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The participants standing to welcome the Executive Secretary and his guests, members of the High Table.



L-R Dr. Chika Ukwé, UNIDO, Prof. Babajide Alo, Chairman of the Opening Ceremony Mr. Godwin Amuzu, Chief Director, Ministry for Finance and Economic Planning, Prof. Chidi Ibe, Executive Secretary / Regional Director



Sitting round the table during coffee / tea break : L-R, Dr. Porter Hoagland of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, USA, Prof. Chidi Ibe, Mrs Mabel Yarhere from NIOMR and Mr. Nnaemeka Chukwuone of Bioresources Development and Conservation Programme.

The Executive Secretary, IGCC/Regional Director, GCLME Mission to Lagos and Owerri, Nigeria

From 30th March - 07 April, the Executive Secretary / Regional Director paid a working visit to Nigeria.

In Lagos, he visited the IGCC Regional Activity Centre on Environmental Information Management Systems (EIMS) to supervise the interpretation of satellite imagery recently acquired from UNEP.

In Owerri, he held discussions with Imo State Authorities concerning additional and improved financial/material support to the Regional Environmental Pollution Management Centre.

First Meeting of the Socio-Economic Working Group of the IGCC, 16-20 April, 2007

The First Meeting of the Socio-Economic Working Group was held from 16-20 April, 2007, on the theme "Economic Valuation of Ecosystem Goods and Services".

Participants were selected experts from IGCC member countries.

The main task of the Group was to improve results obtained by the Bioresources Development and Conservation Programme and to standardize methodologies for valuation of goods and services of Large Marine Ecosystems in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The Meeting was opened by Mr. Godwin Amuzu, representing Hon. Kwadwo Baah Wiredu, Minister for Finance and Economic Planning of Ghana.



IMO/UNIDO/IPIECA/IGCC Regional Workshop on Environmental Sensitivity Mapping, 23 - 24 April 2007

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First Meeting of the Technical Advisory Group on Development of sub-regional contingency plans and sub-regional agreements for co-operation in cases of major marine pollution incidents, 25-27 April 2007

The two UNIDO/IMO/IPIECA Meetings were officially opened by the Deputy Minister for Harbors and Railways, Hon. Sophia Horner Sam, on April 23 2007. Capt. Georgina Jopap- Tackie, Project Director, UNDP Accra, chaired the opening ceremony.

In attendance were Dr. Chika Ukwe, Project Manager, UNIDO and Mr. Malamine Thiam, Technical Officer, Marine Environment Division of IMO and Mr. Phillipe de Suzane, IPIECA.

The Hon. Deputy Minister decried the rate of marine environmental degradation caused by oil spills, indiscriminate dumping of waste oil and ballast water. She commended the joint efforts of the IMO, IPIECA and IGCC in training the government and Industry representatives in oil spills preparedness and response within the framework of the IMO/IPIECA Global Initiative, to catalyze and promote effective oil spill contingency planning in the West and Central Africa (WACAF) region.

The Meetings attracted about 60 participants from maritime organizations and related institutions in the 16 countries of the IGCC as well as representatives of Oil Companies and the Private Sector.

The objectives of the Meetings were for participants to: undertake gap analysis and formulation of Action Plan for the development of in-country sensitivity maps; develop a regional guideline on oil spill sensitivity mapping; develop draft sub-regional contingency plans; develop a draft agreement for co-operation in cases of major pollution incidents.



