GREEN CUSTOMS TRAIN-THE-TRAINER WORKSHOP FOR WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION REGIONAL TRAINING CENTERS IN ASIA PACIFIC WORKSHOP REPORT

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1 BACKGROUND

Illegal international trade in environmentally sensitive commodities such as ozone depleting substances, toxic chemicals, hazardous wastes and endangered species can seriously undermine the effectiveness of multilateral environmental agreements.

Building the capacity of enforcement officers like customs, which are at the forefront of every country's efforts to combat illegal trade, is vital. Training is a key component of capacity building that starts with raising the awareness of customs officers on their role in implementing environmental protection.

Multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) are legally binding global accords that address global environmental issues. ¹

The Secretariats of MEAs that include trade provisions, such as the Basel Convention on the Trans-boundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, have already instituted capacity building programs for customs officials, in cooperation with the WCO, at both the national and regional levels.

Customs officer training is also to be an important element of the national implementation of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent (PIC) Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals in International Trade, and, to a different extent, the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants.

In UNEP Governing Council Decision 21/27 on "Compliance with and Enforcement of Multilateral Environmental Agreements", the Council recognized that the environmental damage caused by illegal trade is growing, and that continuous efforts are required by relevant agencies to address the problem.

Governing Council Decision GCSS.VII.I on "International Environmental Governance" encourages initiatives to enhance collaboration, synergies and linkages between conventions on issues of common interest, such as illegal trade.

The World Customs Organization (WCO) offers extensive training to customs officers with the objective of ensuring the implementation and uniform application of the customs conventions that it administers.

The purpose of the Green Customs Initiative is to raise the capacity of customs officials on several multilateral environmental agreements at the same time, which can complement separate, specific training on each individual agreement. This partnership of international organizations aims at enhancing customs' capacity to detect and act on illegal trade in environmentally-sensitive items covered by the related agreements, as well as assisting customs in the facilitation of legal trade in

¹ In the context of the Green Customs Initiative, these are: The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, the Basel Convention on the Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

these items. This is achieved through awareness raising on all related MEAs and agreements, to make customs officers aware of these issues by developing common tools and programmes across partners to this initiative.

Since the establishment of the Green Customs Initiative, several fora have been used to make it widely known in the Asia Region. The GCI and its activities have been presented in the SA-SEAP Ozone-Customs Coordination meetings, in meetings of RILO AP, and of Regional Partner's Forum on Combating Environmental Crime. Environmental and Customs Officers have recognized the importance of providing training and awareness raising on MEA trade controls, and have indicated repeated interest to organize Green Customs Workshops in their country.

The first phase of Green Customs workshops focused mainly on awareness raising at sub-regional or regional levels and aimed at testing the draft Green Customs Training Guide. Six regional workshops were held, one of which in Thimpu, Bhutan, in October 2005, for eight countries in the Asia Region. The Green Customs Initiative is now entering a second phase in which the Green Customs module should be included in national customs training curriculum. For this purpose, Train-the-Trainer workshops are being organized in 2007 at the regional level, so that trainers can then hold training at the national level. Shanghai is the first such regional Train-the-Trainer workshop and will pilot test the national training package.

To better coordinate Green Customs Initiative activities and activities relating to enforcement with regard to environmental crime issues at the regional level, UNEP ROAP has put in place a cooperation framework between regional offices of related international organizations in curbing illegal environment trade. A Regional Partner's Forum on Combating Environmental Crime was established in August 2005. Since then the cooperation between Partners has developed rapidly, and three meetings of the Partner's Forum have been organized in Bangkok. Regional Partner Organizations participated in Green Customs Initiative workshops, and have invited UNEP at their meetings to present the Green Customs Initiative.

2 OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

The workshop aims to train the trainers from customs training institutes on MEA-related trade controls. These trainers will then be expected to train their fellow national customs officers by conducting presentations on effective implementation and enforcement of the trade control measures of MEAs. The workshop will thus test, discuss, and improve the national training package, which will be used for Green Customs national-level training.

