**SESSION 8 – MISSION HANDOVER AND PREPAREDNESS**

**Wednesday, September 20, 2017**

13:45 – 16:45 (with 30 min. coffee break)

Expected Time: 90 min (approx. 1.5 hours)

Facilitators: Emilia, Dan, Sander

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| **TIME** | **TOPIC** | **NOTES** |
| 13:45 - 14:15 | Handover of mission results and transfer of mission responsibility (Emilia) | * Work in groups, with participants asked to, on papers, list success factors related to hand-over of mission results (5-10 mins) * Summary in plenary (5-10 mins) of mission hand-over success factors (put up on flipchart) * Video: Bangladesh Sundarbans oil spill - example of successful handover (5 mins) * Discussion in plenary groups: how to involve local environmental actors? (10 mins) |
| 14:15 - 15:00 | Personal mission preparedness (Dan) | * The five groups are asked to work on five different issues - how do you prepare for a mission? (30 min followed by 15 min plenary presentation): * You are waiting for your next deployment. What steps can you take to prepare? (insurance, vaccinations, paperwork, mandatory courses) * What specific medical and health considerations should you keep in mind? Before you know where you are going? Once you know where you are going? * You are being deployed! What should you do next? * You are packing your suitcase! What should you bring? * You have returned from a successful mission! What steps will you take to prepare better for the next one? |
| 15:00 - 15:30 | Coffee break |  |
| 15:30 - 16:15 | Sampling and analysis (Sander) | * Participants are asked to share their experience of sampling and analysis while on mission (15 min) * This is followed by a summary ppt which focuses on the following questions (15 min.): * Bringing in equipment * Bringing samples out * Other solutions (doing it on the spot, using partners) |
| 16:15 - 17:00 | Remote sensing and satellite imagery (Joerg) |  |

**Learning Objectives:**

* Share experience and good practices related to handover of mission activities and results
* Illustrate the benefits of close cooperation with national actors, in view of the temporary existence and function of international experts
* Describe ways in which an international expert can support collaboration with national actors as well as appropriate hand-over of mission results
* Record the basic elements of mission preparedness
* Make personal plans to be ready to deploy as environmental expert on emergency mission
* Discuss the challenges and options for environmental sampling and analysis while on mission

**Supporting documents:**

8.1 PPT

**Key reading**

* UNDAC handbook, Chapter B & C: <https://docs.unocha.org/sites/dms/Documents/UNDAC%20Handbook%202013_english_final.pdf>

**Additional reading**

* N/A