



Latin America and the Caribbean regional meeting on SAICM
Panama City, 14-16 February 2008

**UNIDO Side Event:
“The contribution of the UNIDO Regional Cleaner Production Programme
to the implementation of SAICM”**

Saturday 16 February 2008

Time: 13.15 – 14.45

Location: Plenary Hall

The UNIDO Cleaner Production (CP) Programme and network aims at building national CP capacities, fostering dialogue between industry and government and enhancing investments for transfer and development of environmentally sound technologies. Through this programme, UNIDO is bridging the gap between competitive industrial production and environmental concerns. UNIDO's CP programme represents an innovative approach, which increases competitiveness, facilitates market access and strengthens the productive capacity of developing economies taking into consideration the two other dimensions of sustainable development, environmental compliance and social development. To make the programme a reality and promote the application of CP by enterprises in developing and transition countries, UNIDO started, in 1994, to set up Cleaner Production Centres and Programmes. Since then, 43 Cleaner Production Centres and Programmes have been established.

In the Latin American region, with the purpose of fostering information and experience sharing and the coordination of regional CP initiatives among the already existing CP Centres and Programmes, UNIDO started to develop a Regional Cleaner Production Programme. The following countries are active members of the Regional Programme: Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, and Peru.

UNIDO is currently supporting the implementation of SAICM through the activities of the international network of Cleaner Production Centres and the participation in the formulation and implementation of projects financed through the SAICM Quick Start Programme Trust Fund.

During the UNIDO side event, UNIDO, representatives from governmental institutions, private sector and Cleaner Production Centres in the region will illustrate the experiences achieved, the methodologies and tools developed and the initiatives planned within this framework.

Tentative agenda of the side event:

- Presentation of the UNIDO Cleaner Production Programme, from the UNIDO coordinator of the Regional Programme
- Presentation of the services provided by the Cleaner Production Centres with relevant to Chemicals Management, from the director of the Guatemalan Centre, Ms. Maria Amalia Porta
- Presentation of the initiatives foreseen within the framework of the SAICM QSP projects for El Salvador and Peru, from the governmental focal points in the two countries and the directors of the respective Centres, Ms. Yolanda Salazar and Mr. Marcos Alegre
- Presentation of the UNIDO Chemical Leasing methodology and its application, from the technical expert of the centre in Mexico, Mr. Gabriel Pineda, and one company representative (to be confirmed)

The side event will be facilitated by the director of the Nicaraguan Centre, Mr. Cesar Barahona

The presentations of the event will be carried out in Spanish language. Simultaneous translation to English will be provided.

For additional information, please refer to: www.unido.org/cp and www.produccionmaslimpia-la.net.