The list of trainers thus constituted at the regional level should then be made available on the Green Customs web site.

3 PARTNERS

International Partners

The following organizations are cooperating on the Green Customs Initiative:

■ The World Customs Organisation (WCO)

- Interpol
- The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
- The Secretariats of the following MEAs:
 - o Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer
 - Basel Convention on the Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal
 - o Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants
 - o Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for certain hazardous chemicals and pesticides in international trade
 - Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna
 - o Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
- UNEP, especially the following Divisions:
 - Division of Technology, Industry and Economics, OzonAction Branch
 (DTIE GCI Secretariat) as well as its Chemicals Branch
 - o Division of Environmental Laws and Conventions (DELC)
 - o Division of Regional Coordination (DRC) and the Regional Offices

Regional Partners

The following regional organizations co-operated in the preparation of the workshop:

- WCO Asia Pacific Regional Office for Capacity Building (ROCB)
- Interpol Liaison Office for South Asia
- Asia-Pacific Regional Centre for Hazardous Waste Management Training and Technology Transfer (Basel Convention Regional Centre in China)
- Regional Intelligence Liaison Office for Asia and the Pacific (RILO A/P)

National Partners

The following national agencies co-operated in the preparation of the workshop:

- Shanghai Customs College
- State Forestry Administration

4 METHODOLOGY

The meeting was organized over a period of four days in order to give enough time for all concerned to express their experiences, visions and accomplishments, to discuss with relevant secretariats and agencies, future action plans and also facilitate the enforcement of regional legislations relevant to MEAs, as well as to curb illegal trade on a regional level by cooperating with relevant authorities and organizations.

In order to achieve these objectives, the meeting followed the agenda previously prepared by the Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP) of ROAP in consultation with all resource persons (Annex 1).

All presentations and related documents addressed during the meeting were distributed to the participants in both hard copy and soft copy format.

Alls participants, including resource persons were requested to fill in an evaluation questionnaire on the proceedings of the workshop and the usefulness of the Green Customs Training Manual.

Local media, including television and newspapers, covered the meeting.

5 PARTICIPANTS

The Mr. Yu Shen, President of Shanghai Customs, and Ms. Ludgarde Coppens, Enforcement and Policy Officer, United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, opened the meeting.

Mr. ACHIM STEINER, UNEP Executive Director, delivered a keynote address on Trans-national Environmental Crime on 16 May 2007. UNEP Regional Director, Mr. Surendra Shrestha, also attended the workshop.

Mr. Wang Donghong, Deputy Director General of International Cooperation Department of China Customs, and Mr. Erie S. Tamale, CBD Secretariat closed the workshop.

Officers from World Customs Organization (WCO) Regional Training Centres in the Asia Pacific Region (Shanghai Customs College, China; NACEN, India; AKMAL, Malaysia; and Oceania Customs Organisation), and national Customs Training Institutes from the Philippines, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Thailand participated in the workshop.

Resource persons came from the relevant organisations, including the Chemical Weapons Convention (OPCW), CBD Secretariat, World Customs Organization (WCO) Asia Pacific Regional Office for Capacity Building (ROCB), Regional Intelligence Liaison Office for Asia and the Pacific (RILO/AP), Basel Convention Coordinating Centre for Asia and the Pacific (BCRC/AP), State Forestry Administration of China, and U.S. Department of State – in addition to UNEP.

