges Academy and the National Council for the Environment were also involved in the organization of the event.	More than 40 Peruvian judges and prosecutors from the different regions and provinces of the country, i.e., Iquitos, Madre de Dios, Cusco, Arequipa, Ica, Junín, Ucayali, Cajamarca, Piura, Lambayeque and Lima participated.
<b>National Symposium “Sustainable Development, A Legal Perspective”</b> which was organized by the Environmental Commission (Superior Court Record) of Trinidad and Tobago on May 7, 2003.	UNEP/ROLAC supported the organization of the Symposium. The Symposium convened representatives from all sectors of society and from the judiciary, legislative and executive branches of that country .	Judges, Government officials and Parliamentarians from Trinidad and Tobago were sensitized in environmental law issues.
<b>First Central America, Panama and Belize Meeting on Environmental Justice in the Framework of the Criminal Procedural System.</b> Supported and co-organized by UNEP/ROLAC and held in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, on 14-15 November 2002.	Approximately 120 judges and prosecutors attended the meeting. The Attorney Generals from the seven Central American countries also participated in the event and signed an agreement where they committed themselves to strengthen their cooperation on environmental cases by supporting the Network of Environmental Prosecutors.	The event was designed to raise the awareness of the region's judges and prosecutors of the importance of environmental laws in an expectation that future environmental cases would receive greater consideration by the Central American legal system.
<b>Publications and Training Materials for the Judges Programme</b>		
Judges Handbook on Environmental Law	Prepared with Judges for the Judiciary.	Published and circulated now being translated
Compendium of Summaries of Judicial Decisions in Environmental Cases	Summaries of case from various jurisdictions.	Published and circulated
Selected Texts of Multilateral Environmental Agreements.	This is a source book of international environmental legal agreements	Published and circulated
UNEP Judges Training Manual	Tested in a Regional Train the Trainers meeting in September 2005.	Being finalized for publication.
Training Manual on Environmental Law	Training Materials covering different subjects of international and national environmental law	Published.
<i>“Resúmenes de Sentencias Judiciales en Material Ambiental –</i>	Summaries of cases	UNEP/ROLAC Environmental Law Documents Series, No.

<i>Pronunciadas por Órganos Jurisdiccionales de países de América Latina</i> (Summaries of Judicial Decisions on Environmental Matters – Adopted by the Judiciaries of Latin American countries). By Justice Neófito López Ramos.		11, August 2003.
<i>“La Responsabilidad por el Daño Ambiental en América Latina”</i> (Liability for Environmental Damage in Latin America). By Dr. José Juan González Márquez.		UNEP/ROLAC Environmental Law Documents Series, No. 12, December 2003.
1. A Casebook on Environmental Law for Practitioners and Judicial Officers in Uganda; and	Case book	Published
2. Handbook on the Practice of Environmental Law in Uganda	Law and practice book	
Compendium of cases, Vol. III, Supplement to Vol. 1, 1996	Case book	Published
Texts of documents on environmental law including summary of cases publication	Summary of cases book relating to environmental law.	Ready for publication in second half 2004

**Planned/proposed activities for the capacity building of judges and related legal stakeholders in the field of environmental law that are planned in 2006/2007:**

**Africa**

1. Sub-regional Sensitization Workshop on Environmental Law for Judges and Related Legal Stakeholders in Africa to enhance access to justice in environmental matters.
2. Sub regional Training Programme in Environmental Law for State Attorneys and other Legal Practitioners in Africa.
3. Namibia (National Judges Sensitization Workshop)
4. Zimbabwe (National Judges Sensitization Workshop)
5. Angola (National State Attorneys and Legal Practitioners Workshop)
6. Congo- Brazaville (National Judges Sensitization Workshop).
7. Ethiopia (National Judges Sensitization Workshop/ National Training Workshop for State Attorneys ).
8. Eritrea (National Legal Practitioners Workshop).
9. Zambia (Magistrates training Workshop)

**Asia and Pacific**

Sub –regional Judges Conference - Central Asia, 2006; South Asia.

### **Europe**

Sub-regional Judges Workshop; South Eastern Europe, Belgrade.

South Eastern Europe Training of the Judiciary in the Balkans

Russia (In collaboration with the Judiciary Planning a National Capacity Building Activity for Judges).

### **Latin America and Carribean:**

Four Sub-regional workshops on access to environmental justice: (Andean,

MesoAmerican, Caribbean(English speaking), Southern Cone).

### **West Asia**

Yemen (National Legal Practitioners Training Programme)

#### **Other activities in Memoranda of Understanding signed in 2005 by UNEP/ROLAC Environmental Law Programme to work with various partners to undertake capacity building programmes for the judiciary.**

1. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the Brazilian Institute “Lawyers for a Green Planet” with the objective to organize a Workshop on Environmental Law for Lusophone countries of Africa (i.e. Angola, Mozambique, Guinée-Bissau, Cape Verde and São Tomé & Príncipe), East Timor and Brazil, to take place in Brazil in May 2006.

The specific objective of the activity is to support capacity building in the area of environmental law in the mentioned Lusophone countries.

The workshop will sensitize judges, prosecutors, other judicial operators and legal officials with the intention to make them aware of existing environmental law instruments and legislation at the national and international levels as well as to train them on the implementation, compliance with and enforcement of the mentioned legislation.

2. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the Central American Commission on Environment and Development (CCAD) with the objective to undertake joint action and activities aiming at capacity building in the area of environmental law and policy in the Central American sub-region. In particular the agreement refers to sub-regional training workshops on

environmental law and policies, including compliance with and enforcement of Multilateral Environmental Agreements, for the Judiciary in the Central American countries, which will take place in 2006. It also refers to the translation into Spanish and distribution of the UNEP handbooks and manuals for capacity building in the fields of environmental law and policies, in particular those for judicial training.

### **Draft Publications**

1. Preliminary versions of Issues 16 and 17 of the Environmental Law Documents Series were prepared. There is need to have them peer review and edited and then submitted for approval to UNEP Publishing Board following the relevant procedures established by UNEP Publications Policy:

Issue 16: Memories of the Environmental Law Congress and winning monographs of the Contest of Monographs on Environmental Law for Latin American judges, jointly organized by UNEP/ROLAC Environmental Law Programme and the Federal Tribunal of the 4th Region of Brazil (Foz de Iguazu, Brazil, Abril 2005).

Issue 17: “*Resúmenes de Sentencias Judiciales en casos relacionados con el Medio Ambiente – Adoptadas por tribunales Latinoamericanos y Caribeños*” (Summaries of Judicial Decisions on Environment-related cases – Adopted by Latin American and Caribbean Tribunals).

2. Preliminary version of a publication entitled Application of Environmental Law by National Courts.

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