

SYNOPSIS OF ORGANIZATIONAL DESIGN ISSUES: A COMPARISON OF INTERNATIONAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS

Capacity Building Support Document for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Programs

Purpose

Consistent with the goals of the Fourth International Conference on Environmental Compliance and Enforcement, its international sponsors, and the Executive Planning Committee, this document provides information regarding the organization of environmental compliance and enforcement programs in 19 countries drawn from seven regions of the world. It examines *which institutions* conduct *what activities* and *why*, across tiers of government (national, regional, local) and within a tier, among agencies. Countries facing organizational issues may benefit from models that other nations use to organize environmental compliance and enforcement programs, especially where the two nations share similar environmental, social, cultural, political, geographical, or economic conditions.

Subject Areas

This document is based on a series of country profiles, which are presented in separate country appendices at the end of the document. Country-specific information is contrasted in a series of comparative tables that examine the extent to which environmental compliance and enforcement activities (establishing requirements, writing permits, monitoring, inspections, etc.) are centralized at the national level of government, or decentralized at regional or local levels; dominated by a single agency at any one level or spread across numerous agencies; integrated or coordinated among agencies; organized by environmental media (air, water, natural resources, solid waste), or organized by industry type. The role of non-governmental organizations is discussed. Country examples are used liberally to illustrate main points.

Scope

At least some information is presented for each of the following 19 countries:

India	Indonesia	Philippines	Singapore
Sri Lanka	Thailand	New Zealand	Jamaica
Hungary	The Netherlands	Norway	Poland
Canada	Mexico	United States	Brazil
Chile	Nigeria	South Africa	