6 EXPECTED OUTCOME

Enhanced capacity of the trainers (participants to this workshop) who will be able to:

- Create awareness among customs officers of each of the specific MEAs and the Chemical Weapons Convention covered
- Create awareness among customs officers on their role in enforcing MEAs
- Present the trade aspects of each of these MEAs and the impact on customs officers
- Present the existing international setting for MEA enforcement (including MEA secretariats, WCO, Interpol and OPCW)

- Organize Green Customs Training based on the Green Customs Guide as well as the training curriculum for national Green Customs training developed by the partners
- Have knowledge of sources of information on MEA implementation, enabling the participant to stay aware of the latest developments
- Highlight inter-linkages and possible synergies in enforcement of the various MEAs

The workshop will thus:

- Encourage creation of links at the national level between key MEA enforcement stakeholders: customs officers, customs training institutes, MEA national focal points, judges, prosecutors
- Encourage bilateral as well as regional dialogues on trade-related issues related to MEAs

7 KEY ISSUES CONCLUDED

Following were the conclusions of the workshop based on the discussions in the working groups, and following the presentations.

I. Awareness raising on Green Customs

- Awareness raising as a first step
- Make linkages between the MEAs clearer
- Inform what treaties have been ratified in the country
- Make clear who is responsible for what at national level
- Needs to be followed up by intensive training on each of the MEA/CWC
 - Strategy Plan to be developed Target date 2010

II. Green Customs Training Materials

- Turn a dry subject into a challenging and interesting subject
 - Pictures
 - Case studies
 - Exercises
 - Invite officers who have made seizures to share their experience
- Presentations need to be adapted to address better the customs relevant issues
- Exercises: Exercises prepared by US-EPA will be tested
 - During the Sri Lanka Green Customs WS
 - During the sub-regional Thai GC WS
 - In WCO Regional Training Centres
 - In national Customs Training Institutes of Pakistan and Philippines

III. Participants to keep in touch

• SCC will create and manage a yahoo-group (e-forum) with membership of all participants and Mr. Emory from US-EPA (author exercises)

- Exchange experience with exercises
 - o Useful or not, to be part of GC tools
 - o Suggestions on how to improve exercises
- Share with participants materials on training skills and approaches
- Upload pictures and case studies
- Suggestions on how to evaluate effectiveness of training

IV. Incentives for trainees

- Establish an award mechanism for customs officers
 - Certificates of participation
 - Publicise achievements seizures
 - Green Customs Award base on certain criteria, e.g.
 - o Seizures
 - o Spreading the message to colleagues

V. Effectiveness of Green Customs Training

- Ensure Green Customs Trainers continue working in this field for a minimum number of years
- Personal commitment even after moving on from the training institute
- Include in the training curriculum of Customs Training Institutes
- Develop a Green Customs module and specific MEA modules (CITES) for inclusion in the WCO e-learning system and China & India e-learning systems
- Translation in national languages
- WCO ROCB and RILO A/P to include GC in training

VI. Involve key actors

Customs

- Training adapted to customs officers working in different fields
 - document examination
 - Physical inspection
 - intelligence collection and analysis
 - Investigation
- Free Trade Zone: Follow the Kyoto Convention: full enforcement in free trade zone except for levying tax

Key national Government agencies

- Inform Customs during training on national implementation
- Advise: Suspect goods, Safe handling, Storage of seized goods
- Clarify roles (agreement)
- Raise their awareness for need deterrent penalties

Police

- Explore the cooperation between Customs and Police on addressing environmental crime, for in some countries, customs does not have investigation power or power to arrest smugglers
- Pacific region police organisation (PICP) could be an agency to cooperate with in combating environmental crime in the PIC region

Traders

- Raise awareness of traders on regulations and requirements on restricted and banned goods
- Seek the support of traders in control of regulated commodities

Judges and prosecutors

- Awareness raising workshops
- Case studies on prosecutions and convictions
- Guidelines for judge and prosecutors on penalties for environmental crime

Public

Report seizures in the press

VII. Information exchange - intelligence

- Report seizures timely
 - WCO Customs Enforcement Network (CEN)
 - Interpol EcoMessage
 - Circulate List of contact points of RILO, Interpol
- Inform exporting countries on seizures
- Regular meetings with neighbours or regionally
- Risk profiling analysis to identify problematic trade
- Cooperate with NGOs to collect intelligence and information on environmental crime
- MEAs' secretariats to work closely with WCO in updating HS code related to MEA/CWC
- WCO to work closely with environmental agencies to update information on risk profiling of environmentally sensitive commodities

