

UNEP Teleconference Area Leads

17 May 2010

-Notes from Brenda KOEKKOEK-

This is a brief report back from the partnership area lead meeting we hosted on 17 May. My regrets for the delay in getting these out to you.

Thanks to those of you that were able to join us: Ludovic Bernaudat, Lesley Sloss, Nicola Pirrone, Alessandra Fino, Takeshi Sekiya, Marianne Bailey, UNEP.

Proposed Partnership Area Lead Dinner at INC 1:

- Recognizing that it may be more difficult for government delegates to attend such a dinner now that negotiations are underway, UNEP is proposing an informal dinner of the partnership area leads on Wednesday 9 June. We will confirm the details at the INC. This will be at your own expense (sorry).

- Please attend the technical briefing on Sunday 6 June and related informal consultation schedules. Some of you have been asked to speak. Others, we may look to you during the Q & A for support in answering questions. Attached is the list of presentations from the briefing, note it is not posted on the web yet as final, but please do feel free to share it.

Partnership Advisory Group Meeting:

- To be hosted during the week of 20 September.

- Dates to be left open until after the INC. We will confirm at that point whether it will be a 2 or 3 day meeting (Either 21 and 22 September or 21-23 September).

- Discuss ways to support INC process as well as GEF Replenishment process at the next meeting.

- On the margins of the meeting, there will be a focused session on the Basel Technical Guidelines.

Reports back from partnership areas:

- Takeshi provided an update of the recent Waste partnership area meeting. The meeting report is available on our web-site.

- Lesley and Nicola reported that the coal partnership area is meeting from 16-18 June in Glasgow. There will be sessions on both coal and f&t during this meeting. Contact them for further information.

Other items:

- Brenda indicated that UNEP is transitioning its web-site and that partnership area leads will be asked to review materials on the new web-site for input and feedback.

- Brenda reminded partnership area leads to update their distribution lists when new partners join (e-mails are sent from Pascale Unger when new partners join). UNEP does not keep mailing lists for the individual partnership areas. UNEP is open to serving you better in this area, and welcomes your feedback on this.

Further points from Desiree.

1. The Products Partnership meeting that took place in Washington DC 28-29 April. The meeting highlighted the emerging product areas (dental amalgam, lamps, button cell batteries) and the mercury in products life cycle approach. The meeting also outlined strategies of engaging more partners in less represented regions, and sought ways to leverage funds and resources to support projects.
2. The Global Mercury Partnership was also highlighted at the mercury learning center during the 18th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development. Participants noted the significant role of the partnership areas for immediate action to reduce mercury pollution, in parallel with the mercury negotiations.