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### GCI website

<http://www.greencustoms.org>

### Intranet

<http://www.greencustoms.org/intranet/>

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*To better facilitate communication with the Green Customs Partners and other interested parties, a regular update message will be provided to inform you of recent news and upcoming events. This is the first of these 'updates' and we look forward to your feedback and suggestions as to items to include in future messages as well as your general comments.*

## 6th GCI partners meeting



The sixth meeting of the Green Customs Initiative Partners was held at International Environment House in Geneva, Switzerland on the 8th - 9th February 2010.

The meeting enjoyed the participation of representatives of the Secretariats of Basel Convention, CITES, Montreal Protocol, Rotterdam Convention, Stockholm Convention, Interpol, Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, UNEP (DTIE, DELC, SAICM and Chemicals Branch) and the World

Customs Organization.

The annual meeting provided an opportunity for GCI Partners and the Green Customs Secretariat to provide an update on activities from 2009 and to discuss progress and plans for the coming year. A number of action points were agreed for the forthcoming year and a post-meeting evaluation was used to seek the views of Partners.

The draft report will be circulated for comments next week and once finalised this will be uploaded on the website:

[http://www.greencustoms.org/reports/partners\\_meeting\\_reports.htm](http://www.greencustoms.org/reports/partners_meeting_reports.htm)

We would like to express our great thanks on behalf of the Partners to the CITES secretariat for hosting the meeting.

## Latest news – ODS smuggling



Businessman Convicted for Evading \$1.9 Million in Taxes on Sales of Ozone-Depleting Greenhouse Gases

<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2010/January/10-enrd-092.html>

Kroy Corporation and James Garrido plead guilty to illegal smuggling of ozone depleting substance, Press Release, Southern District of Florida

<http://www.justice.gov/usao/fls/PressReleases/091123-02.html>

### **ECA Ozone Protection Award 2010 for Customs &**

**Enforcement Officers:** Individual Customs & Enforcement officers who have successfully prevented illegal trade of ozone-depleting substances (ODS) or products / equipment relying on ODS to or from member countries of the regional ozone network for Europe & Central Asia (ECA network) are eligible to be nominated for the ECA Ozone Protection Award 2010.

Nominations should be submitted by the National Ozone Units to the coordinator of the ECA network by 30 June 2010. Please see the *Regional Ozone Network in Europe & Central Asia*

Website for more details:

[http://fr1.estis.net/builder/includes/page.asp?site=ecanetwork&page\\_id=B2D83AAA-8D62-4A09-8A67-0BA8EB57C45B](http://fr1.estis.net/builder/includes/page.asp?site=ecanetwork&page_id=B2D83AAA-8D62-4A09-8A67-0BA8EB57C45B)

For more news stories please see:

<http://www.greencustoms.org/news/>

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## Upcoming events

- Conferences of the Parties to Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, Simultaneous extraordinary meetings. Bali, Indonesia, 22-24 Feb 2010. For more information please see: <http://excops.unep.ch/>
- 29th session of the WCO Enforcement Committee, 2-5 March 2010. All GCI partners have received an invitation to attend this event. Please contact WCO for more information.
- 13th CITES COP - The 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP15) will be held in Doha, Qatar, from 13 to 25 March 2010, for more information see: <http://www.cites.org/>
- World Customs Organisation - Green Customs Workshop, Beirut, Lebanon, 13 to 15 April 2010. For countries of Middle East and North Africa. GCI partners have been invited to participate in this event. For more information please contact the WCO or GCI Secretariat.

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## Using the GCI Intranet



Partners are reminded to check the restricted access Green Customs Intranet for the latest documents, workshop planning and GCI 'suitcase' materials.

The Intranet can be found here:

<http://www.greencustoms.org/intranet/>

Passwords will be re-circulated under separate cover.

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