

CONFERENCE EVALUATIONS

1 INTRODUCTION

The 8th INECE Conference was attended by 177 participants from 45 countries and 101 organizations, representing all regions of the world. The Conference presented sixth plenary sessions with 28 speakers and 30 workshops with 89 facilitators and rapporteurs. Participants represented national governments, nongovernmental organizations, regional governments, international organizations, and other groups and networks.

2 SUMMARY OF THE EVALUATION OUTCOMES

Of the 177 participants, 74 completed conference evaluations. Participants provided very high marks for the Conference. The average rating for questions ranged between Excellent and Good.

Participants expressed their greatest approval for the importance and relevance of the conference goals of communicating that compliance with and enforcement of environmental law create value by enhancing competitiveness, and driving innovations; protect public health and preserves ecosystem service; and promote the rule of law, good governance and sustainable development. Participants also expressed high approval of Cape Town, South Africa, as the location of the conference.

Participants ranked an overwhelming majority of the Conference's 30 workshops as featuring highly relevant topics and providing opportunities for valuable discussions. Slightly lower marks were given to the number and type of countries and organizations represented at the Conference. Furthermore, while most participants found the site visits useful to their work and of high quality, some participants ranked the visits' usefulness as "very good to good."

Overall, participants expressed high approval of the opportunity to form effective partnerships among those working in compliance and enforcement, the usefulness of topics, as well as the potential to put concepts into practice:

"This is an unrivaled opportunity to get together with enforcement practitioners of all types to brainstorm, educate, and synergize."

"The conference was a very worthwhile event. The greatest benefit in my view is the extremely valuable individual and agency level contacts which the conference facilitates."

"The idea of having workshops with specific goals and outcomes was excellent."

"The topic of the conference is relevant to the situation in developing countries (Africa) where many conferences and workshops took place without really assessing the post conference and workshops. It was great getting people from different countries and continents to come out with an appropriate strategy to link the concepts of enforcement and compliance to real actions."

"I really liked including collaborative problem solving (for real life problems) in the field visits."

"Good coverage of key and varied issues."

"Very interactive, lots of information to share and very useful in environmental compliance and enforcement."

"Structure and organization of conference enabled coverage of wide range of topics/ issues, contributing effectively to achieving the objectives of conference."

"The conference is extremely useful in that it updates us on modern thinking on both policy and implementation of enforcement and compliance."

"This has been an excellent conference in bringing together such a good cross section of experts."

"This was the most enjoyable conference I have attended in 30 years."

Geographic Regions Represented		
	Participants	
	No.	%
Africa	50	28
Asia and the Pacific	21	12
Central & Eastern Europe	12	6
Central America	1	1
South America	7	4
International	10	5
Middle East and North Africa	7	4
North America	31	18
Northern & Western Europe	38	22
Total	177	100

3 RESULTS

Each Conference participant received a blank evaluation form and was asked to complete it prior to their departure from the Conference. Most questions on the evaluation could be answered by assigning a number between 1 and 5 as the response, where 1 = Excellent, 2 = Very Good, 3 = Good, 4 = Fair, and 5 = Poor. This section shows the average rating for each evaluation question:

Section 1: Conference Goals	
1.1 How would you rank the importance and relevance of the conference's goals of communicating that compliance with and enforcement of environmental law: (1) create value by enhancing competitiveness, providing a level playing field and driving innovation; (2) protect public health and preserves ecosystem services; and (3) promote the rule of law, good governance, and sustainable development:	1.56
1.2 How successful did you feel the conference was in achieving these goals?	1.97
1.3 How would you rank the importance and relevance of the conference's goal of developing and promoting practical, action-oriented results?	1.68
1.4 How successful did you feel the conference was in achieving this goal?	2.15
1.5 How would you rank the importance and relevance of the conference's goal of facilitating professional development within the compliance and enforcement community?	1.73
1.6 How successful did you feel the conference was in achieving this goal?	2.01
1.7 How would you rank the importance and relevance of the conference's goal of ensuring opportunities for participants to collaborate to identify responses to local environment compliance challenges?	1.70
1.8 How successful did you feel the conference was in achieving this goal?	2.07

