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## *The UNIDO Director General Visits the GCLME RCU, Accra, Ghana*

On 24 April, the staff of IGCC Secretariat had the honour of the presence of the Director General of UNIDO, H.E. Dr. Kandeh Yumkella. He was accompanied by Mr. Akmel Akpa, Director, Regional and Field Operations, Dr. Wilfried Lütkenhorst, Chief of Cabinet and Director for Organizational Strategy and Learning, Mr. Felix Ugbor, Chief, Africa Programme and the UNIDO Representative in Ghana, Mr. Antonios Levissianos.



*Dr Yumkella, UNIDO DG and Dr. Abe, Officer In Charge, GCLME Regional Coordination Unit (RCU), viewing publications on project modules.*

Dr. Yumkella was in Accra, Ghana to participate in the 12th Session of the United Nations Conference on Trade And Development (UNCTAD), 20 - 25 April 2008.

At IGCC Executive Secretariat, Dr. Yumkella was briefed on activities, achievements and perspectives of the GCLME Project by Dr. Jacques Abe, the Officer-in-Charge of the GCLME Regional Coordination Unit (RCU).



*A satisfied DG after the visit of the display panels, showcasing the project and its components.*



*Dr. Yumkella signing the IGCC Visitors' Book .*



*Happy moments : Group photograph of the Director General and his team with the staff of the GCLME RCU.*



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## *Joint UNIDO-IMO Regional Workshop on The Implementation of the MARPOL Convention. GCLME RCU, Accra, Ghana, 29 April - 02 May, 2008*



*The High Table at the Opening Ceremony: (L-R) Capt. Mrs. Georgina Jopap, UNDP Ghana, Dr. Jacques Abe, Officer in Charge, GCLME RCU, Prof. Christopher Ameyaw-Akumfi, Hon. Minister for Harbours and Railways, Ghana, Mr. Peter Azumah, Director General, Ghana Maritime Authority (Chair of the ceremony) and Mr. Michael Luguje, IMO Regional Coordinator for WACAF (English Speaking)*

The Workshop was officially opened by the Honourable Minister for Harbours and Railways of Ghana, Prof. Christopher Ameyaw-Akumfi, under the Chairmanship of the Director General, Ghana Maritime Authority, Mr. Peter Azumah.

UNDP was represented at the opening ceremony by Captain Georgina Jopap while IMO was represented by Mr. Michael Luguje, IMO Reg. Coord. for



*(L-R): Ms. Yvonne Clinton - Liberia, Ms. Sylvia Glokpor - Shell Togo, Mr. Meba T. Pagnibam and Mr. Souho Koufaltou - Togo.*

West and Central Africa (Anglophone) respectively.

In his Keynote Address, Prof. Ameyaw-Akumfi commended UNIDO and IMO for the initiative to organize such a workshop. He informed the audience that Ghana has already ratified annexes I and II dealing with oil and liquid substances and has set measures to ensure effective implementation of the MARPOL Convention. He also indicated that the Government of Ghana is in the process of considering the ratification of annexes III to VI of MARPOL.

*A view of the Conference Hall during a presentation session.*





*Certificates of Participation were awarded to all participants. Here, Sir Philip Lukuley, Director, Maritime Authority, Sierra Leone receives his from the Consultants.*

#### **Regional Cooperation :**

- Establish national committees, comprising stakeholders of the maritime and environment sectors (administration, authorities, agencies and companies).
- Involve the Maritime Organization for West and Central Africa (MOWCA) as interface between the national committees.
- Involve LMEs as regional steering committees to regularly review progress made by individual countries in implementation of the convention and offer assistance where necessary.

#### **Training :**

- Provide training and encourage national capacity building to enable states to implement the Convention, its Annexes and the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk (IBC Code)
- Consider the option (by IMO) of creating fellowships targeting stakeholders of maritime regulation in developing countries.

The Workshop's conclusion/recommendations included:

#### **Implementation of IMO Instruments :**

- Focus on the implementation of existing conventions before introduction of new legislation
- Encourage and assist the countries to ratify the Convention and to enact its requirements and its Annexes, together with those of the IBC Code, into their domestic legislation, and,
- Establish (IMO) a regional mechanism to create awareness on the implementation of Annexes I and II of MARPOL and the IBC Code.



*Mr. Gomis Diedhiou from Maritime Authority, Senegal receives his certificate from Mr. Michael Luguje in presence of Dr. Jacques Abe. CD-Roms containing Workshop's proceedings were also distributed to participants. Ms. Aline Capela Fernandes De Castro from Sao Tome (left) opens her CD case, watched by Mr. Nuno Ribeiro from Cape Verde.*



*Group photograph of the Minister with participants.*

### *Stakeholders Meeting for the Revitalization of the Abidjan Convention Dakar, Senegal, 1-3 April, 2008*

The Meeting convened by UNEP and IUCN had two key points as Agenda :

- A. The revitalization of the Abidjan Convention.
- B. The Second Draft Protocol to The Abidjan Convention concerning Land-Based Sources And Activities (LBS/A) in the West and Central African Region

After discussing at length the agenda , the Meeting yielded recommendations to be submitted for adoption, to the Special Session of Contracting Parties to be held back to back with the African Ministerial Conference on Environment (AMCEN).in Johannesburg, South Africa in June, 2008.



*Group picture*

### *Team from the Regional Activity Center for Fisheries Resources Tours GCLME Central African Countries, 26 April - 02 May, 2008*

As a follow-up of the Subregional Workshop on the management of shared stock of Sardinella held in Luanda, Angola, a team from the GCLME Regional Activity Center for Fisheries Resources carried a field mission to Congo, Congo DR and Gabon from 26 April to 02 May, 2008.

Stay tuned! Details in our next edition.

*Group Photo in Gabon : The team from the GCLME Regional Activity Center for Fisheries Resources with officials of the Fisheries Department, Gabon.*



### *Upcoming Events*

- 13 - 16 May, 2008: Meeting of the Group of Experts on the Scientific Aspects of Marine Environmental Protection (GESAMP). Ken Sherman Conference Hall, GCLME RCU, Accra, Ghana
- 26 - 31 May, 2008: UNEP/UNDOALOS/UNESCO National training for Ghana to be held at the Ken Sherman Conference Hall, GCLME RCU, Accra, Ghana, on the theme : "Improve Municipal Wastewater Management in Coastal Cities"