

PROGRAMME STEERING COMMITTEE OF 7 NOVEMBER 2012
UNDER ENRTP STRATEGIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT
MEETING NOTES

1. OPENING

Mr. Hugo Schally (DG ENV ENRTP PSC co-chair - HS) recalled that this third PSC meeting would be thematic in approach as opposed to the two previous meetings. Provisional agenda was approved.

Although the minutes of the High-Level Meeting (HLM) were not yet available, the PSC took note that the HLM had concurred that the SCA formula had proved to be of benefit to all parties. The PSC took note that some elements still require attention, such as including a tighter coordination of the ENRTP process implementation within UNEP and between UNEP and MEA Secretariats.

H S noted that in this second year of SCA implementation, the process offered more scope for long-term thinking. Both sides stated their interest in continuing cooperation beyond 2013 with reference to the EU Multi-Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020.

Mr. Christophe Bouvier (UNEP ENRTP co-chair - CB) underscored that UNEP is looking forward to long-term collaboration with the EC including on implementation of Rio+20 outcomes. This third PSC meeting also recognized the important discussions from the HLM following Rio+20. This ENRTP PSC could become a launching platform for UNEP and EC collaboration noting the 2014-17 UNEP strategic framework coincides with the new policy and programming cycle of the EU after 2014 e.g. the new Multiannual Financial Framework for the period 2014-2020 and the 7th Environmental Action Programme (7th EAP). We need to use and improve the model. Also the UNEP's MTS and MEAs' programmes of work are now better integrated and further efforts will continue in this direction.

Mr. Paul Renier (DG DEVCO ENRTP PSC co-chair - PR) recalled the UNEP meeting with the DG DEVCO Directors before the HLM (9 Oct.2012) on Rio+20 outcomes. It highlighted a shared interest to strengthen collaboration between UNEP and DG DEVCO Geographic Directorates. Complementarities between potential geographical and thematic actions will need to be guaranteed. There is a need for a stronger collaboration to be taken up next year. The PSC could become the venue for such overview and coherence.

2. DISCUSSION ON HIGH-LEVEL MEETING AND RIO+20 OUTCOMES

C B noted that from Rio+20, topics emerged such as oceans, access to technology, etc that were already included in our work and in the ENRTP cooperation. UNEP's business model will change along the strengthening and transformation of UNEP, for instance through the strengthening of science and law, and UNEP will be also delivering more at country and regional levels through its Regional offices (paragraph 88 of Future We Want).

Following DG DEVCO's remarks, UNEP stated its interest in using 2013 to enhance collaboration with the DG DEVCO Geographical Directorates to address the environmental issues at country and regional levels in the framework of the changing business model of UNEP. P R responded that the ENRTP is geared towards studies, trials, innovation, etc. but underlined that at some point scaled-up action at national and regional level is needed. H S posted the idea of using the PSC as a springboard to identify joint initiatives that could be extended and moved towards the geographic instruments, thus enlarging scope of this cooperation modality. H S developed this idea further of using the PSC as a vehicle to identify actions at regional and country levels based on previous global level initiatives.

P R explained that the country assessments are on-going between the EU Delegations and the governments. Once finalized, they will constitute the basis to analyze where assistance is needed and priorities set for the actions in the countries and subsequently at regional level. Relevant geographical desks in DG DEVCO could be involved in the PSC meetings in case the latter would receive an "overviewing" mandate. There was an agreement that the next PSC meeting in 2013 will look into complementarities between the EC thematic and geographic instruments as well as continuation or extension of actions by other programmatic instruments, including the geographic instruments.

Other outcomes of Rio+20 were also discussed such as the synergy processes. Frank Moser (BRS) referred to the contribution of the synergy process between the chemicals conventions to sustainable development. H S noted that the synergies should be extended beyond chemicals and waste to the biodiversity cluster. Haruko Okusu (CITES) recalled that the unique role of CITES in achieving sustainable development has been recognized at Rio+20, and that CITES's contribution to the strengthened cooperation among the biodiversity-related Conventions will be discussed at the next meeting of its COP (Mar.2013).

3. THEMATIC DISCUSSIONS

3.1. Ecosystem Management / Biodiversity

- UNEP: Synergy Biodiversity-related MEAs & NBSAPs

Hugo Schally: The two proposals need to work together because it is about the extension of synergies to the national and regional level. DG ENV would like to see a concept that clarifies on how NBSAPs can feed the Synergy Biodiversity-related MEAs project to understand the strategic dimension while showing how the MEAs can be part of the process as well as integrating the Hyderabad results. CITES and CMS confirmed their continued effort in contributing to the NBSAPs work.

