

UNEP Trip Result Report
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- It was decided to hold the next ENSO Working Group Meeting in Bangkok from Monday, 28 October to Thursday, 31 October 1991. On October 31, I will most likely fly to Hanoi, Vietnam (with a few participants from the Working Group), to give an IPCC briefing to high-level policymakers. Peter put in for two meetings for the ENSO Working Group for the 1992–94 period.
- Usher put into the UNEP budget funds for two meetings for the ENSO Working Group for the 1992–94 period.
- The first week in November, Ninh is organizing a national meeting on climate impacts, to be held 3–6 November 1991. Peter Usher and I will both attend and participate.
- The next WCIP SAC meeting will be held in Budapest 23–27 September. Peter has telexed Tibor to see if those dates are acceptable to the Hungarian Met Service. This SAC meeting will be an important one, because it will decide the budget allocations for the 1992–94 period. Peter asked me to go to Vietnam on 11–13 June to help present Ninh's findings to high-level Vietnamese officials. I declined, due to other commitments. Peter will go.
- I told Peter about the problems of editing the Vietnam impacts papers and that I personally do not have the time or inclination to edit them. Peter is seeking someone in Nairobi to edit these papers.
- Peter had asked me (at the SWCC in Geneva in November 1990) to prepare a summary of the Southeast Asian case studies project, and he was going to give the money for the project to Martin Parry who would then subcontract it to us. But Martin is sitting on the money. No action is required on this; Peter will contact Martin. This publication would be for UNCED.
- Peter asked me to develop a climate impacts forecasting by analogy project in the Soviet Union. He would like an Aral Sea case study as part of that project. I said I

would do it and would discuss it with the Soviet scientists during my visit to the Aral Sea Working Group in late June 1991.

- We discussed support for Suwanna Panturat's Thai climate impacts case study. Peter is trying to arrange to get her about \$20,000 for her project, but she will not get it until 1992, if he is successful.
- Peter agreed to fund a Vietnamese–Sea Level Rise study for the 1992–94 period for about \$50,000 to Ninh. I may be asked to act as a consultant for this project.
- Newsletter: Peter agreed to give us \$2,000 per issue for the 1992–94 period (8 issues) to defray the costs of producing and disseminating the newsletter. He also suggested that there be an extra \$4,000 for a special newsletter issue to the UNCED meeting in Rio.
- I also suggested that Peter do an editorial for each issue of the newsletter and that there should be a UNEP input for each issue.
- UNEP wants to fund an African Highlands project and has agreed to fund a visit to NCAR by Daniel Gamachu. He should visit some time during January and March 1992. The visit will be a few weeks long and will be used to flesh out the project. We should advise Daniel about this. He also suggested that for the Highlands Project paper (Daniel's), we prepare a table of contents.
- Drought Follows the Plow book: There is a good possibility that UNEP will purchase 2,000 copies for distribution at the UNCED meeting in Rio. By the end of the summer, I should send Peter Usher an outline of the paper.
- Peter was most interested in supporting my proposed project to collect and assess all climate change scenarios that have been suggested for Africa.
- I raised the issue of possible support for Tibor's Faragó's newsletter. Peter said that they would support the newsletter in Hungary with about \$5,000 per year for 2 years beginning in January 1992. This will be decided at the SAC meeting in Budapest in September 1991.

- I asked Peter if UNEP might be interested in delivering to the Rio conference a special issue of the *Colorado Journal of International Law and Policy*, focused on international law and climate change. Peter said that the editors should write a letter to him asking for what they would like.
- I suggested to Peter that I go to Namibia to develop a climate impacts awareness and activity in this country. Namibia is the newest country in the United Nations system. He said that it would be feasible to do this at the level of about \$5,000 in 1991 or in 1992.
- Peter and I discussed the possibility of UNEP purchasing a few hundred copies of the Teleconnections book for distribution to special people around the globe. Also, the Climate and Fisheries book: if we arrange for a UNEP logo and a brief statement about their interest in this topic, and if they get a good price from Cambridge, UNEP could buy 2,000 copies of it to distribute at the Rio Conference.
- Peter asked me to write a popular booklet for their Robin Clark Series on climate for the UNCED meeting. It would have to be completed by January or February 1992. I am supposed to reconfirm this activity with him after UNEP's Executive Council meets in late May 1991.