
MEASURING SUCCESS THROUGH PERFORMANCE: DEFINING ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT INDICATORS (GROUP I)

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GOALS

- Conduct a general discussion of experiences and efforts with indicators.
- Review of the proposed INECE project on indicators.

1 INTRODUCTION

The workshop considered: activity measures that document enforcement outputs; levels of compliance and behavioral change achieved in key target populations; outcome measures for improved environmental and public-health results and related national priorities; and levels of support provided both to the regulated community in the form of compliance assistance and to government enforcement practitioners.

2 PAPERS

INECE Secretariat, *The INECE Enforcement Indicators: Executive Summary and Annotated Outline for a Multiyear Project* (6th Conference, Volume 2),

Mike Stahl, *Performance Indicators for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Programs: The U.S. EPA Experience* (Powerpoint) (6th Conference, Volume 2),

3 DISCUSSION SUMMARY

The workshop conducted a general discussion of experiences and efforts with indicators and provided an introduction of the proposed INECE Enforcement Indicator Project. The International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (INECE) Enforcement

Indicator Project (hereinafter also referred to as the "Project") aims to develop a system for evaluating capabilities of environmental implementation, compliance and enforcement programs at the national, regional and/or international level. The objective of the Project is "action and accountability through better policy evaluation" in order to create a safer and healthier environment, and to promote sustainable development. Specifically, the Project will develop a process for creating and evaluating enforcement indicators at the national, regional and international level. The Project will then use this process to create model indicators based on a uniform minimum criteria. Finally, the Project will test both the process and the model indicators in a sample of nations around the world.

The development of the Project will follow a standard methodology that will include: 1) Preparation and Case Studies; 2) Identification of Partners and Consultation; 3) Selection of Framework; 4) Identification of Principles; 5) Indicator Development; 6) Field Testing; and 7) Promotion.

The Enforcement Indicator Project will continually reassess its approach – including users, partners, principles, models and practices – in order to expand the reach and improve the quality of the indicators. New partners will be sought to explore techniques that insure the indicators

remain responsive to evolving environmental policy making.

The participants noted that it is important to separate reporting on the status of environmental indicators from other types of indicators. The need for indicators is to quantify the performance of enforcement and compliance bodies. However, it is important to keep indicators practical by developing them with the end user in mind. The INECE Indicators Project Proposal needs to involve regional networks and specific countries early on in the development process. This should involve consideration of existing projects with specific attention to funding and sustainability issues. Consistency of data will likely be one of the major challenges when implementing the indicator project.

4 CONCLUSION

- Particular attention must be paid to challenges of developing indicators.
- Identify the driving pressures and real needs that the indicators are working to address.
- Consultation must occur early in the development stage and include regional and national input.
- Indicators should not be accessible to a variety of users while focusing on core environmental issues.
- Look for practical outcomes of indicators development and use.
- Link the indicators project with auditing bodies.
- Ensure that the indicators project is sustainable and that funding is strongly considered in the development.