

## **GERARD WOLTERS (DAY CHAIR)—OPENING COMMENTS**

Good morning, a beautiful day today outside and a perfect program in this meeting room

We started yesterday with a very good plenary session about the role of institutions and networks in environmental enforcement. These networks have a critical role to play in any effort to restrain the environmental violations across the globe.

The plenary on regional network experience stressed the public participation as well the important role governments and parliaments can play. Good governance and clearly defined environmental requirements are essential for the success of enforcement. Effective indicators of enforcement can make enforcer's lives easier by providing better communication with policy makers about the results of enforcement but also for a better planning of future activities.

We had the first round of workshop for which I already saw the results and I am very interested in the total reports. For today we again have a very good program and very good moderators and speakers and Susan Bromm is leading the first panel and she will provide a statement.