Agenda - Vietnam, January 2005

DAY 1

Morning

08.00 Registration

09.00 Welcome by Vietnamese hosts

09.15 Welcome by Jon Hobbs (Chairman OECD DAC ENVIRONET Task Team on SEA)

09.30 Official opening

10.00 Opening presentation

10.30 Coffee/tea

SEA from developing/transitional country perspectives

11.00 Presentation 1 (Vietnam – Halong Bay)
    Discussion

11.30 Group photograph

12.00 Lunch

Afternoon

13.30 Presentation 2 (SE Asia)
    Discussion

14.00 Presentation 3 (Africa)
    Discussion

14.30 Presentation 4 (Latin America)
    Discussion

15.00 Coffee/tea

15.30 Presentation 5 (Eastern Europe)
    Discussion

16.00 Presentation 6 (SE Asia)

17.00 Summary of key points and closure
DAY 2

Morning

SEA from the perspectives of different actors

08.30 Introduction to day

08.45 Presentation 7 (Multi lateral financial institution)
Discussion

09.15 Presentation 8 (Bilateral)
Discussion

09.45 Presentation 9 (Private sector)
Discussion

10.15 Coffee/tea

10.45 Presentation 10 (NGO)
Discussion

11.15 Presentation 11 (UNECE SEA Protocol)
Discussion

12.45 Summary session

12.00 Lunch

Afternoon

Parallel sessions - Links with other Policy Appraisal tools

13.30 Introduction -

13.45 Strategic conflict assessment
SEA as a peace-building and resource-use dispute settlement tool

13.45 Poverty-social impact assessment (PSIA)
Exploring links with SEA

13.45 The contribution of SEA to trans-boundary planning,
eg.
Nile Basin Initiative
Mekong River Commission
Trans-Amazon road

14.30 Strategic appraisal of mega projects
eg
Trans-Amazon Road
Baka-Tbilisi-Ceyhan pipeline (trans-Caucus countries)
Sakhalin pipeline (Russia-Japan)
Nam Theun 2 project (Laos)
14.30 Country environmental analysis (CEA)

_The importance of environmental appraisal in bilateral/multilateral country assistance strategies_

14.30 Integrated assessment for trade-related policies

_Does the methodology have wider application?_

15.15 Coffee/tea

15.30 Plenary - report back sessions

16.30 Closure
Note:
Focus will be on sections of the draft guidance – and discuss where improvements, changes or additions are required

**DAY 3**

**Morning (08.00 hrs)**

- Welcome and introduction to purpose of workshop (Jon Hobbs)
- Introductions
- Outline of ENVIRONET initiative and work programme of SEA Task Team (Jon Hobbs)
- Presentation of Work in Progress Document “Towards Good Practice Guidance on SEA in Development Cooperation”
  – introduction to structure, contents, and aims (Barry Dalal-Clayton)
- Introduction to SEA Task Team website (on-line demonstration by UNDP)
- Key aims and objectives of SEA – to consider
  (including review of key characteristics and definitions)
- Why is SEA important – to consider
  - Benefits
  - Challenges
  - Public involvement
  - How to sell to politicians and high-level decision-makers

*Coffee/tea*

- Principles and performance criteria (introduced by Rob Verheem)
  - 4 Working groups to examine in detail

**Lunch (12.30 – 14.00 hrs)**

**Afternoon (14.00 hrs)**

- Report-back session of principles and performance criteria
- Matrix of entry points to SEA in development cooperation
  - 4 Working group examine components of matrix (edit text, consider new elements, etc.)

*Coffee/tea*

- Working groups continue + report-back session on SEA entry points– working groups to present conclusions/recommendations
DAY 4

Morning (08.00 hrs)

- Applying SEA in practice
  - Generic steps – to consider

- SEA in development cooperation
  - Examples linked to matrix of entry points
  - Discussion

Afternoon

- How SEA differs from EIA and other policy tools

- Next steps in preparing the guidance

- Further events
  - CSD side event (during period 11-22 April, New York)
  - ENVIRONET meeting (12-13 May 2005, Paris)
  - SEA forum (26-30 September, Prague)

- Advocacy tools.

- Closure