



International Chiefs of Environmental Compliance and Enforcement
1st Session
Agenda item 3,4,5,6

ICECE 1/5
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Guidelines for Panel members

Panel Sessions

Summary

<i>Executive Summary</i>	:	This document provides panel members and Chairs with information on the objective of the panel sessions as well as guidelines to facilitate productive discussions and successful outcomes for the sessions.
<i>Strategic direction</i>	:	1-4
<i>Submitted by</i>	:	INTERPOL
<i>Action to be taken</i>	:	Panel members are advised to take note of these guidelines. The panel chair is requested to contact the panel members prior to the session to ensure agreement among panel members' as to expectations for the session.
<i>Related documents</i>	:	ICECE 1/4 - Panel sessions; Theme descriptions

Objective

The 1st Session of the International Chiefs of Environmental Compliance and Enforcement aims to provide strategic guidance and establish priorities for the international environmental law enforcement community over the coming years. It will do so by producing a resolution that will not only give direction to the relevant intergovernmental law enforcement organizations, but also to member country agencies. This resolution will be presented to the 'The World Congress on Justice, Governance, and Law for Environmental Sustainability' which will take place in May 2012, in advance of the Rio+20 conference and is also intended to feed into the Conference itself.

Format

The conference will be led by five panels. It will open with an evaluation of current national, regional, and international environmental compliance and enforcement strategies.

After this four thematic panel sessions will be held focusing on specific processes, products, and services that have been identified as key factors in effective international cooperation in environmental law enforcement: Investigative assistance and operational support, Information management, Capacity building standards, and Effective Networks.

The panels consist of international and independent organizations or conventions and two country representatives. Each panel is supported by a secretary who will compile minutes and assist with recording ideas and initiatives which will be used for drafting the session's declaration. This in turn will feed into the conference resolutions that will be agreed upon at the end of the last meeting day.

The panel will also be supported and guided by two hosts from INTERPOL and UNEP and other support staff with microphones.

The process will be characterized by extensive discussion among participants following panellists' presentation of their experiences relevant to each panel's theme. Dialogue is encouraged between the panellists and hosts. This interactivity is necessary to reach a consensus over the themes and resolutions.

The Chair of the panel will be responsible for ensuring a structured and smooth course for the session and will strive to lead the session towards the most productive outcome possible. He or she is also responsible for giving the floor to panel members, hosts, or delegates in the plenary room.

Documents

A number of documents have been prepared for the panel sessions:

- ICECE 1/4 Panel sessions; theme descriptions
- ICECE 1/5 Guidelines for panel members

Preparation

The panel members are encouraged to take note of the theme description in preparation of their intervention and discussions. Each theme description includes a number of questions that may help to guide the discussion.

The panel chair is requested to contact panel members prior to the session to ensure that all panel members have corresponding expectations regarding the course and progress of the session.