

Day Three: Saturday, November 12th, 2005

7:30 *Breakfast*

9:00 *Presentation 8: Financing Trust Funds through the Global Environment Facility (GEF) (C. STANTON, UNEP).* The presentation will introduce the GEF, its mandate, priorities and operations. It will broadly cover GEF's experience in supporting trust funds and current opportunities.

10:30 *Coffee break*

11:00 *Presentation 9: Fundraising Strategies for Trust Funds. (A. PANIAGUA, REDLAC)*

12:30 *Lunch*

14:00 Discussion. Participants will brainstorm opportunities to endow their trust funds and discuss next steps in implementation.

15:00 *Coffee break*

15:15 *Conclusions, recommendations, way forward...*

18:30 *Dinner*

20:00 *Farewell Party ☺*

Sunday, November 13th, 2005

7:30 *Breakfast*

9:20 Departure from Vilm to Lauterbach/Mole (alternative 7:25)

FEDERAL AGENCY FOR NATURE CONSERVATION
International Academy for Nature Conservation Isle of Vilm (INA)



Training Course:

Conservation Trust Funds

November 9th to 13th, 2005

at the International Academy for Nature Conservation

Isle of Vilm, Germany

organised by

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Preliminary Programme

Wednesday, November 9th, 2005

16:15, 17:15, 18:15, 20:15

Departure from Lauterbach/Mole to Vilm by ferry

18:30 *Registration and Dinner*

19:30 *Welcome and presentation of the seminar series (A. BURMESTER, BfN)*

The Academy for Nature Conservation on Vilm Island (Germany) plans two training courses annually in cooperation with the Conservation Finance Alliance from 2005 to 2007. The objective is to train trainers in different countries in order to ensure that the process will continue within the countries.

- *Informal introduction of participants (A. BURMESTER, BfN)*
- *Informal introduction of speakers (A. PANIAGUA, REDLAC; D. NENKOV, National Trust Eco-Fund Bulgaria; P. FRANCIS, Æquilibrium Consulting)*
- *Expectations of the training course (C. STANTON, UNEP and P. FRANCIS, Facilitator)*

There are three trust funds currently under development in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and the Caucasus respectively. This training will provide a forum for stakeholders from the trust funds to learn from each other and some of the world's leading experts in environmental funds.

Day One: Thursday, November 10th, 2005

7:30 *Breakfast*

9:00 *Presentation 1: General Overview of Environmental Trust Funds and Case Studies (A. PANIAGUA, REDLAC)*. The presentation will cover topics such as: the broad range of criteria that makes establishing a trust fund useful; pre-conditions for a successful fund; different legal and financial options for designing trust funds (i.e. endowment, sinking, revolving); capitalization options; other general issues, opportunities, and constraints involved in trust fund design and implementation.

10:30 *Coffee break*

11:00 *Presentation 2: Presentation 4: WWF Caucasus Project (M. EVERS, WWF)*. This presentation will provide an in-depth case study of a trust fund already underway in the Caucasus. Topics could include: the

history of the fund, its relation to the overall costs of the protected area network in the Caucasus and how the fund will support some of these costs, preliminary options to structure the fund.

12:30 *Lunch*

14:00 *Each country team will give a presentation describing their trust funds* such as the aim of the trust fund, expected beneficiaries, stakeholders involved, government support, anticipated design and capitalization. Participants will be given instructions to prepare their presentations prior to the training.

16:30 *Coffee break*

17:00 *Presentation 3: External debt for sustainable development swaps: approaches and initiatives of Kyrgyzstan (E. ABDURAZAKOV, Ministry of Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic)*

18:30 *Dinner*

Day Two: Friday, November 11th, 2005

7:30 *Breakfast*

9:00 *Presentation 5: Case Study – Bulgaria's National Eco-Fund and Protected Areas Trust Fund (D. NENKOV, National Trust Eco-Fund Bulgaria)*. The presentation will give an overview of the Bulgarian fund, its objectives and design features. It will further highlight opportunities and constraints faced in the fund's design and management that may be relevant for CIS funds under development.

11:00 *Coffee break*

11:30 *Presentation 6: Criteria for Future Commitment of Financial Cooperation Funds into Endowment/Trust Funds (M. EVERS, WWF)*

12:30 *Lunch*

13:30 *Excursion around Vilm Island (H. D. KNAPP, BfN)*.

15:00 *Coffee break*

15:15 *Presentation 7: Making Funds Operational: Practical Experience and Lessons from Economies in Transition (P. FRANCIS, Æquilibrium Consulting)*

18:30 *Dinner*