



## **Outline and theme objectives** *Shaping the future*

### **1<sup>st</sup> International Chiefs of Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Summit Lyon, France, 27-29 March, 2012**

The Summit is designed to bring together the national chiefs and heads of government departments/agencies that are responsible for environmental compliance and enforcement. It is an unprecedented gathering of high level governmental officials in order for them to discuss, design, direct and decide upon the strategic and tactical deployment of national and international resources and financial investment dedicated to international environmental compliance and enforcement.

It will enhance the current state of international collaboration and coordination and improve the effectiveness of our shared global investment in environmental security. It will see the bringing together of environmental disciplines and fields such as pollution, wildlife, fisheries, forestry, bio-security and climate change in a unified common purpose to enhance the level of environmental security for all our global citizens.

The Summit is the first step toward the creation of a forum for the leaders in environmental compliance and enforcement, similar to that of our counterparts in Police and Customs that utilize INTERPOL, the World Customs Organisation and the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime.

The Summit will assist in developing the framework for identifying the global environmental security priorities in order to prevent the erosion of our international efforts of sustainable development and the interference with our national security, economy, political stability and livelihoods. Having United Nations Environment Programme as the Summit co-organizer, it is anticipated that this event will provide strategic and tactical recommendations to the Rio + 20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development taking place 20-22 June 2012.

Although there will be some stimulating presentations, the majority of the summit will be devoted to collaborative discussion among the delegates. There are four main themes namely; Effective Networks, Investigative Assistance and Operational Support, Intelligence Management, Capacity Building Standards that will be considered, discussed and decided upon. The goal of the Summit is to develop international strategies governing our efforts in these four thematic areas. The Summit will commence with a critical evaluation of the current national, regional and international strategies for environmental compliance and enforcement.

Tuesday, 27 March 2012

## **Evaluation of current National, Regional and International environmental compliance and enforcement strategies**

This theme will provide the leaders with an overview of the international situation from the perspective of the international inter-governmental organisation community. It will see organisations such as INTERPOL, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the World Customs Organisation and the World Bank provide situational and positional awareness briefings on their mandates, activities and recommendations as part of a panel.

These briefings will set the scene for the coming days and be used to stimulate discussion within the delegation. The evaluation of compliance and enforcement strategies by international organizations will provide a snapshot of observed global dynamics.

At the conclusion of the panel presentations the delegation will be invited to engage, make suggestions, recommendations, make comments and ask exploratory questions to the panel.

### **I. Effective Networks**

Networks are an essential element for effective communication and exchange. In the field of compliance and enforcement a network needs to be able to respond real-time in a secure and mandated manner. It needs to be able to reduce the risk associated with the handling and exchange of sensitive information and be able to evolve at a pace suitable to ensure the relevance to the issue at hand but also maintain appropriate governance. Networks are essential but can become an obstacle if they don't respond to the changing environment and needs of governments. Furthermore, there needs to be an overarching design to ensure that each network has an important mission without duplicating or interfering with the work of other networks and organizations.

This theme will consider the use and role of networks in environmental compliance and enforcement. The delegation will firstly hear from an independent international organisation that is considered to provide an effective and efficient global network, after which a panel comprising of three countries will make short interventions as to the essential elements in an effective network and provide recommendations to the delegation from their perspective.

The Summit delegation will discuss this theme based on their combined collective experience. The Summit delegation during this interactive discussion will begin to make design recommendation, leading to the direction and collaborative decision.

The overall objective of this theme is to decide on the key elements that are required to make an effective network, to consider the current regional and international approach to environmental compliance and enforcement networks, to recognise the eroding factures of networks and develop a collaborative strategy to enforcement networks.

Wednesday, 28 March 2012

## **II. Investigative Assistance and Operational Support**

Investigative assistance and operational support are regular and common issues discussed and negotiated by departmental management. Departments establish internal policies and procedures to address the activity internally and nationally multi-agency negotiations consume resources and capacity to ensure our many and various agencies and departments can effectively and immediately communicate and work together when the time is needed. On a national level, law enforcement agencies establish internal policies and procedures governing investigations and operations. When cases involve multi-agency cooperation, as they often do, satisfying each respective agency's procedures can be challenging. The problem is greatly exacerbated in multi-national law enforcement operations and investigations because the participating countries have different laws that can frequently conflict with one another.

During this theme, the Summit delegation will hear from an independent international organisation that is considered to be an effective and efficient global leader in the field of managing and deploying international investigative assistance and operational support. After which a panel comprising of three countries will make short interventions as to the essential elements in requesting or providing investigative assistance and operational support in the international arena with regards to environmental compliance and enforcement.

The Summit will explore the current methods used to ensure safe, secure and lawful requests and deployments. It will make recommendations as to how to improve the current environment and provide collective support in ensuring the recommendations are implemented.

## **III. Intelligence Management**

Intelligence management is a high risk activity, but if managed well the risk can be significantly reduced and the benefits very substantial. Data, information and intelligence can help compliance and enforcement agencies be better equipped to prepare for the known and unknown, it can give insight, identify trends and predict movements. Strategic and tactical analysis assists agencies in pre-empting a change or an activity, it will allow for the effective and efficient deployment of resources, the identification of priorities, risks and emerging trends.

The delegation will consider the international need and appropriate organisational structure and position for intelligence management. The Summit delegation will hear from an independent private organisation that manages corporate information and intelligence, after which a panel comprising of three countries will make short interventions helping to stimulate ideas and discussion associated to the risks and effectiveness of information and intelligence management from an international perspective. The delegation will assess if there is a need for an international intelligence response and the role of networks in this activity.

Thursday, 29 March 2012

#### **IV. Capacity Building Standards**

Capacity building standards are established and reviewed by academic, private sector and government institutions on an on-going basis. Standardization can improve the efficacy of capacity building, but there is also the need to promote innovation so that these efforts always remain timely and relevant. There is a myriad of environmental enforcement training and capacity building programs offered and delivered by many governments and institutions around the world. There is, however, a lack of periodical review and coordination among the providers to ensure consistency and prevent duplication of effort.

The Summit delegation will consider if there is a need to work towards the introduction of a base standard and approach to international compliance and enforcement. A leading international body will present their perspective and approach to setting an international capacity standard. The delegation will hear from a three country panel that will present their efforts to standardise and their recommendations for an international standard. The delegation will consider if there is a need and if so how to begin working toward the development of such and the strategic direction of such a development.

#### **Discussion, Direction, Decision**

The Summit is designed to bring together the global leaders in a strategic and business planning fashion. The Summit will discuss and interact with the objective of providing global direction and recommendations so as to have a range of collective decisions. This Summit will shape the future and guide us all in working towards an advanced state of environmental security.