Section 2: Assessment of Conference	
1.1 How successful do you feel the conference was in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaping and confirming the role that INECE will play in the future? 	1.92
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forming effective partnerships among those working in compliance and enforcement? 	1.76
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing institutional capacity to enhance existing and develop new compliance and enforcement programs? 	2.29
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serving all people involved in the design of environmental compliance and enforcement programs? 	2.28
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging ongoing international exchange and regional networking? 	1.74
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fostering exchange of expertise and learning through active participation? 	1.91

2.2 Concerning the participants at the conference, how would you rank:	1.64
• The number of individuals in attendance?	
• The number and types of countries represented?	2.44
• The number and types of organizations represented?	2.46
• The mix of experience?	1.80
3.3 Concerning the structure of the conference, how would you rank:	1.80
• The balance between Panels and Workshops?	
• The site visits?	1.79
• The length of the conference?	1.90
2.4 Concerning the usefulness of the conference overall, how would you rank:	1.80
• The relevance of this conference to your current work or functions?	
• The extent to which you have acquired information that is new or useful to you?	1.96
• The focus of this conference on what you specifically needed or wanted to learn?	2.00
• The overall usefulness of the conference?	1.71

Section 3: Day One – Specific Conference Plenary Themes and Topics – Monday Morning

3.1 Panel 1 – Creating Value Through Compliance and Enforcement	2.10
• Usefulness of material?	
• Mix of topics covered on panel?	2.04
• Opportunity for discussion?	2.01

Section 4: Day One – Workshops – Monday Afternoon

Please evaluate the workshop that you attended in Session 1:	Was the discussion valuable?	Were your expectations met?
1A Doing What's Important: Focusing Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Programs on the Right Problems and Priorities	2.02	2.17
1B Citizen Monitoring and Reporting	2.23	2.36
1C Seaport Security Network	1.69	2.00
1D Protected Areas	1.67	1.75
1E National Measures for Climate Protection	1.56	2.13
1F National Compliance Plans for the Implementation of MEA's	2.11	2.23

Section 5: Day Two – Specific Conference Plenary Themes And Topics – Tuesday Morning and Afternoon		
1.1 Panel 2 – Compliance Mechanisms for Climate Protection After 2012		2.09
• Usefulness of Material?		
• Mix of topics covered on panel?		2.08
• Opportunity for discussion?		2.16
1.2 Panel 3 – Regional Enforcement Cooperation for the Protection of Biodiversity		2.15
• Usefulness of Material?		
• Mix of topics covered on panel?		2.09
• Opportunity for discussion?		2.30

Section 6: Day Two – Workshops – Tuesday Morning		
Please evaluate the workshop that you attended after Panel 2:	Was the discussion valuable?	Were your expectations met?
2A More Effective Regulation – Improving Efficiency and Cutting Red Tape	1.52	1.76
2B Strategic Targeting of Inspections	2.25	2.52
2C Transboundary Water Cooperation	1.40	1.45
2D Synergies Among Biodiversity-Related Multilateral Environmental Agreements	1.91	2.10
2E Technology Transfer and Financial Assistance	1.83	1.40
2F Using Societal Values to Market Environmental Compliance	1.92	2.27

Section 7: Day Two – Workshops – Tuesday Afternoon		
Please evaluate the workshop that you attended after Panel 3:	Was the discussion valuable?	Were your expectations met?
3A Using Performance Indicators to Lead Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Programs	2.28	2.34
3B Evidence Gathering and Preservation	1.93	1.92
3C Transboundary Movements of Environmentally Detrimental Goods	1.73	1.80
3D Wildlife Law Enforcement	1.53	1.94

3E Integrity in Market Mechanisms	1.75	2.14
3F Responses to Corruption	1.61	1.59

Section 8: Day Three – Field Visits - Wednesday			
	Quality of the presentation and tour?	Quality of the discussion session?	Usefulness of field visit?
Table Mountain National Park	1.25	1.76	1.48
False Bay Ecology Park	1.56	1.50	1.81
Woodbridge Island, Milnerton and Chevron Refinery	2.14	2.57	2.17
Blaauwberg Conservation Area and Visserhok Hazardous Waste Facility	2.22	2.57	2.56