Thierry Lucas (UNEP Programme officer) outlined the importance of bringing CITES and CMS into NBSAPs and advised to consider the needs at country and regional levels before deciding on the possible merger of the two projects.

Thomas Koetz outlined the need to develop further the synergistic dimension in the two proposals. Decision on the possible merger or synchronization of the two proposals requires more time because of their same field of synergies but also because their management set-up is very different.

Arkadiy Levintanous (UNEP DELC) suggested maintaining the two proposals separate.

While re-working these two projects, Bettina Lorz (EU Delegation Kenya) called to pay attention to the MEA Regional Focal Points project approved at the second PSC meeting (Mar.2012) as well as to the InforMEA concept note to ensure cross-linkages. The role and work of the UNEP Regional offices should also be considered.

PSC decision:

Both actions: A2 status. Tentative maximum earmarked budget of €900 000 for both projects to be confirmed according to the submission of revised concept note(s). Revised concept note(s) to elaborate on linkages and synergies between the actions, with a focus on how they work together timewise. DG ENV will review the revised concept notes upon receiving them with no need to wait for the next PSC meeting in 2013.

- UNEP: World Oceans Assessment

C B: This proposal is one of the new topics to be addressed as a follow-up of Rio. This proposal for a small project is essentially a marker to initiate a discussion with DG ENV with the view of a longer-term strategic cooperation to address jointly a major global issue. It is not purely UNEP's topic but a UN-wide initiative in which UNEP is an active participant. We would like to use this as a first milestone in our discussions.

H S: The work on Oceans is very important but the area is very broad. Considerable work is already done by CBD, UNESCO, Global Assessment on oceans, etc. The question is much more to elaborate on the impact of this specific proposal as DG ENV would rather prefer to develop a story line with UNEP. As such, joint cooperation on Oceans is not linked to a small-scale project. DG ENV has a clear interest in working on Oceans with UNEP, even outside of pure financial cooperation.

Alberto Pacheco (UNEP DEPI) provided contextual information on the concept note.

PSC decision:

A1 status. Budget of €200 000 allocated

There is a clear understanding that the holding of the workshops through this Action will have to serve as a basis for elaborating a longer-term strategic approach, and to clarify on the linkages between this

project and the other on-going processes taking place at the UN General Assembly; UNESCO; synergies with chemicals and waste as well as with biodiversity.

- CMS: SakerGAP

CMS project manager, Nick Williams provided contextual information for the SakerGAP concept note.

PSC decision: A1 status. Budget of €78 000 allocated

- CITES: Aquatic species and MIKE III

PSC decisions:

1. Capacity building with a focus on Aquatic species: A1 status. Budget of €1 980 000. The development of the full-fledged proposal and the follow-up to the implementation will now be managed by DG ENV focal point for CITES.

2. MIKE III: A1 status. Budget €2 000 000. DG DEVCO project manager, Enrico Pironio indicated that this is transition funding that will open the door to the development of a MIKES project covering endangered species, not only elephants seeking funding from the upcoming EDF 11th with the objective of minimizing (not just monitoring) illegal killing of endangered species. There is a need for more pro-activity and more synergies with other on-going projects. A mission from CITES to Brussels foreseen on 26-28 Nov 2012 for this purpose. The cooperation and projects would be of another magnitude under the ACP envelope of the EDF 11th.

Nota Bene: CITES project on *Support to implementation of decisions and resolutions adopted by the 16th meetings of the COPs to CITES (2013-2015)*: Hugo Schally indicated that CITES should develop and submit a concept note soon after the COP16 (3-15 March 2013, Bangkok) to DG ENV for consideration at the next PSC meeting in 2013 and budget confirmation (of the €700 000 tentatively earmarked in December 2011).

- CBD: Nagoya Protocol on ABS and Support implementation of CBD COP11 outcomes

H S mentioned that extensive discussions took place in Hyderabad at CBD COP11 on activities implemented by the UNEP secretariat on biodiversity MEA synergies from global to national levels (incl. NBSAPs, harmonization of national focal points, etc.).

David Cooper indicated that CBD is keen to enhance synergies on biodiversity conventions and other Rio conventions.

