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A. HIGH-LEVEL PREPARATORY MEETING OF  
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# **Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Interagency Technical Committee**

**Friday 23 April, 2010**

## **A. Background**

- 1.** In compliance with the mandate given by the Forum of Ministers, the agencies members of the Interagency Technical Committee (ITC) have been working in a coordinated manner to promote compliance of the decisions of the Forum.
- 2.** In order to continue supporting the efforts of the countries of the region, the Interagency Technical Committee met in October 2008. At that meeting it was agreed that each agency would provide support within their mandate and work programs.
- 3.** The Secretariat of the Forum of Ministers called the ITC agencies to a virtual meeting on 23 April, previous to the meeting of the Forum of Ministers, to review actions taken, in accordance with the mandates of the forum including identification of possible activities in support of the implementation of the proposed RAP 2010-2011, as approved at the ministerial segment of the forum.

## **B. Participation**

- 4.** The virtual meeting of the Interagency Technical Committee convened by UNEP, was attended by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and World Bank (WB). Annex I contains the list of participants.

## **C. Welcome**

- 5.** The Regional Director of UNEP, Ms. Margarita Astralaga, welcomed members of the agencies present at the meeting, and thanked them for their presence.

## **D. Opening of the session with a brief review of the process of definition of the proposed Regional Action Plan 2010-2011 through the Contact Group**

- 6.** The Deputy Regional Director, Ms. Mara Murillo, gave a brief overview of the process of defining the proposed RAP 2010-2011 with the creation of the Contact Group. She recalled that in the past Sixteenth Meeting of the Forum of Ministers of Environment for Latin America and the Caribbean (Dominican Republic; 27<sup>th</sup> January to February 1<sup>st</sup> 2008), through Decision 1 on the Evaluation of the implementation of the Latin American and Caribbean Initiative for Sustainable Development), paragraph 5 it was decided to request

to make an assessment on lessons learned and challenges posed by the implementation of the RAP, and prepare, during the intersessional period, a conceptual review of its structure and modalities of implementation, to assess the establishment of joint programs with the ITC agencies, without prejudice to the activities undertaken by each of them individually.

**7.** She explained that during the intersessional meeting of the Forum of Ministers held on 20 and 21 October, 2009, it was decided to create a Contact Group to define the proposal of the RAP 2010-2011, and that the group was made up of two countries by sub-region as well as the ITC members:

- Mesoamerica: Mexico and Costa Rica
- Caribbean: St. Kitts and Nevis and the Dominican Republic
- Andean sub-region: Ecuador and Peru;
- Southern Cone: Argentina and Brazil and
- Inter-Agency Technical Committee (UNDP, ECLAC, IDB, WB and UNEP)

**8.** The group conducted virtual meetings (13, 19, and 24 November, 9 December and 14 January), and a face to face meeting (Brasilia, Republic of Brazil, 3-4 February 2010), where the proposal for the Regional Action Plan (RAP) 2010-2011 of the Forum of Ministers of the Environment for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNEP/LAC-IGWG.XVII/5) was defined.

#### **E. Review of the proposed RAP matrix 2010-2011 and identification of areas where agencies can support its implementation.**

**9.** From this point, the Deputy Regional Director, explained the areas included in the proposed RAP matrix and noted that there is a column for the ITC agencies identify which activities could be introduced into the matrix to support in different areas of the RAP and the matters specified in it, considering that the RAP is an instrument of and for the countries and that the role of ITC is to support these activities.

**10.** There were many exchanges by the agencies in the sense of how to define projects that can be included in the proposed matrix RAP 2010-2011, and also doubts about the identification of specific funds that the agencies could contribute to activities within the established priority areas.

**11.** In this regard, it was mentioned that agencies are already implementing projects that are currently contributing to several of the areas that are set out in the proposed RAP 2010-2011 matrix.

**12.** It was also recommended for the column of costs to be prepared with the information provided by the countries, as well as by the agencies, at the time

of presenting their semiannual report on activities and projects that have already been implemented to support the implementation of the RAP.

**13.** Additionally, there was an exchange about possible contributions of the ITC to the forum with activities directed to promote knowledge transfer and capacity building on priority issues for the region.

#### **F. Conclusions and Agreement**

**14.** Taking into account the deliberations and actions of all participants, the meeting decided to:

a) Fill the matrix with the activities that are currently being implemented by two or more ITC agencies in the context of the priority areas and topics specified in the proposed RAP 2010-2011 matrix.

b) The agencies of the ITC will have a meeting after the Forum of Ministers. The agencies will discuss the priority issues for the region and the areas where work could be carried out together, as a significant contribution to support the countries in the implementation of the ILAC.

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