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LOCAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLANNING.

Training for leaders of local governments, councillors, professional associations and NGOs of the following oblasts of Ukraine: Khmelnytska, Rivnenska, Ternopilska, Zhytomyrska, Chernivetska
(May 23, 2002, Khmelnytsky town, Ukraine)

1. AGENDA of training session on sustainable development action planning, 18-31 May 2002, Khmelnytsky, Ukraine

Distant learning session: 18-22 May 2002

Before *18 May 2002*. Participants receive a set of training materials, including Action Planning Guide with the following supporting documents: Training course "Councillor as Guardian of the Environment". Agenda-21 document, National Report of Ukraine on Agenda 21 implementation in Ukraine in 1992-2002 and Concept of Sustainable Human Settlements Development in Ukraine adopted by Verkhovna Rada.

18-22 May 2002. Participants formulate drafts of their Personal Action Plans for Sustainable Development in their region according to recommendations of the Action Planning Guide and on 23 May 2002 come with the draft on the training to receive additional information on sustainable development issues, get advisory support and finalize their Personal Action Plans

Direct dialogue: 22-23 May 2002

22 May 2002

consultations and workshop preparation day

14.00-17.00

Consultative meetings in Khmelnytsky with representatives of local authorities (including environmental protection, economic development and social sector specialists), scientists, local experts and NGOs, representatives of other institutions related to the issue to

- assess availability of supportive local policy and legislative framework
- make preliminary evaluation of local officials' vision of current needs and capacity of a region for sustainable development strategy formulation and implementation

17.00-18.00

- correction of Agenda of a workshop to make it need oriented.
- Administrative and programmatic issues, logistic support of workshop.

The meetings have been facilitated by **Dr. Mykhaylo Magal**, local experts **Mr. Andriy Savyuk**, **Mrs. Svitlana Pasichnyk**.

23 May 2002

one-day regional workshop day

9.30-9.45

Opening (**Mr. Oleksandr Stuparyk**, Deputy Head of Khmelnytsky Oblast State Administration).

9.45-10.00

Introduction (**Oleksander Cherkas**, Environmental Program Management Specialist, USAID/Kyiv).

10.00-11.00

Lecture on "Agenda 21, Millennium Goals and sustainable development: practical approach". (**Dr. Mykhaylo Magal**, **OGI International**). The purpose of this lecture is to explain the next provisions:

- Rio Declaration and Agenda 21. What is sustainable development?
- Has our understanding of sustainable development changed since the 1992 Earth Summit?
- How does sustainable development apply to Ukraine?
- How can we measure the cost of sustainable vs. unsustainable development?
- What policies have been successful in promoting sustainable development?
- How do decisions made at the national level affect local actions?
- What does our experience tell us about best practices, and lessons learned?

11.00-11.15

Lecture - Indicators of sustainable development (**Mr. Igor Kyrylchuk**, UNDP).

11.15-11.30

Lecture - Communication of ecology and sustainable development (**Mr. Andriy Ostapenko**, Head of environmental policy department, Ministry of the Environment and Natural Resources of Ukraine).

11.30-11.45

Coffee break

11.45-12.45

Identification of barriers on the road to sustainable development.
Case studies - Worldwide practices to address similar problems.

(Trainer Dr. Mykhaylo Magal)

12.45-13.00

Questions of participants and answers of lecturer.

13.00-14.00

Lunch

14.00-15.00

Interactive/panel discussions - formulation of recommendations for design and implementation of local sustainable development strategies based on assessment of actual problems, needs of desired community and/or territory (**Trainer Dr. Mykhaylo Magal**).

15.00-17.00

Formulation of participants' Personal Action Plan drafts to promote local sustainable development strategies formulation based on public-private partnerships according given template. *Participants should submit to experts their personal Action Plans in 10 days after the workshop* (**Dr. Mykhaylo Magal and local experts Mykola Savyuk and Svitlana Pasichnyk**).

17.00-17.30

Application of training results. Cases: the first 3 Personal Action Plan drafts presented by authors and discussed with participants.

17.30-18.00

Participants fill in exit questionnaires.

Distant consultations: 24-31 May 2002

Additional consultations on finalizing Personal Action Plans. Submitting final versions of participants' Personal Action Plans to OGI.

2. Summary of one-day direct dialogue training activity

1. Welcome address by Mr. Olexandr Stuparyk, Deputy Head of Khmelnytska Oblast State Administration: in his opening speech Mr Stuparyk informed workshop participants that Oblast State Administration has long positive experience of productive cooperation with OGI within the framework of UNDP projects and ap-preciate very much cooperative efforts of USAID, AED and OGI aimed at providing with training of local government officials, local self-governments and business development NGOs on action planning for sus-tainable development. The audience was told about achievements of Khmelnytska oblast on the way to-wards

sustainable development. He drew the attention of participants to problems related to sustainable development of Khmelnytska oblast and Ukraine as well, and to importance of cooperation with neighbouring oblasts and countries to create enabling environment for community income generation and social infrastructure development based on sustainable development principles.