8 RECOMMENDATIONS EMERGING FROM THE QUESTIONNAIRES

The evaluation questionnaires allowed room for participants to make suggestions for improvement. A summary of recommendations:

- All the MEA related to customs should be discussed and included;
- Presentations of the participates strengthening the coordination of Green Customs Initiative and regular contacts;
- As this a is a train the trainer workshop, each trainer should have done a presentation;
- The workshop should be for maximum 3 days. Beyond that it is difficult to coordinate. The energy level goes down. Include more dialogues, syndicate discussion to reduce the monotony;
- For Rotterdam Convention, there is need of more information on safety measures and precautions;
- Can restructure the entire thing to make it much more interactive. It should be able to make it lots more creative and interactive in concept of action;

- What's happening around the world, who are the traders of environmentally sensitive commodities, how serious the environmental crime is, issues related to polities should be introduced.
- UNEP may create a poll of trainers, which can be shared between participating administrations at Shanghai. The identical region countries can exchange trainers.
- With information load during the short time, suggest if some documents/presentation should be sent beforehand so that participants are aware of the basic information before the workshop;
- There is a need of information about which part of the agreement related to national legislation;
- Participants in this workshop should be invited to attend the further follow up workshops so that they could be updated on these MEAs;
- More hands on work with each one to get a sense of how they work together and specific of documentation and visual inspection issues;
- The same parts of the MEAs should be considered including the national situation when the national workshops are organized.

ANNEX 1: AGENDA

Agenda Green Customs Train-the-Trainer Workshop 15-18 May 2007, Shanghai, China		
	Tuesday 15 May 2007	
Inaugural Session	OPENING OF THE REGIONAL WORKSHOP	
09:00 - 09.20	Master of Ceremony: SCC	
	Welcome address by Mr. Yu Shen, President of Shanghai Customs College	
	Opening remarks by Ms. Ludgarde Coppens, UNEP	
09.20 - 09:35	Introduction of Participants	
09:35 - 09:45	Group photo	
09:45 - 10:15	TEA / COFFEE BREAK	
Session 1	INTRODUCTION TO THE GREEN CUSTOMS INITIATIVE	
10:15 - 11:00	Facilitated ² by Mr. Liu Ning, UNEP	
	Objectives and Approach of the Workshop	
	Green Customs: Coordinated Method of Capacity Building	
	Ms. Ludgarde Coppens, UNEP	
	Q&A – Discussion	
Session 2	THE ROLE OF WCO IN ENFORCEMENT OF MEAS	
11:00 – 12:30	Facilitated by Mr. Lawrence Sperling	
	Training and Technical Assistance Activities by WCO ROCB	
	Mr. Parisorn Sukprasert, WCO ROCB	
	Major amendments to the HS from 1 January 2007 (Environmental goods) - E-learning Program - Specific Bilateral Cooperation with other Green Customs Partners	
	Ms. Yoko Odashima, WCO ROCB	
	WCO Global Information & Intelligence Strategy and Risk Assessment Indicators	
	Mr. Zhu Xiao Liang, WCO RILO A/P	
	Q&A – Discussion	
12.30 – 14.00	LUNCH BREAK	
Session 3	ROLE OF INTERPOL IN IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF MEAS	
14:00 – 15:30	Facilitated by Ms. Yoko Odashima	
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 $^{^2}$ The facilitator introduces the speaker, leads the answers and questions and makes a short (maximum 5 minutes) summary of the main issues discussed.

