IMPLEMENTING THE BALI PLAN, FURTHERING THE SCIENCE INITIATIVE AND REFINING THE ENVIRONMENT WATCH PROPOSAL:
First informal global expert group meeting on environmental information networking

Hosted by the European Environment Agency
Copenhagen, 22-23 May 2006

DRAFT AGENDA

Day 1

Date: Monday 22nd May 2006	Room: Kongens Nytorv 6, Conference Room

Session I	
Title: OVERALL CONTEXT AND REGIONAL AND NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORKING EXPERIENCES	
Time	**Agenda item**
0830	Arrival & registration of participants
0900	**1. Opening** • Welcoming remarks EEA – Mr David Stanners • Opening remarks UNEP – Mr Ivar Baste • Introduction of meeting participants
0930	**2. UN reform and UNEPs science initiative** • Presentation by I. Baste • Discussion
1030	Coffee Break
1100 1140	**3. Regional and national networking experiences** • European Information and Observation Network - EIONET and ReportNet (by EEA representatives) • The experience in piloting the African Environmental Information Network - AEIN (by UNEP rep) • Discussion on networking approaches
1300	LUNCH

Session II	
Title: DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR PILOTING REGIONAL AND NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION NETWORKS: – OVERALL PROPOSAL AND NETWORK STRUCTURE	
Time	
1400	**4. Draft guidelines for piloting regional and national environmental information networks** • Presentation of the draft annotated outline of the guidelines for piloting regional and national environmental information networks • Discussion of the proposed overall orientation of the draft
1530	Coffee break

1600	**5. Network structure and architecture** • Focal points and thematic and functional structure and partner nodes at national and regional level • Network coordination and governance, institutional arrangements • Roles and responsibilities of partner nodes in the network
1730	Closing remarks

Day 2

Date: Tuesday 23rd May 2006 **Room:** Kongens Nytorv 28, Room 28.2.2 (2nd floor)	
Session III Title: DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR PILOTING REGIONAL AND NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION NETWORKS: – PRODUCTS AND SERVICES	
0900	Opening remarks (summarizing the previous day) Welcoming remarks by Professor Jacqueline McGlade, Executive Director, EEA
0915	**6. The function of the network: keeping the environment under review** • Mapping the Assessment Landscape • Discussion
1030	Coffee Break
1100	**7. The function of the network: its products and services** • Thematic coverage: SOE Reporting obligations - data and information gaps & flows • Data collection, information management & access, assessments, indicators and early warning, information exchange, communications and outreach (incl ReportNet)
1300	LUNCH

Session IV Title: DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR PILOTING REGIONAL AND NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION NETWORKS: – CAPACITY BUILDING AND PILOTING	
1400	**8. Capacity building and tools** • Regional and national experiences of main capacity building needs and areas/functions where capacities need to be strengthened - Discussion • Capacity building toolbox – identification of tools (incl ReportNet tools)
1530	Coffee Break
1600	**9. Further regional and national development, customization and piloting of the draft guidelines**
1640	**10. Piloting networking: Financial support, possible twinning arrangements, marketing and promotion**
1720	Closing remarks by EEA representative
1725	Closing remarks by UNEP representative
1730	Closure of meeting