



Ministry of Justice
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Regional Conference on
“Environmental Crimes in the Arab States”

March 17-18, 2009

Beirut- Republic of Lebanon

Agenda

First Day: Tuesday 17 March, 2009

09.30- 10.00	Registration
10.00- 10.30	<p>Opening Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lebanese National Anthem <p><i>Opening Speeches:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Wassim Harb- Senior Rule of Law Advisor of the Programme on Governance in the Arab region (UNDP- POGAR) - Ms. Marta Ruedas- Resident Representative in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) - Dr. Basel Al-Yousfi- Deputy Regional Director, UNEP Regional Office for West Asia - H.E. Professor Ibrahim Najjar- Minister of Justice, Republic of Lebanon - H.E. Dr. Antoine Karam- Minister of Environment, Republic of Lebanon
10.30- 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00- 12.00	<p>Session 1: Environmental Situation in the Arab States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Documentary on environmental crimes - Major environmental challenges and issues in the region - Causes and effects of environmental degradation <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Basel Al-Yousfi - Deputy Regional Director, UNEP Regional Office for West Asia - Mr. Najib Saab - Secretary General , Arab Forum of Environment & Development (AFED) <p>General Discussion</p>
12.00- 12.15	Coffee Break

<p>12.15- 13.45</p>	<p>Session 2: Environmental Crimes - Definition and Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nature of environmental crimes - The international legal framework of environmental crimes - Impact of environmental crimes on growth and development <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Yves Mayaud - <i>Professor, Panthéon- Assas Paris II University</i> - Mr. Emanuele Pitto - <i>Associate Expert Division for Operations-United Nations Office on Drugs (UNODC)</i> - Mr. David Higgins- <i>Environmental Crime Programme Manager, INTERPOL</i> <p>General Discussion</p>
<p>13.45- 14.45</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>
<p>14.45- 16.00</p>	<p>Session 3: Legislative Frameworks for the Prevention of Environmental Crimes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The general principles of environmental law and its jurisdiction implications. - Arab legislation related to environmental crimes and recent developments in environmental criminal laws. - Enforcement of environmental legislation in Lebanon. - Presentation of tools to develop environmental legislation. <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Jean Untermaier - <i>Professor, Jean Moulin- Lyon 3 University</i> - Mr. Basel Al-Yousfi - <i>Deputy Regional Director, UNEP Regional Office for West Asia</i> - Ms. Nadine Nassif - <i>Project Manager, SEEL-UNDP</i> - Mr. Roger Khoury- <i>Project Analyst, UNDP-POGAR</i> <p>General Discussion</p>

Second Day: Wednesday 18 March, 2009

09.00- 10.30	<p>Session 4: Role of Public Prosecution in Combating Environmental Crimes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ways of prosecuting environmental crimes: reality and scope- Practical difficulties in prosecuting environmental offenders- Criminal responsibility arising from environmental crimes- Capacity building of judges and public prosecutors with regard to environmental crimes- Enhancing national, regional, and international cooperation between public prosecution members and concerned parties in the area of environmental crimes <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Nabil Sari - <i>Judge, Ministry of Justice, Lebanon</i>- Ms. Francoise Baissus - <i>Chief of Department of Public Health, Environmental law and Labor law, Ministry of Justice, France</i>- Mr. Yves Mayaud - <i>Professor, Panthéon-Assas Paris II University</i>- Mr. Roukous Rizk - <i>Judge, Ministry of Justice, Lebanon</i> <p>General Discussion</p>
10.30- 10.45	Coffee Break
10.45- 12.00	<p>Session 5: Model of Crime Prevention (Case Study)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- French model of environmental crime prevention- Netherlands' model of environmental crime prosecution <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Francoise Baissus - <i>Chief of Department of Public Health, Environmental law and Labor law, Ministry of Justice, France</i>- Mr. Yves Mayaud - <i>Professor, Panthéon-Assas Paris II University</i>- Mr. Perry Quak - <i>Solicitor-General / Programme Manager Netherlands' Forensic Academy</i> <p>General Discussion</p>
12.00- 12.15	Coffee Break

12.15- 13.30	<p>Session 6: Approaches and Techniques for the Prevention of Environmental Crimes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intergovernmental agreements on the environment and proposals to uniform offences and penalties - Situational crime prevention (wildlife crime and marine pollution) - Tools for improving compliance with environmental law - Role of civil society organizations in raising awareness and spreading environmental culture <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Francoise Baissus - <i>Chief of Department of Public Health, Environmental law and Labor law, Ministry of Justice, France</i> - Mr. Hosny Khordagui- <i>Program Director, Water Governance Program for Arab States, UNDP-RBAS, Cairo, Egypt</i> - Ms. Tanya Mhanna- <i>Reporter, Lebanese Broadcasting Corporation International (LBCI)</i> <p>General Discussion</p>
13.30- 14.30	Lunch Break
14.30- 15.15	Session 7: General Discussion and Recommendations