	Environmental Crimes – Practical Guide on Cooperation with Interpol	
	Mr. Wong Kwok Kit Regional Specialised Officer, Interpol	
	Q&A – Discussion	
15:30 – 16:00	TEA / COFFEE BREAK	
Session 4	COMPLIANCE WITH AND ENFORCEMENT OF MEAS	
16:00 – 17:00	Facilitated by Mr. Erie Tamale Overview of the UNEP guidelines and manual on compliance with and enforcement of MEAs	
	Mr. Arnold Kreilhuber, UNEP	
	Q&A - Discussion	
	Wednesday 16 May 2007	
Session 5	COMPLIANCE WITH AND ENFORCEMENT OF SPECIFIC MEAS	
09.00 - 10.30	Facilitated by Anice Joseph Chandra	
	The Basel Convention on the Control of Trans-boundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal	
	Mr. Liu Hao, Basel Convention Regional Centre, China	
	Q&A – Discussion	
10.30 - 11.00	TEA / COFFEE BREAK	
Session 6	COMPLIANCE WITH AND ENFORCEMENT OF SPECIFIC MEAS	
11.00 - 12.30	Facilitated by Mr Wan Ziming	
	The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity	
	Mr. Erie Tamale, CBD Secretariat	
	Q&A – Discussion	
12.30 – 13.30	LUNCH BREAK	
Session 7	COMPLIANCE WITH AND ENFORCEMENT OF SPECIFIC MEAS	
13.30 – 14.45	Facilitated by Mr. Arnold Kreilhuber	
	The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)	
	Mr Wan Ziming, Division of Law Enforcement and Training, China	
	Q&A – Discussion	
14:45 – 15.30	TEA / COFFEE BREAK	
	Briefing of the Media	
	Demonstration of the CITES Module on WCO On-line training system	
Session 8	COMPLIANCE WITH AND ENFORCEMENT OF CWC	
15:30 – 16:45	Facilitated by Mrs. Hayati Haron	

	The Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade	
	Ms. Ludgarde Coppens, UNEP	
	Q&A – Discussion	
Session 9	COMPLIANCE WITH AND ENFORCEMENT OF SPECIFIC MEAS	
16:45 – 18:00	Facilitated by RILO AP	
	The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (MP)	
	Mr. Liu Ning, UNEP	
	Q&A – Discussion	
19:00 – 21:00	KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY Mr. ACHIM STEINER	
	Master of Ceremony: SCC	
	Trans-national Environmental Crime	
	Executive Director UNEP	
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	Dinner reception hosted by UNEP	
	Thursday 17 May 2007	
Session 10	COMPLIANCE WITH AND ENFORCEMENT OF SPECIFIC MEAS	
09.00 - 10.30	Facilitated by Mr. Nacani Dreu	
	The Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction (CWC)	
	Mr. Daniel Cardozo, Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons	
	Q&A – Discussion	
10.30 – 11.00	TEA / COFFEE BREAK	
Session 11	COMPLIANCE WITH AND ENFORCEMENT OF SPECIFIC MEAS	
11:00 – 12:15	Facilitated by Mr. Xie Jiaoning	
	The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants	
	Mr. Lawrence Sperling, US DoS	
	Q&A – Discussion	
12.15 – 13.30	LUNCH BREAK	
Session 12	PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF IMPLEMENTING MEA CONTROLS - PREPARING TO PLAY YOUR ROLE	
13.30 - 15.00	Facilitated by Mr. Daniel Cardozo	
	Roundtable discussion Panel: Ms. Yoko Odashima; Mr. Wong Kwok Kit; Mr. Xie Jiaoning; Mr. Liu Ning	
	Common issues for customs: Health and safety - Seizures and storage –	