Section 9: Day Four – Specific Conference Plenary Themes and Topics – Thursday Morning and Afternoon	
1.1 Panel 4 – Capacity Building Within a Development Framework	1.93
• Usefulness of material?	
• Mix of topics covered on panel?	1.90
• Opportunity for discussion?	1.95
1.2 Panel 5 – Global Enforcement Cooperation on Chemicals and Other Hazardous Substances	1.89
• Usefulness of material?	
• Mix of topics covered on material?	1.95
• Opportunity for discussion?	2.19

Section 10: Day Four - Workshops - Thursday Morning		
Please evaluate the workshop that you attended after Panel 4:	Was the discussion valuable?	Were your expectations met?
4A Identifying Training Needs at a Strategic Level	1.59	1.73
4B Remote Sensing and Other Technology Developments to Aid Environmental Compliance	1.36	1.36
4C Actions Against Illegal Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Materials	1.79	1.86

4D Marine Enforcement: Case Study on Inconsistencies and Consequences Among Multilateral Agreements	1.17	1.67
4E Sustainable Management of Carbon Sinks	1.57	2.00
4F The Role of the Judiciary in Improving Enforcement Programs	1.79	1.79

Section 11: Day Four – Workshops – Thursday Afternoon		
Please evaluate the workshop that you attended after Panel 5:	Was the discussion valuable?	Were your expectations met?
5A Performance-based Management for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Programs	1.89	1.73
5B Coordination Among Inspectors, Police and Prosecutors	1.73	1.93
5C Vessel Pollution	2.00	1.50
5D Habitat Destruction and Rehabilitation	1.58	1.72
5E MEA Compliance Mechanisms and the Post-2012 Climate Regime	1.73	2.08
5F Supply Chain Compliance	1.16	1.32

Section 12: Day Five – Plenary Sessions – Friday		
12.1 Panel 6 – Good Governance and the Rule of Law		1.83
• Usefulness of material?		
• Mix of topics covered on panel?		1.72
• Opportunity for Discussion?		1.92
2.2 Presentation of Conference Statement		1.83
• Appropriateness of statement?		
• Do you feel this reflects the purpose and goals of INECE?		1.72
2.3 Closing Ceremony Session		1.77
• How would you rank the closing session?		

Section 13: Exhibits				
	Were the topics of interest to you?	Productive exchange of information?	Quality of the exhibit material?	Availability of materials?
Asia Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Network (AECEN)	3	3	2	3
Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, South Africa	2	2	2	2
Department of Water Affairs and Forestry, South Africa	2	2	2	2
Environment Agency for England and Wales	2	2	2	2
Environment Canada	3	3	3	3
Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Network for Accession	2	2	2	3
Environmental Law Association of South Africa	3	3	3	3
International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (INECE)	2	2	2	2
International Network of Environmental Compliance Training Professionals	2	2	2	2
Lusaka Agreement Task Force	2	2	2	2
Natural Resources Defense Council	3	3	3	3
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development	2	2	2	3
Seaport Security Network	2	2	3	3
US Department of State	3	3	3	3
US Environmental Protection Agency	2	2	2	2
VROM	2	3	3	2
Wal-Mart	3	3	3	3
Other	3	2	3	3

Section 15 : Organization of the Conference	
• City of Location	1.25
• Schedule	1.86
• Speakers	1.77
• Service Desk	1.69
• Cultural event at Moyo	1.80
• Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens lunch and tour	1.63
• Contact with Executive Planning Committee	1.82
• Availability of Conference Staff	1.60

4 CONCLUSION

In conclusion, INECE's 8th International Conference was very well received. Participants highly approved the importance and relevance of the Conference goals, the location of the conference, and the topics covered, as well as the opportunity to network with other environmental compliance and enforcement officials. The Executive Planning Committee will carefully study the numerical results and narrative comments from the evaluations. The recommendations from participants will be considered when planning conferences and workshops and recommendations presented by participants will be reviewed and incorporated into the future INECE work program

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