C B recalled the need to use the AICHI targets as they are biodiversity targets for all of us. Regional offices are very important also to connect with regional and country focal points. UNEP has adjusted its medium-term strategy to include closer collaboration with CBD.

CBD provided an update on the projects and made suggestions for the reallocation of the leftovers for the COP11 follow-up (e.g. clearing house mechanism, etc.).

PSC decisions:

1. Support to Nagoya Protocol on ABS: B1 status. To be noted that the balance of the initial DG ENV's allocation from December 2011 amounts to €150 000 and is to be included in the new concept note to be submitted to DG ENV.

2. Support to the implementation and capacity building activities relating to COP11 outcomes: B1 status. Need to develop and submit a concept note to DG ENV.

A provisional amount of €1 200 000 is earmarked for the two Actions and suggestion is made for producing only one concept note. Concept note will be jointly elaborated in collaboration with Thomas Koetz (CBD) and Vassilis Koutsouris (ABS) from DG ENV within two weeks from the PSC meeting of 7 Nov.2012 and will include Hyderabad results. The final amount (which will include the balance of €150 000 for ABS work) will be decided based on the activities proposed.

- MAP: Marine litter management

MAP is asking for complementary funding to their initially approved EcAP MED project that has started as indicated by Atila Uras, MAP's project manager. This complementary funding would be added up to the marine litter aspect of the EcAP MED project for eco-system value in the Mediterranean region. Hugo Schally indicated strong support from DG ENV to this initiative.

PSC decision: A1 status for a budget of €100 000.

- Tehran Convention: Caspian Sea

C B explained that UNEP is in charge of the interim secretariat of the Tehran Convention. Mahir Aliyev on behalf of the Convention Secretariat presented the Convention as aligned with the other existing MEA Secretariats and undertaking environmental assessments as well as developing monitoring system to collect environmental data information with indicators for the five countries leading to a legally binding protocol with common indicators, reporting, processes, etc. The strategic goal is to move the secretariat in the region and there will be a COP decision in Dec.2012 in Moscow. The Caspian Sea is a priority for UNEP ED and DED and the ED will participate to the COPs meeting in Moscow.

He referred to exchanges with the EEA and SEIS that have led to a revised Caspian Sea concept note ready to be shared (but not yet shared) with the EC (3 years and €1.5 M budget).

C B indicated that this is a multi-faceted Convention and we may need for informal thinking in light of the geographic instruments.

PSC decision:

No PSC decision was taken since this project had not yet been discussed with EC services and was therefore not ready for submission. HS suggested contacting Aleksandra Kodezka from DG ENV Unit E.1 and Michail Papadoyannakis from DG ENV Unit D.2 for further discussions to confirm (or not) DG ENV interest. If need be, it can be re-submitted at a future PSC meeting. However, the funding for 2013 will likely be very limited.

3.2. Resource Efficiency / Green economy

Fanny Demassieux: Three project concept notes submitted, all are phase II of projects that were approved at the first PSC meeting (Dec.2011). They have been elaborated jointly with DG ENV's project managers.

- Green Economy and Trade

Anja Von Moltke (UNEP ETB) provided an insight of the results of the first phase of the project through its contribution to moving GE debate from risks to opportunities. A study is about to be finalized and published at the end 2012. The second phase is submitted for 2 years and will move to national and sectoral levels (closely with UNEP Regional offices). The GE and Trade project is also a component of the Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE).

H Sindicated that the possible engagement of the EC in PAGE needs further thinking and it would benefit from a more dedicated strategic discussion at the next PSC meeting in 2013. As is the case for the discussions that will need to take place on Oceans, it is a complex and strategic issue that would benefit from more substantive discussions between the EC and UNEP.

It was proposed to allocate to this second phase the budget necessary for 1 year (€250 000) instead of the 2 years (€500 000) requested. Fanny Demassieux enquired if there would be any possibility to reconsider the envisaged amount to come back to the €500 000 proposed EC contribution that had been envisaged in the concept note. However, DG ENV indicated that it is possible in their view to carry out a phase 2 of the project with the proposed amount and that any potential further follow up trade activities will need to be considered as part of the PAGE discussion.

Anja Von Moltke (UNEP ETB) commented that such an approach may lead to somehow losing the momentum of Rio+20. Clarification was given to P R on the fact that the country selection is still to be made, although a first scoping of countries has already been performed as reflected in the table attached to the concept note.