	Communication – Identification – Legislation – Derogations - Non-Parties - Free trade zones - Reporting cases of illegal traffic in environmentally-	
	sensitive items: The WCO Customs Network – Interpol's EcoMessage	
15:00 – 15.30	TEA / COFFEE BREAK	
Session 13 15:30 – 17:00	PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF IMPLEMENTING MEA CONTROLS - PREPARING TO PLAY YOUR ROLE	
2000 2000	Facilitated by Mr. Wong Kwok Kit Roundtable discussion	
	Panel: Mr. Lawrence Sperling; Mr. Arnold Kreilhuber; Mr. Daniel Cardozo; Mr. Erie S. Tamale	
	NEXT STEPS: 1. Seek more information about Multilateral environmental Agreements (MEAs) - 2. Talk to your colleagues - 3. Follow the developments of the MEAs - 4. Provide feedback to help develop national policies and legislation - 5. Provide feedback to the Partners to the Initiative	
	Green Customs Exercises	
	Lawrence Sperling, USDoS	
	Friday 18 May 2007	
Session 14 09:00 – 10:15	PREPARATION OF NATIONAL/REGIONAL GREEN CUSTOMS TRAINING WORKSHOPS	
	Facilitated by Ms. Lilibeth C. Bonifacio GREEN CUSTOMS Guide To Multilateral Environmental Agreements	
	Mr. Arnold Kreilhuber, UNEP	
	Discussions	
	■ The available material	
	 Possibilities to incorporate the Green Customs training in the curriculum of Regional / National Training Centres 	
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	Role of the WCO Regional Training Centres in future on Green Customs awareness raising – as experts available for activities organised by the GC Partners as well as incorporation of Green Customs awareness raising in their own work plans	

Session 15a	TWO PARALLEL WORKING GROUP SESSIONS	
10:45 – 12:00	Preparation of national Green Customs Workshops in Sri Lanka and Thailand	
	The groups will discuss all practical aspects of the organisation of those Green Customs workshops and come up with a draft agenda – list materials to be used – possible speakers – participants to be invited – duration of the workshop – case studies to be included in the national workshops	
	Group 1: Preparation of Sri Lanka Green Customs Workshop	
	Facilitator: Mr. Lawrence Sperling	
	Chair and Reporter: Mr. R.S. Gunasekara	
	Group 2: Preparation of Thailand Green Customs Workshop	
	Facilitator: Ms. Yoko Odashima	
	Chair and Reporter: Mr. Tada Choomchaiyo	
12.00 – 13.30	LUNCH BREAK	
Session 15b	TWO PARALLEL WORKING GROUP SESSIONS	
13:30 – 14:00	Reporting back from the working Groups	
Session 16 14:00 – 15:00	CONCLUSIONS OF THE REGIONAL GREEN CUSTOMS TRAINING WORKSHOP	
	Facilitated by Mr. Mr. Tada Choomchaiyo, Thai Customs	
	Summary and Recommendations from the Workshop	
	Mr. Sun Xiangyang, Shanghai Customs College	
	Q&A – Discussion	
15:00 – 15.30 Hrs	TEA / COFFEE BREAK	
Closing Session 15.30 – 16.00	CLOSING OF THE REGIONAL GREEN CUSTOMS TRAINING WORKSHOP	
	Master of Ceremony: SCC	
	Closing remarks	
	Mr. Erie S. Tamale, CBD Secretariat	
	Mr. Wang Donghong, Deputy Director General of Department of International Cooperation, General Administration of Customs, China	

ANNEX 2: EVALUATION BY PARTICIPANTS

The following questionnaire was given to participants to evaluate the training course. The responses are summarized as below:

1. What is your overall evaluation of the meeting?

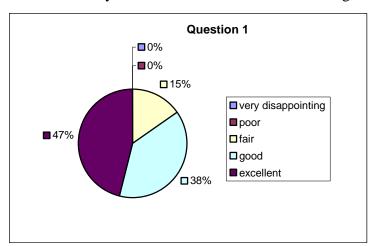


Figure 1: Overall evaluation of the meeting

If you did not find the meeting useful, what could have been done to make this meeting better?

- More syndicate type discussion would have made they meeting more lively;
- The faculty from various Secretariats would benefit from train the trainer's workshops to make the sessions interactive;
- More capabilities in training, more exercise;
- 2. From the sessions mentioned below, which one (s) did you find the most useful and why?

