



## INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

CONCUR is a premier provider of environmental dispute resolution services, blending a substantive knowledge of environmental science and policy with a deep understanding of negotiating and mediation process. Our international services include environmental policy analysis, training, situation assessment, and agreement-focused facilitation and mediation. Our work routinely includes a strong capacity-building emphasis.

CONCUR Principals and Associates have worked in more than 30 nations. Our experience spans the Caribbean, Latin America, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, East Asia, and the South Pacific. We have facilitated international and transboundary workshops and consensus-building processes with representatives of organizations based in over 60 nations, and training workshops have included representatives from organizations in more than 40 nations.

### Project Locations:

<b>North America and Caribbean</b> United States Canada Barbados Dominican Republic St. Kitts-Nevis St. Lucia	<b>Europe</b> Belgium Bulgaria Cyprus France Hungary Ireland Netherlands Northern Ireland United Kingdom	<b>Oceania</b> Australia New Zealand  <b>Africa</b> Angola Botswana Namibia Senegal South Africa Zambia	<b>Asia</b> China Japan Korea Taiwan Indonesia Malaysia  <b>Central and South America</b> Ecuador
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### Selected International Projects:

**Advising the Government of Trinidad and Tobago on the Environmental Review of a Proposed Alcoa Aluminum Smelter.** CONCUR advised the Trinidad and Tobago Environmental Management Authority (EMA) on the review of a major aluminum smelter proposal. The international team assisted EMA in the design of the social impact, public involvement and socioeconomic elements of the environmental impact review. Central to our approach was a situation assessment, built on over 20 interviews with a broad cross section of stakeholders, including Alcoa executives, senior government officials, journalists, academicians, local residents, and representatives of the agriculture and fishing communities. Our assessment led to recommendations that EMA mandate a robust stakeholder involvement process and an independent Expert Panel to review the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) at each stage. EMA has incorporated our advice into the Terms of Reference for the EIA.

**Okavango Watershed and Basin "Sharing Water" Project in Southern Africa.** CONCUR served as facilitator and trainer for this USAID-funded initiative focused on the Okavango-Kubango River system spanning Angola, Namibia and Botswana. The project focus was to strengthen the information base in support of transboundary natural resource planning for the Okavango-Kubango River system. CONCUR planned and executed three training sessions on negotiation and joint fact-finding - one each in Angola, Namibia, and Botswana. We also trained and coached local facilitators. The Botswana meeting culminated in the Kasane Statement, which called upon the formal Okavango River Commission to build on the joint fact-finding effort modeled in the Sharing Water Project.

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**Independent Review of Effects of Oil and Gas Exploration in the Ecuadorian Oriente.** CONCUR teamed with UC Berkeley colleagues to conduct an independent review of ARCO's oil and gas exploration in the Ecuadorian Oriente. The review was jointly commissioned by proponents and critics of oil exploration. The review's recommendations were designed to strengthen the analytical rigor of the scoping of impacts and environmental review, improve AIOGC's consultation with indigenous communities, and increase the accountability of AIOGC's hired consultants to the parent corporation.

**International Workshops for Fisheries Management and Conservation of Sea Turtles and Seabirds.** CONCUR co-designed and facilitated two multi-day international workshops focused on reducing sea turtle and seabird bycatch and mortality in longline tuna and swordfish fisheries. The workshops convened fishers, fisheries and protected species managers, researchers, environmental advocates, and fishing industry representatives from nearly 40 countries. The workshops produced a set of voluntary commitments, ranked priority strategies to avoid and reduce bycatch, and created specific recommendations to improve data collection, monitoring, and information exchange; incentivize development and implementation of bycatch reduction measures; modify fishing gear and tactics; expand training and capacity building; improve regulatory approaches; and strengthen implementation of multilateral agreements.

## Selected Trainings and Workshops:

CONCUR has designed and delivered a number of customized training workshops for a variety of international clients. Selected seminars include:

- ▶ **National Conference on Environmental Dispute Resolution** (*Neiman Center at Technion University in Haifa, Israel*)
- ▶ **Effective Environmental Negotiation** (*International Association for Environmental Impact Assessment, Australia*)
- ▶ **Environmental Negotiation Training** (*collaboration with Partners for Democratic Change, Bulgaria and Hungary*)
- ▶ **Environmental Dispute Resolution in the U.K.** (*collaboration with the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution, London*)

## Major CONCUR Publications:

Integral to our international and transboundary work, CONCUR professionals conduct research and publish articles and books on international mediation and policy development.

- ▶ Contribution to "NEGOTIATE" (publication by IUCN's Global Water Programme)
- ▶ *Partnering for the Environment; Multistakeholder Collaboration in a Changing World* by Eric C. Poncelet (2004)
- ▶ *Overcoming Obstacles in Environmental Policymaking; Creating Partnerships Through Mediation* by John K. Gamman (1994)
- ▶ *Institutional Arrangements for Managing Coastal Resources and Environments* co-authored by Scott T. McCreary (1990)

## About CONCUR, Inc.

CONCUR, Inc. provides services in agreement focused mediation and facilitation, joint fact-finding, conflict assessment, environmental policy analysis, strategic planning, and environmental mediation training. CONCUR is incorporated in California and routinely teams with bilateral and multilateral donors, NGOs and for-profit partners. For further information about our services and a complete list of projects and project partners, please visit our web site at [www.concurinc.com](http://www.concurinc.com) or contact us at:

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