PSC decision:

A1 status. Budget of €250 000 out of the €500 000 submitted in the concept note. A new full-fledged proposal building on the results of the first phase needs to be produced (although it is a second phase, it is also built as a separate project from phase 1).

- 10 Year Framework Programme on Sustainable Consumption and Production (10YFP)

It was proposed to allocate only part of the requested budget. At H S request, Fanny Demassieux clarified that budget cuts will imply that some activities (still to be identified) will not take place since they do not yet have any other source of funding identified.

P R referred to on-going discussions in DG DEVCO on the development of a SWITCH Africa project since the 10YFP concept note is referring to SWITCH Asia. Clarification was provided on the structure of the UNEP 10YFP Secretariat that has a voluntary trust fund relying on MS contributions. The 10YFP has strategic approaches through programmes (eg. tourism; sustainable public procurement). The operational structure of the 10YFP (reporting body and small board composition) will depend on the on-going inter-governmental negotiations in NY.

PSC decision:

A1 status. Budget of €1 300 000 out of the €1 600 000 submitted in the concept note but we will discuss at a future PSC meeting in 2013 or 2014 to complement the budget if it is needed and if we have some financial flexibility. The approved full-fledged proposal for the first phase needs to be updated.

- Resource efficiency in supply-chains

DG ENV's project manager Peter Czaga expressed satisfaction on their collaboration with UNEP and their support to the concept note in its current state. Fanny Demassieux explained that a budget cut might jeopardize the delivery and success of a project that has raised a lot of expectations from potential beneficiary countries. Fabien Sordet presented the envisaged two options: 1) allocation to cover 1 year with proposed amount i.e. €800 000 and with no guarantee at all that we will be able to consider funding the other part of the project or 2) 2 years for a maximum amount of €1 M immediately made available. DG ENV's project manager indicated his preference for the second option in order to be able to complete a full range of activities. Fanny Demassieux concurred with this approach.

PSC decision:

A1 status. Budget of €1 000 000 out of the €1 550 000 submitted in the concept note. The approved full-fledged proposal for the first phase needs to be updated. Although the EC task manager and the UNEP task manager need to make the best out of the funding available and develop the full project proposal, it was agreed that they would jointly look at the consequences of this budget reduction. If there is a significant problem to deliver one or more components of the project, the issue should be brought to the attention of the PSC in the future.

Nota bene 1: The bundled Resource Efficiency SPP-Eco-labelling concept note was jointly approved by DG DEVCO and UNEP per written procedure on 17 September 2012 and did not require further approval.

Nota bene 2: it was agreed that discussions on PAGE at the next PSC meeting would need to be complemented by a presentation of the interlinkages and synergies between current UNEP Resource Efficiency / Green economy projects supported by the ENRTP instrument.

3.3. Harmful substances and hazardous waste (HWHS)

- Additional support for SAICM Secretariat

The sub-programme coordinator for HWHS, David Piper indicated the need to ensure smooth transition between ICCM3 and ICCM4.

H S enquired on how the requested additional support to the SAICM Secretariat relates to the on-going SAICM project funded by DG DEVCO. Jill Hanna pointed that DG DEVCO is still waiting for the delivery of the final report linked to their grant. Pending this final report, it will be difficult for DG ENV to discuss about further support.

PSC decision:

B1 status. The SAICM Secretariat needs to develop and submit a concept note and deliver the final report for the previous grant awarded by DG DEVCO to provide DG ENV with full picture. Decision will be taken as well as budget confirmation (€250 000) upon receiving the required information through written procedure (no need to await next meeting).

- Chemical content of electronics (CiP)

Hugo Schally suggested cutting down the budget while keeping all activities. The sub-programme coordinator, David Piper expressed concern with the approach but proposed to couple the workshops with workshops held in the framework of other ENRTP projects (such as support to Basel Secretariat).

PSC decision:

A2 status. A revised concept note with a maximum budget of €300 000 needs to be submitted to DG ENV Project manager.

David Piper requested an update to DG ENV on the follow-up of some other HWHS projects:

- Inter-laboratory comparison for POPs

The UNEP's project manager still expects substantive comments on the draft full-fledged proposal to finalize it. Fabien Sordet will follow-up on this with DG ENV's chemicals unit.

