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## PREFACE

These Proceedings principally contain reports from the panels and workshops of the Seventh International Conference on Environmental Compliance and Enforcement, held in Marrakech, Morocco from 9-15 April 2005. There are also some articles submitted by Conference participants and other enforcement professionals, to add to those presented in the first volume of Proceedings.

These reports and papers present empowering concepts, insights, and experiences, as well as important ideas for INECE, and are made available to enforcement practitioners throughout the world to further our common endeavor. These materials, like the first volume prepared prior to the conference, are also available through the INECE web site ([www.inece.org](http://www.inece.org)), along with the proceedings of the previous six INECE Conferences.

The theme of the INECE Seventh Conference was MAKING LAW WORK: ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, which built upon the premise that the integrity of our ecosystems, the conservation and wise use of our natural resources, and our progress toward sustainable development all require a strong and effective legal system, with strong and effective compliance efforts, including the right mix of enforcement and compliance assistance.

INECE's Seventh International Conference brought together enforcement officials from 63 countries and 124 organizations, representing all regions of the world – developed and developing – to share experiences and make plans to take environmental compliance and enforcement efforts to the next level. Ultimately, the success of INECE's Seventh International Conference was in the strength of the individual commitments pledged in Marrakech; the durability of the bonds forged among local, regional, and international networks and practitioners; and the powerful and innovative ideas and projects spurred at the Conference and beyond. It is our hope that these and the other results that emerged become forces for change and a call for action by governments and nongovernmental organizations alike to strengthen the rule of law for sustainable development, to enforce compliance with environmental law, and to make law work.

On behalf of the Executive Planning Committee and the Secretariat staff, we look forward to your continued and productive use of INECE's Seventh International Conference materials. Comments and suggestions should be sent to the INECE Secretariat by email at [inece@inece.org](mailto:inece@inece.org), by fax to 1-202-338-1810, or by mail to 2141 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Suite D2, Washington, DC, 20007.

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