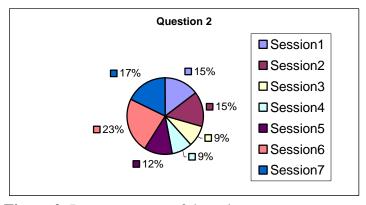


Figure 2: Rate on most useful session

Note:

Session 1 – Introduction to the Green Customs Initiative

Session 2 – Role of WCO in Enforcement of MEAs

Session 3 – Role of Interpol in Implementation and Enforcement of MEAs

Session 4 – Compliance with and Enforcement of MEAs

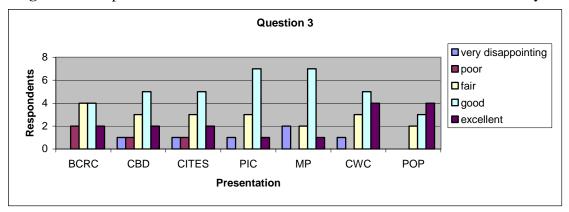
Session 5 – Compliance with and Enforcement of Specific MEAs

Session 6 – Practical Aspects of Implementing MEAs Controls – Preparing to Play your Role (Roundtable Discussions)

Session 7 – Preparation of National/regional Green Customs Training Workshops (Roundtable Discussions and Working Group Sessions)

3. Compared to what you knew before the workshop, do you feel you have now a better knowledge of the role of customs officers in enforcing each of the following treaties;

Figure 3: Comparison rate on what the customs officers knew before to what they



feel now a better knowledge of role in enforcing each of the treaties.

- 4. How would you evaluate the following documents:
 - a. The Green Customs Training Guide:

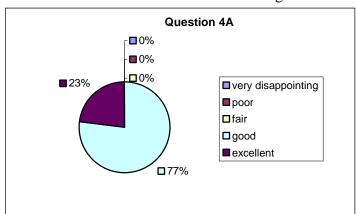


Figure 4: Evaluation rate on Green Customs Training Guide.

b. Other background documents provided in the CD-ROM:

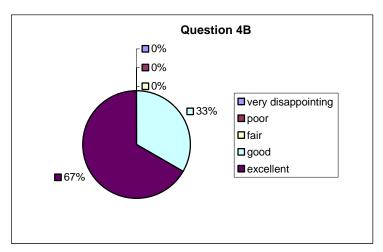


Figure 5: Evaluation rate on the background documents provided in the CD-ROM.

- c. Would you have suggestions to improve this document?
 - To include all the enforceable MEA's related to customs;
- d. What other documents would be useful to develop to complement the national training package
 - Materials on Chemical weapon, Bio-safety, and related pictures;
 - Materials about national competent authorities;
 - Incorporate case studies/stories for each of the convention as an illustration;
 - National examples of enforcement;
- 5. Do you think the presentations by the speakers:
 - a. Covered all the important issues

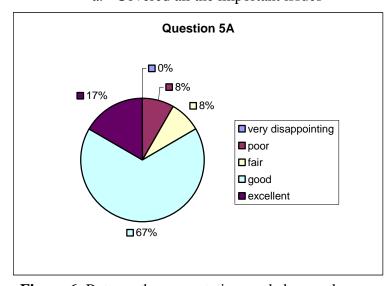


Figure 6: Rate on the presentation made by speakers covered all the important issues.

b. Were well received and understood by the participants

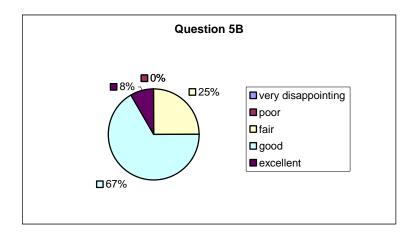


Figure 7: Rate on the presentation made by speakers understood by the participants.

