

Name of the Partnership/Initiative

Capacity Building Task Force on Trade, Environment and Development, Phase II (CBTF II)

Expected date of initiation:

During the first phase (since April 2000), the CBTF has gained significant experience on the ground. Projects specifically designed for the Least Developed Countries are in the pipeline. Trade and environment capacity building has become even more relevant following the WTO Ministerial Conference in Doha.

With the beneficiary and donor countries being increasingly supportive of the CBTF, it is poised for new and larger initiatives, particularly at the regional level. A side event during the WSSD, tentatively scheduled for 3 September, will serve as a platform for defining and scale and scope of the second phase of the CBTF and aligning it with the outcome of the WSSD. A large new contribution is expected to be announced at the event.

Expected date of completion:

Run of 3 years, with planning for a similar extension, funding permitting.

Partners Involved:*Governments:*

36 countries have submitted 49 project proposals. |

Intergovernmental organizations:

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
United Nations Environment Programme

In co-operation/partnership with the Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs); UN Regional Economic and Social Commissions, regional environmental organizations and others.

Close consultations with the WTO.

Major groups:

Environmental and developmental NGOs, private sector, academia, on a case-by-case basis

*Other:**Leading Partner:*

UNEP-UNCTAD Capacity Building Task Force

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Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative

Enhance human and institutional capacity of developing countries to deal with issues arising at the intersection of trade liberalization, environmental protection and economic development. The overall aim is to assist beneficiary countries in developing mutually supportive policies that would maximize the net benefits of trade for sustainable development. It also seeks close correlation with the Doha Work Programme as well as the related technical assistance programme administered by the WTO secretariat.

CBTF II is meant as the main vehicle for capacity building activities by UNCTAD and UNEP in trade, environment and development in support of the decisions to be taken by the WSSD. It has a regional emphasis, which accords with the expected outcomes of WSSD with regard to implementation of its work programme.

Other mandates include Chapter 2 of Agenda 21, resolutions and decisions of the fifty-fifth session by the Second Committee, Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, and UNEP Governing Council Decisions 20/29 and 21/14.

Expected results:

Transfer of expertise and resources, improved coordination at the national level particularly between ministries or departments dealing with the environment, economy, finance and trade; new and innovative arrangements conditioning cooperation in trade and environmental matters at the international level.

Specific targets of the Partnership/Initiative and timeframe for their achievement:

A series of time-bound thematic research, country projects, training sessions, policy dialogues and networking, to be delivered over several rounds. All these activities are based on a participatory, "learning by doing" approach and involve closely national institutions with core competencies in trade and the environment in their design and implementation. Country projects and thematic research have a duration of 12-18 months, whereas training sessions and policy dialogues are individual events, with a follow-up at the national or regional level.

Seven projects have been carried out in the first round (started in January 2001): Indonesia, Costa-Rica, Venezuela, Lebanon, Cuba, Viet Nam, Mexico. Projects designed for the Least Developed Countries are to start soon. A second round of projects started with a policy dialogue for the ACP and other developing countries in Brussels, and later in the year activities in the

Lusophone countries as well as in Mozambique and Cambodia.
<p>Coordination and Implementation mechanism</p> <p>CBTF is managed by a steering group composed of the staff of the Trade, Environment and Development Section of the Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities of UNCTAD, and the Economics and Trade Branch, of the UNEP Regional Office in Geneva.</p>
<p>Arrangements for funding</p> <p>Contributions to date made by: Canada – Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; European Commission – DG Environment; Germany – Ministry of Environment and Nuclear Safety; Norway – Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Sweden – Swedish International Development Agency; United Kingdom – Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; and United States – Department of State.</p> <p>A large new contribution is expected to be announced at a side event during the WSSD, to be held jointly by UNCTAD and UNEP on 3 September.</p>
<p>Arrangements for capacity building and technology transfer</p> <p>UNEP-UNCTAD Capacity Building Task Force CBTF TrainForTrade Training Package</p>
<p>Links of Partnership/Initiative with on-going sustainable development activities at the international and/or regional level (if any)</p> <p>Technical assistance programmes of UNCTAD, including trade and the environment, investment, climate change and biotrade, UNEP (Trade and Economics Branch, Geneva, and Regional Offices), ESCAP, WTO Regional Seminars on Trade and Environment.</p> <p>Close consultation with the WTO secretariat, including in the context of technical cooperation activities under the Doha Development Agenda Global Trust Fund.</p>
<p>Monitoring Arrangements</p> <p>Regular briefings for Geneva-based delegations, electronic updates (pls see websites below), CBTF newsletters)</p>
<p>Other relevant information:</p> <p>http://www.unep-unctad.org/cbtf/indexn.htm http://www.unctad.org/trade_env/index.htm http://www.unep.ch/etu/etp/index.htm http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/pres02_e/pr279_e.htm</p>
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