2. Introduction by Mr. Oleksander Cherkas: presented USAID activity in Ukraine in area of Environmental protection and management and promoting multi-stakeholder cooperation for sustainable development, drew participants attention to successful USAID practices in Ukraine. He paid special attention to longterm perspectives of the Programme **USAID STRATEGIC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR RESULTS WITH TRAINING (START) PROJECTS** (including upcoming study tours and National Conference), and the role of this workshop for successful implementation of the Programme. He stressed the importance of training of civil servants and representatives from private sector, NGO`s for application sustainable development tools for programming economic and social development of Ukraine.
3. Lecture on "Agenda 21, Millennium Goals and sustainable development: practical approach" by Dr. Mykhaylo Magal. The content of this lecture was delivered through multimedia presentation to explain:
 - Rio Declaration and Agenda 21. What is sustainable development?
 - Has our understanding of sustainable development changed since the 1992 Earth Summit? Bench-marks of global sustainable development process.
 - How does sustainable development apply to Ukraine?
 - What does it mean the sustainable development action planning?
 - Tools for sustainable development policy formulation and action planning.
 - How can we measure the cost of sustainable vs. unsustainable development?
 - What policies have been successful in promoting sustainable development?
 - How do decisions made at the national level affect local actions?
 - What does our experience tell us about best practices, and lessons learned?
 - Application of worldwide best experience for sustainable development action planning in Ukraine.
4. Lecture - Indicators of sustainable development by Mr. Igor Kyrylchuk) - the lecturer told about main types of sustainable development indicators, which gives possibility to evaluate the stage of development of the country, told about methodology for determining such indicators, their role in creating and supporting the process of sustainable development.
5. Lecture - Interrelation of sustainable development and the environment by Mr. Andriy Ostapenko. The National Expert made a presentation of the coordination role of Ministry of environment and natural re-sources of Ukraine in the processes of sustainable development in Ukraine. He pay his attention to ecological situation in Ukraine and ways of it`s acceleration. After these issues the lecturers answer participation`s questions. On the assumption of the quantity and content of the questions of participants we can make the conclusion that participants try to understand the theoretical knowledge given to them.

6. Identification of barriers on the road to sustainable development. Case studies - Worldwide practices to address similar problems. (by **Dr. Mykhaylo Magal**).
Trainer made multimedia presentation to train participants in technique for problem identification and determining the tools for promoting sustainable development through policy formulation and action plan-ning. The training was delivered in accordance with UN-Habitat methodology with integrated samples of sustainable development worldwide practices.
 7. Interactive/panel discussions (by **Dr. Mykhaylo Magal**) - formulation of recommendations for design and implementation of local sustainable development strategies based on assessment of actual problems, needs of desired community and/or territory. Trainer and participants discussed tools and structure of the Personal Action Plan to be formulated by each participant. Participants were provided with Action Plan formulation template to make the formulation process more efficient and easier.
 8. Formulation of workshop participant Personal Action Plans to promote local sustainable development strategies formulation based on public-private partnerships using the Action Plan formulation template. This work was done by each participant personally in consultation with trainer and project experts.
 9. Application of training results. Cases: the first 3 Personal Action Plan drafts presented by authors and discussed with participants.
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3. Evaluation of training by participants:

At the beginning of the program most of the participants were rather sceptic. The ground of such scepticism was their previous participation in other seminars. Some participants said, that most of the work-shops they attended didn't give a practical benefits for participants - only theoretical knowledge that could not be used in a day-to-day activity.

At the end of training the absolute quantity of participants marked practical importance of the training and a number of local government leaders stressed that they will use the knowledge received (especially Action Plan formulation template and the problem identification methodology) in their day-to-day activity. Some participants guessed, that the training exercises on creating Personal Action Plans will help them to apply the received knowledge in their professional activity.

All participants expressed gratitude to organizers of the training session and told that the session has practical meaning for application of the approach learnt into their day-to-day work.

Most participants stressed exclusive quality of the training materials, lectures delivered and logistic

arrangements provided by OGI. Some of them noted, that they would appreciate very much having the direct dialogue training for 2-3 days, not just one day.

At the end of the training session the OGI had received 30 participants' Personal Action Plans for analysis and including into agenda for the future.

For evaluation of the training there were used 2 types of tools:

- the short live address of every participant in the end of the workshop,
- filling in an exit questionnaires (the forms are provided by AED/USAID)

In a final evaluation all participants also flagged the workshop as a very necessary one for their personal development as professionals serving to promote sustainable development of their regions.