- Consultative process on financing options for the chemicals and waste (Fast start action)

DG ENV needs to receive a concept note for the additional funding of €100 000 that will include the results of the first expert meeting held in Bangkok (6-7 Oct.2011).

Nota Bene: Further discussions with BRS will take place taking into account the outcome of their next simultaneous COP (28 April-11 May 2013, Geneva) at next PSC meeting in 2013.

3.4. Environmental governance

- UNEP InforMEA

The InforMEA project manager, Eva Duer presented the concept note outlining that this MEA information and knowledge management initiative gather 17 MEA Secretariats (some of them are administered by UNEP).

Hugo Schally asked about the consequences of the budget cut on the project delivery. Eva Duer clarified that some activities that were phased out will be re-submitted for consideration in 2014 if budget allows.

PSC decision: A1 status. Budget of €800 000. Full-fledged proposal to be developed.

3.5. Climate Change

C B introduced Merlyn Van Voore as the new Sub-programme coordinator for Climate change sitting in DTIE in Paris.

With the exception of the SLCP project, the EBA, ODS and CTCN projects were discussed at the second PSC meeting (Mar.2012). Merlyn Van Voore asked for an update on the climate change projects:

- Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS)

Geoffrey Rudd (DG CLIMA) mentioned that the €5 M are allocated to the ODS. DG DEVCO needs to review the draft full-fledged proposal and then DG CLIMA will send approval per email to UNEP. Implementation can start in 2013 (after the rider to the DEVCO SCA is signed).

Louis Du Breil De Pontbriand (DG DEVCO) clarified that the €5 M are included in the replenishment in 2012 of the DG DEVCO SCA, which is still under preparation.

Sandrine Marques: The ODS project can be jointly approved by written procedure. Joint signatures are only requested for the replenishment in 2012 to the DG DEVCO SCA but not on the ODS project documents.

PSC decision: A1 status with €5 000 000 budget (pending rider to be signed before end 2012).

- Short Lived Climate Pollutants (SLCP)

Geoffrey Rudd (DG CLIMA) indicated that similarly to the ODS project, DG CLIMA and DG DEVCO need to send its approval on the draft full-fledged proposal per email to UNEP. Implementation can start in 2013 (after the rider to the DEVCO SCA is signed).

Louis Du Breil De Pontbriand (DG DEVCO) clarified that the replenishment in 2012 to the DG DEVCO SCA was initially of €14 M. However, €2 M for a CITES project were shifted to the DG ENV SCA and the €1 M of the SLCP was added up leading to a replenishment in 2012 of the DG DEVCO of €13 M.

PSC decision: A1 status with €1 000 000 budget (pending rider to be signed before end 2012).

- Climate Technology Centre and Networks (CTCN)

Geoffrey Rudd (DG CLIMA): For this action there is need for a decision at Doha UNFCCC COP, but DG CLIMA wishes to start as soon as possible. Irrespective of Doha decision on whether or not UNEP will be designated to host the CTCN, this €5 M budget will be allocated to UNEP for climate technology networking activities as DG CLIMA wants to work with UNEP on this topic anyway. If the decision is taken at Doha, the budget has to be included in the global CTCN initiative.

C B welcomed this encouraging news because the UNEP led proposal came on top. Legal aspects are under finalization and barring last-minute surprises; the agreement should be signed in Doha at the UNFCCC COP, and formally ratified at the UNEP's Governing Council in February 2013 in Nairobi.

Louis Du Breil De Pontbriand (DG DEVCO): The €5 M of the CTCN are included in the second part of the Annual Action Programme 2012 to be adopted in principle in Mid-December 2012. It is therefore suggested to have only one replenishment in 2012 to the DG DEVCO SCA of €18 M.

PSC decision: A2 status with €5 000 000 budget (pending Doha outcomes and provided that the financing decision is taken by the EC in December 2012).

- Ecosystem Based Adaptation (EBA)

Merlyn Van Voore indicated that this project is composed of a €1 M start-up phase and of a €1.5 M scale-up phase. She enquired on the possibility to start using the start-up phase budget that would be then topped-up with the €1.5 M to continue project implementation.

Maria Campo (DG DEVCO): Joint technical discussions are still needed on the draft full-fledged proposal, which is not yet approved by DG DEVCO.

PSC decision: A1 status. Budget of €2 500 000 (start-up phase: €1 M and scale-up phase (pending rider to be signed before the end of 2012): €1.5 M).

