

NEWS FROM ABU DHABI: FIRST TRAINING COURSE FOR STAFF AT THE UNEP/CMS PROJECT OFFICE - ABU DHABI



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Abu Dhabi, 28 October 2009 - the newly established UNEP/CMS Project Office in Abu Dhabi, UAE, has benefitted from an initial training course in the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS), which is considered crucial for setting up the new office. IMIS is used by CMS and UNEP to follow up on personnel and budgetary issues through CITRIX platform and is expected to help efficiently implement the office's Work Plan.

The Abu Dhabi Team, including two General Staff (Ms. Reema Al Mubarak and Ms. Jumana Farouqa) and three Professionals (Mr. Lahcen El Kabiri, Ms. Donna Kwan, and Mr. Peter Pechacek) appreciated the interactive practical course held in the Environment Agency-Abu Dhabi (EAD) premises from 21st to 28th October 2009. UNEP/CMS Office, co-located with EAD, will move to new buildings by mid-November and hopefully, the team will be complete by then, once the fourth Professional, Ms. Jenn Renell, enters on duty.

Aiming at providing more familiarity with the work of the Family of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) based in Bonn, the Executive Coordinator, Mr. Lahcen El Kabiri, and the CMS Officer-in-Charge, Ms. Elizabeth Mrema, envisage pursuing improvement through a five-day training in Bonn for Abu Dhabi's Administrative/Finance Assistant and Secretary/Programme Assistant, in November-December 2009.

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