- c. What suggestions do you have about improving the usefulness of the presentations at future workshops
 - Should be with practical cases studies on each subject.
 - Should be more lively/ less of powerpoint presentations;
 - The basic presentation skills and to maintain the conversation of the participants and keep the session lively;
 - Shorten MEAs overviews and engage trainees to do practical exercise;
- 6. Was there sufficient time to discuss the items in the agenda

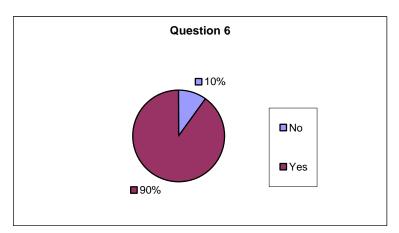


Figure 8: Rate on sufficient time to discuss items in the agenda.

If not, which items should have been given more time?

- Presentations on CITES and ODS were repetitive of what most of the participants already knew;
- 7. Please rate the way in which the workshop was conducted:
 - a. Facilitation of discussions

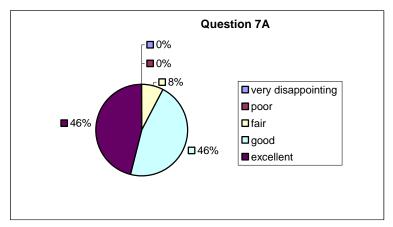


Figure 9: Rate on facilitation of discussions.

b. Keeping to the schedule

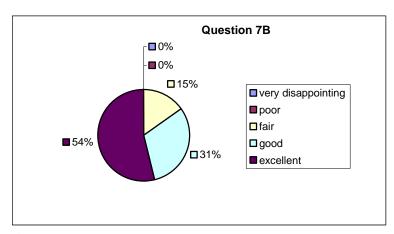


Figure 10: Rate on keeping to the schedule.

c. Interaction between participants

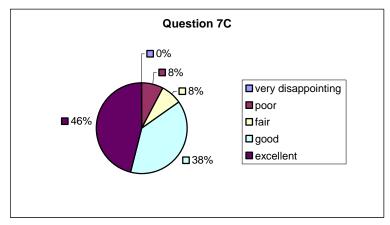


Figure 11: Rate on interaction between participants.

d. Meeting logistics

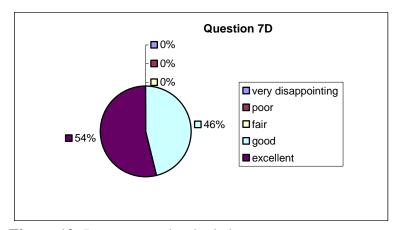


Figure 12: Rate on meeting logistics.

8. Do you think that the workshop has met its objective?

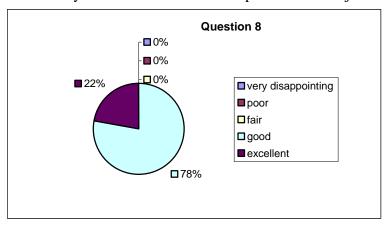


Figure 13: Rate on the workshop meeting its objectives.

Please explain.

- Yes, Some extent. However, the core group that was presented should remain intact through the rest of the project implementation so that there is continuity.
- 9. a. After this workshop, do you feel well prepared to conduct training in Green Customs in your own organization/country?

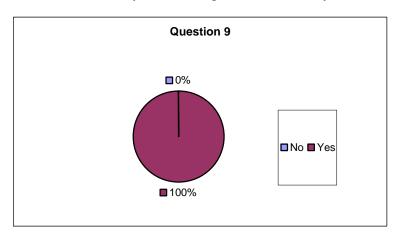


Figure 14: Rate on whether the participants were prepared to conduct training on Green Customs in their respective organization/country.

b. For any or all of the following treaties, after attending this workshop, what
type of assistance would you further require?
BCRC –
CBD –
CITES –
PIC –
MP –
CWC –
POP –

10. Please write below suggestions or comments, which will help improve future workshops such as this or suggestions for national workshop. (See 8. Recommendations emerging from the questionnaires)

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