Update on the coordination of the ENRTP process in DG CLIMA:

Geoffrey Rudd (DG CLIMA - GR) indicated that Ms Mette Quinn and (Ms. Orsola Mautone) will replace him as ENRTP focal points in DG CLIMA. While there is little funding left for 2013, DG CLIMA is still working on a list of projects for 2013. However, from 2014 onwards, there may be further opportunities with the new Global Public Good and Challenges instrument and the Pan-Africa instrument since 20% of the overall budget will be targeting climate change-related activities. It is therefore suggested to schedule a meeting with Mette Quinn before the Christmas break.

C B asked if the existing arrangements between DG DEVCO and DG CLIMA will be maintained after 2013 on the channeling of DG CLIMA's operations through the DG DEVCO SCA or if a separate DG CLIMA SCA is to be envisaged?

G R clarified that the development of a separate SCA with DG CLIMA will depend on volume of the DG CLIMA's level of available funding. Part of the funding that UNEP receives comes from the Environmental Governance budget line of the ENRTP.

Louis Du Breil De Pontbriand indicated that further discussions between DEVCO and DG CLIMA are needed, the funding currently comes from the ENRTP.

4. Project selection

Category Status:

A1: PSC agreement on project funding (Project concept note is approved and project is selected for funding under the SCAs - Agreement on development of full-fledged proposal). The amount of EC contribution indicated below is agreed.

A2: PSC agreement in principle (Project concept note is approved in principle but still there are some aspects that need to be addressed)¹. The amount EC contribution indicated below is agreed.

B1: Joint discussion at policy level needed for possible development of concept note in view of subsequent PSC. The amount of EC contribution indicated below is envisaged and still to be considered as provisional.

B2: Project either not of joint interest or not a top priority compared to other priorities and is rejected

EC DG	Sub-Prog.	Status	Project acronym	EC allocation (€)
ENV	RE	A1	10 YFP	1 300 000
ENV	RE	A1	International Supply-chains	1 000 000
ENV	RE	A1	GE & Trade	250 000
TOTAL RE sub-programme				2 550 000
ENV	EG	A1	InforMEA	800 000
TOTAL EG sub-programme				800 000
ENV	EM	A2	NBSAPs & synergies	900 000
ENV	EM	A1	Oceans	200 000
ENV	EM	A1	MAP Marine litter management	100 000
ENV	EM	B1	CBD Nagoya Protocol ABS & support implementation for COP11 outcomes	1 200 000
ENV	EM	A1	CITES Aquatic species	1 980 000
DEVCO	EM	A1	CITES MIKE III	2 000 000
ENV	EM	A1	CMS SakerGAP	78 000
TOTAL EM sub-programme				6 458 000
ENV	HWHS	A2	CiP	300 000
ENV	HWHS	B1	SAICM	250 000
TOTAL HWHS sub-programme				550 000
DEVCO	CC	A1	EBA	1 500 000 (scale-up phase) *
CLIMA	CC	A2 (pending Doha and financing decision)	CTCN	5 000 000

¹ NB: Under this specific third PSC meeting, status A2 has been given to a DEVCO concept note (please see table below) on the conditionality that additional funds are available after a financing decision is taken by the EC in December 2012.

CLIMA	CC	A1	SLCP	1 000 000
CLIMA	CC	A1	ODS	5 000 000
			TOTAL CC sub-programme	12 500 000
			GRAND TOTAL	22 858 000

* EBA project was allocated €1 M for start-up phase at the second PSC meeting (Mar.2012)

ENV	EM	Not submitted for decision	Caspian Sea, Tehran convention	No indication at this stage
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The budget allocations to the UNEP and MEA projects made at this PSC meeting are provisional pending the signature of the replenishments in 2012 to the two DG ENV and DG DEVCO SCAs.

4. **MANAGEMENT OF SCAs**

4.1 **Management procedures of the SCA**

H S made the following comments:

- UNEP needs to improve its coordination of the implementation of the ENRTP SCAs as well as to strengthen collaboration with the MEA Secretariats;
- It is a core principle of the SCAs that interests accrued from the EC contribution on UNEP's SCA or MEAs' Trust Funds should be allocated only by the PSC. We might leave them where they are (in case they accrued on a MEA's Trust Fund) or we can put them back on UNEP's SCA Trust Fund for allocation to other activities. To C B suggestion to stick to the 60/40 ratio between UNEP and MEAs Secretariats, H S recalled that this ratio is in any case indicative.

