
SUMMARY OF PLENARY SESSION #10: THE INECE STRATEGIC PLAN

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1 INTRODUCTION

This Panel of the INECE Co-chair presented and discussed a future vision for INECE, including strategic planning as charted with the input and recommendations made during the conference.

2 PRESENTATIONS

Charles Sebukeera: I wish to emphasize the importance of regional networks, while we can and do learn a lot from each other at meeting like this, it is at the regional level where we share similar cultures and problems that we can gain the most. INECE needs to continue to explore ways that will both support the needs of individuals and individual countries as well as important regional initiatives. This has been a very good session of practitioners working together. We are not all at the same level of abilities and needs but INECE is there for all of us. I think the future of INECE is in regional networks and general meeting like this if the regional networks deliver.

Sylvia Lowrance: While this is my first time as co-chair of an INECE conference, I have followed the development of INECE with great interest. I have enjoyed the energy that everyone has brought to the discussions and the wealth of ideas. It is now important that we put this into the next steps of the Strategic Plan. In the next months it will be extremely important for us to focus our energy on developing this Strategic Plan that address the needs of this diverse group- from inspectors to judges from countries that are just starting on the path of building the capacity to implement sound environmental manage-

ment to countries that are looking for other approaches to try.

INECE is a network of practitioners with less emphasis on the broader policy making. We are an informal network of enforcers, inspectors, judiciary, police, etc. As such, these meetings are the icing on the cake for our network. The projects that we do to support capacity building, such as the indicators project and training programs, is the cake. However the bread and butter of INECE will be the capacity building that is a result of our regular communication- group to group and individual to individual. The INECE website and regional meeting will be our most important deliverables in enhancing this important communication.

Gerard Wolters: INECE is a network of enforcement practitioners that need to meet. This conference was a good one but we need to focus on regional meetings and activities that support capacity building. We co-chairs will direct the Secretariat to focus in that direction.

We accomplished a lot this week. Most of you were able to stand the temptation to go on extra side trips. The visits that we did conduct this week were a very good idea to have in the program. We learned how our host country Costa Rica is doing in environmental protection and some aspects of their activities in enforcement. We talked with a lot of participants this week and heard some very good contributions to the direction of INECE. The strategic project and the co-chair statement are very well suited for use in your local network when you are at home again. Please use it in your local networks to emphasize the importance of enforcement and the importance of enforcement networking.

3 DISCUSSION

Challenges for INECE

- develop capacity building to meet the range of development across our membership
- encourage and support the development of regional groups and specialty groups
- develop a more sustainable funding base
- keep the product development and decision of the INECE transparent through the use of the INECE website

General Accomplishments at the Sixth INECE Conference

- We had participants from countries and international organizations engage in a rich discussion about the profession of ensuring good governance and rule of law.
- We discuss important activities that INECE can carry out or support in the future
- We gained valuable input for the development of a multi-year strategic plan for INECE
- Even though our days were full, we found time to have additional discussion on indicators and other areas of interest.
- Specific practitioners recognize the need to meet and discuss their specialized interests. This included NGO's , the judiciary, and inspectors
- Many individuals were able to make connections with others to support immediate capacity building needs.
- We have added to the library of information on environmental compliance and enforcement with the production of Volume 1 of the proceedings. Volume 2 will capture the reports from each of the workshops, the special discussions on regional network development, and additional proceeding from the plenary sessions

- We build on the importance of INECE as a contributor to the goals of our individual countries and organizations at the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

What is the direction for each of us as we leave this conference?

- Continue to provide your thoughts on the strategic plan and current projects such as indicators
- Work to support regional networks in your area and specialized practitioner subgroups
- Strengthen the support for INECE and regional environmental compliance/enforcement networks in your country and organization and the importance of these networks Sustainable Development and the discussions in Johannesburg in August 2002

4 CONCLUSION

What do we do in the next weeks as:
Co-chairs

- Seek financial support for the current proposed INECE projects

EPC members

- Keep the interest of the INECE Conference participants up on the projects of INECE
- Refine the listing of the general membership of INECE
- Working through the workgroup process contribute to the development of the Strategic plan and indicators proposal

INECE members at large

- Circulate Press statement and background material to you local press
- Circulate Co-chair Conference Statement to all interested parties in your functional and geographic area
- Comment on INECE proposed work products through the INECE website

- Be an ambassador for INECE in the discussion in your country relating to WSSD
- STAY INVOLVED