



**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SECRETARIAT  
for Latin America and the Caribbean**

**Meeting of the Technical Advisory Council**

**Moving from an international to a local agenda**

**September 16, 2003**

**Montevideo, Uruguay**

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**URBAN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

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SUBJECTS FOR ANALYSIS

- How to generate mechanisms to adapt the global environmental agenda at the local scale, in interaction with the national level.
  - What regional steps to implement in order to develop strategies common to international agencies and governments, so as to coordinate actions that respond to local demands.
  - How to help visualize and implement responsibilities shared at the different administrative levels to address the local environmental agenda.
  - The role of the main social actors in the implementation of the local agenda.
  - What institutional mechanisms allow for the incorporation of research into the plans to develop sustainable local environmental policies and how can research respond to the local and global demands relative to environmental issues.
  - How important is the promotion of collaborative research among municipalities, academia, civil society and business enterprises to advance urban environmental development.
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**PROGRAMME**

**SESSION I**

<b>8:45 – 9:00</b>	Welcome and Introduction	Federico Burone Regional Director IDRC Office for LAC
	Opening Message	Mariano Arana Mayor, Municipality of Montevideo

**SESSION II**

<b>9:15 – 10:15</b>	Report on the activities of EMS 2002 / 2003 Period	Walter Ubal Executive Director EMS – IDRC
<b>10:15 – 10:30</b>	Break	

**SESSION III**

<b>10:30 – 13:00</b>	<b>Topic for discussion:</b> <b><i>Interaction between national and local environmental policies.</i></b>	
	<b>Objective:</b>  To encourage a pro-active discussion to facilitate a better understanding of the different systems and policies existing in the region to regulate the relations between international, national and local environmental policies. How to coordinate the interface relative to responsibilities shared by national and local governments.	
	<b>Topics:</b>  How are environmental policies coordinated between national and local levels?  How do local administrations see their role vis-à-vis national environmental policy and international commitments?  How are the shared-responsibility areas coordinated between both levels?  How do administrative mechanisms work (for example, those that ensure funding of national, regional and local policy)?	
<b>11:00 – 11:30</b>	Presentation by Mr. <b>Claudio Langone</b> Executive Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Brazil	

11:30 – 12:00	<p>Presentation by <b>Mrs. Stela Goldenstein</b> Ex Secretary for the Environment in the city of Sao Paulo, Brazil</p>
11:30 – 12:00	<p>Presentation by <b>Mrs. Patricia Durán de Jager</b> Director of FEMICA Federation of Municipalities of the Central American Isthmus</p>
	<p>Presentation by <b>Mr. Luis Lazo</b> Director, Department of Environmental Development, Municipality of Montevideo</p>
12:00 – 13:00	Open discussion period
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 – 16:30	<p><b>Topic for Discussion:</b> <i>Instruments for partnership in the promotion of urban environmental services</i></p>
	<p><b>Objective:</b></p> <p>To conduct a regional participatory assessment to identify strengths and weaknesses of the different approaches and systems implemented to improve urban environmental services. To learn about the results of research actions related to different local experiences that have facilitated participatory, multiple- partnership management throughout the region.</p>
	<p><b>Topics:</b></p> <p>How to coordinate the management of urban environmental services in the national-local interface, to secure local sustainable development.</p> <p>Which institutional instruments guarantee effective multisectoral partnership practices to secure the sustainable management of natural resources and environment in urban areas?</p> <p>Which institutional mechanisms allow for the incorporation of research to facilitate the adaptation and adoption of sustainable management systems that respond to local and global demands relative to environmental issues?</p>
14:30 – 15:00	<p>Presentation by <b>Mrs. Jenny Tough</b> Policy Advisor – UNDP / PPPUE</p>
	<p>Presentation by <b>Mrs. Ana Hardoy</b> International Environment and Development Institute IIED – Centre for Latin American Studies</p>



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**15:00 – 15:30** Presentation by **Mrs. María Onestini**  
CEDEA -- Centre for Environmental Studies  
Buenos Aires, Argentina

**15:30 – 17:00** Open discussion period

**17:00 – 17:30** **Break**

**SESSION IV**

**17:30** Summary of the main subjects discussed during the meeting.  
Conclusions and recommendations stemming from the EMS Technical Advisory Council.