Jill Hanna added that unspent balances of projects need to be tracked as well for possible re-allocation by the PSC.

C B provided an update on various aspects of the management procedures including:

- Strong improvement of our working arrangements with the MEA Secretariats with concurrence on the PMU;
- The financial management of the ENRTP funding is working on the basis of either sub-allotments or fund transfers to the Voluntary Trust Funds of the MEA Secretariats therefore the section 3.9 can be revised accordingly and shared with the EC within the Governance structure;
- UNEP will account on all the interests generated; and as a last resort the issue of interests generated could be addressed in the same way as it was addressed before the SCAs (i.e. paid back to the EC);
- Exchange rates: we will stick to FAFA and will report on the EC overall ENRTP funding in EURO;
- Looking forward to receive EC's feedback on the Communication and visibility plan;
- Proposal to maintain the existing arrangements for the PMU.

4.2 **UNEP's coordination and management of the ENRTP SCAs process**

C B outlined the instrumental role of Geneva (Sylvie Motard and Michael Evteev and team) in the coordination and the management of the implementation of the ENRTP SCAs process.

There is a need for strengthened coordination also in view of 2014-2020 between Brussels; Geneva and Nairobi. Sylvie Motard will be in mission to Nairobi in Nov.2012 and there will be internal discussions on a modus operandi for the daily management of the process in view of maintaining while strengthening coordination within the UNEP Secretariat. This will also allow us to get more strategic in our proposals to the EC, away from the piece-meal approach as well as to package them into a larger context. As regards MEAs a recent retreat had been the latest opportunity for a joint strategic meeting

under the DED and numerous consultations at all levels had taken place lately between MEA and UNEP Secretariats, including on ENRTP.

H S welcomed the tightening of the “triangulaire” between Brussels, Geneva and Nairobi and marked interest for the development of an approach leading to larger project packages.

Frank Moser (BRS) indicated that the scheduling of the PSC meetings should take into consideration the scheduling of the COPs meetings of the MEA Secretariats.

4.3 Update on the development and approval process of the ENRTP reference documents

• Governance Structure

H S invited UNEP to reflect on the UNEP-MEA Secretariats' discussions at the PSC meeting into the draft Governance structure and to submit it to the EC also taking into account comments from EC financial services (notably on exchange rates). The Governance structure will be approved through written procedure.

• Communication and visibility Plan

Louis Du Breil De Pontbriand indicated that they still need to provide their comments.

H S clarified that upon written approval of the Communication and visibility plan, UNEP will need to share it together with the Joint EC-UN Visibility Guidelines with the UNEP and MEA Secretariat's project managers.

• Replenishments in 2012 of the DG ENV and DG DEVCO SCAs

There is on-going joint work to prepare content of the two replenishments for 2012.

• Others

At the next PSC meeting, H S indicated that three items should be included for discussion in the agenda with development of specific notes to support the discussions:

- All synergy issues (both UNEP and MEA Secretariats as well as all thematic topics (e.g. biodiversity);
- The Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE), including a presentation from DTIE/Paris on the overall project portfolio regarding GE;
- Oceans.

5. REPLENISHMENTS in 2013 of the DG ENV and DG DEVCO SCAs

H S indicated that this is too early to discuss the replenishment 2013 of the DG ENV SCA, but confirmed that DG ENV is working towards a further increase of €6 million as originally envisaged. UNEP would be informed if there is room for an increase beyond this amount.

Similarly, Louis Du Breil De Pontbriand for DG DEVCO suggested postponing this discussion until there is clarity on the 2013 budget.

6. NEXT PSC MEETING IN 2013

The next PSC meeting will be scheduled in June 2013.

Signatures of ENRTP co-chairs:

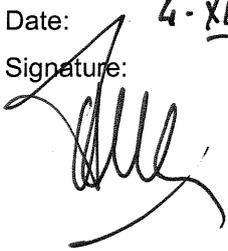
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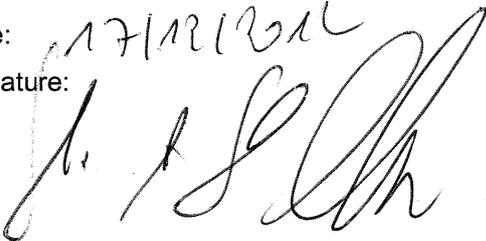
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