At the Opening: L-R Dr. Chika Ukwe, UNDO, Capt. Georgina Jopap-Tackie, UNDP, Mrs. Sophia Horner Sam, Deputy Minister for Harbours and Railways, Prof. Chidi Ibe, Executive Secretary/Regional Director and Mr. Malamine Thiam, IMO



Deputy Minister for Harbours and Railway, Madam Sophia Horner Sam signing the Guest Book in the Executive Secretary's Office. Looking on are Capt. Georgina Jopap-Tackie (UNDP) and Prof. Chidi Ibe, Executive Secretary/Regional Director



Standing before the countries' flags in the Executive Secretariat Lobby, are (L-R) Mr. Malamine Thiam, Mrs. Solange Loubamono, Mr. Peter Azumah, Director, Maritime Authority, Ghana, Prof. Chidi Ibe and Dr. Chika Ukwe

Other shots from the Sessions of the UNIDO/IMO/IPIECA Meetings



Mr. Jean-Yves Huet, one of the expert committed during a session. Visible from back are Mrs. Paula Martins (BP Angola) and Mr. Lindsay Page (OTRA).



L-R: Yawo Jonky Tenou (Togo), Peter Samuels (Chevron), Philippe de Suzane (IMO-IPIECA), Wolfgang Konkel (Exxon-Mobil), Back Row: Mr. Christophe Carrier and Jean-Yves Huet (both of OTRA).



Sitting are (L-R), Mr. Roger Djiman, Cdt. Dibi Martin and Mr. Kali-Mavoungou Bruno. In the background are (L-R) Mr. Napoleon Gbolonyo (Admin. Officer, IGCC and MC of the day), Mr. Bernardino do Sacramento, Mr. Henri-Michel Acho, Mr. Jules Arsene Mynyngou and Mr. Henne Hennis.



Mrs. Loubamono remitting his Certificate of Participation and a pen drive containing workshop documents to Mr. Ben Hassane Ouattara (Shell). She repeated this for all participants.



Soft Moments : Mr. Yawo Jonky Tenou in "action", joined by Cdt. Dibi Martin. In the background are Mrs. Ana Paula Dos Santos Correa Victor, Mr. Samuel Billong Bisseck, Mr. Jules Arsene Mynyngou and Mr. Kali-Mavoungou Bruno chatting.

Development of Fisheries Management Plans

The Regional Consultant on Fisheries Management, Dr. Benedict Satia, undertook a Mission to Benin, Nigeria and Cameroon, from 22 April to 02 May, 2007 to hold consultations with relevant stakeholders towards the Development of Comprehensive Fisheries Management Plans. His assignment covered a review of existing fisheries management practices and legislations.

He stopped over in Accra for discussions with the Executive Secretary, IGCC.



Front L-R : Mr. Jean-Paul Mwamba Nyembo and Mr. Samuel Billong Bisseck. In the background, Dr. Benedict Satia is sitting between Ms. Selina Yawson and Mr. Chijioke Amadi.

Upcoming Events

GCLME/FAO/IMR Fish Trawl Survey, 2007

- First leg: Guinea Bissau - Liberia, 4th May- 2nd June
- Second leg: Cote d'Ivoire - Equatorial Guinea, 02-25 June
- Third leg: Gabon - Congo, 25th June - 6th July.

Upcoming Missions

- May 8-11: Executive Secretary/Regional Director, Prof. Chidi Ibe will participate in the 34th Session of the IMO/FAO/ UNESCO-IOC/UMO/ IAEA/UN/UNEP/UNIDO Joint Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection (GESAMP) to be held in Paris, France.
- May 15 -20 : The Executive Secretary/Regional Director, will participate in the inauguration of the Marine Geosciences in Yenoga, Bayelsa State, where he will deliver the keynote address. He will also supervise the continuation of the interpretation of Satellite imageries acquired from UNEP at the EIMS Centre, Lagos
- The Project Manager, Dr. Chika Ukwé will participate in the Sub-Regional Workshop for GEF Focal Points in West and Central Africa Dakar, 21-23 May, 2007
- The Environment Expert, Dr. Jacques Abé will represent the GCLME at the Preparatory Meeting for the LBA Protocol in Dakar, 31 May to 01 June, 2007.



Mrs. Georgina Tackie-Jopap receiving her certificate, cheered by Dr. Chika Ukwé.