

**INTER-AGENCY STANDING COMMITTEE
WORKING GROUP
XXTH MEETING
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**COMPLEX EMERGENCY TRAINING INITIATIVE
(CETI)**

INFORMATION NOTE

In 1992, General Assembly resolution 46/182 requested that the "Disaster Management Training Programme (DMTP) be strengthened and broadened".

In 1993, ECOSOC Agreed Conclusions - reference to training "The UNDHA/UNDP DMTP ... should be further developed in full co-operation with relevant organizations of the System as an important System-wide instrument for capacity building, emergency training, and for team building at Headquarters and in the field."

In 1995, the ECOSOC Resolution 1995/56 called for the necessity to address the issue of staff development in a comprehensive manner as well as the development of joint training modules.

Following an inter-agency consultation on DMTP in February 1994, the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Working Group (IASC/WG) referred to the specific need to develop a common-system module which will address security training and stress management, gender, etc., as well as an inter-agency manual to facilitate co-ordination.

Based on the preliminary findings of the Evaluation of the DMTP, the inter-agency group agreed to stop overloading DMTP with its concerns over complex emergencies specifics. While it was felt that DMTP would continue to address issues relevant to complex emergencies it was strongly recommended that it should keep its focus on national capacity building .

Following some discussion in the IASC/WG (8 May 1995) where all agencies praised the achievements of the DMTP while, at the same time, acknowledging that it is not proper to expect it to cover all the training concerns, the meeting agreed that the DHA-DMTP unit - together with the inter-agency group -should develop a second sphere of training activity which will interact strongly with DMTP and address special concerns of Agencies/NGOs, members of the IASC/WG, in the area of training for complex emergencies.

On 21-22 June 1995, DHA-DMTP organized the first inter-agency consultation on humanitarian training and agreed to call the second sphere "**Complex Emergencies Training Initiative**" (CETI).

On 28-29 September 1995, DHA-DMTP organized the second inter-agency consultation on the CETI. Next meeting scheduled for 24-25 January 1996.

CETI ACTION MATRIX (copy attached of last version November 1995)

The matrix summarises the expected output of the initiative.

Draft Outline of Module on Co-ordination among International Organizations in Complex Emergencies, including comments and views of agencies as at 14 November 1995 attached.