WHAT HAVE WE LEARNT? TAKE HOME MESSAGES

The following points were made by panellists and by speakers from the floor during the final session of the Conference:

Flipchart 1

- Define collaboration: regional vs. global
- Technical standards vs. trade impacts
- Standards spectrum: voluntary vs. mandatory
- Cooperation with IPEEC
- Improve CLASP Guidebook
- Other training, networks
- Convene events, share experiences

Flipchart 2

- Align test protocols: facilitate international comparisons
- Group suitable to drive test method harmonisation
- SEAD committed to improve sharing on MVE information
- Better links → improve chances of success

Flipchart 3

- Database & Communications
- Formal communication within governments → start regionally
- Informal communication enforcement authorities, especially manufacturing countries
- Common language: define terms

Flipchart 4

- Why: Cost sharing, learn from others, capacity building
- Who: Range of experience: mature ←→ initial
- How: Range of information, multi-layers

Flipchart 5

- Legislative Constraints to Sharing
  - o Technical data may be easier
- What information to share?
  - o Mistakes still provide useful information
- MVE enhanced by sharing valid information
- Current group to look for partnering MVE agencies

Flipchart 6

- Communicate beyond conferences
- Communicate in common language
- Frameworks are important
- Cataloguing practical information sources (public)
- Higher level commitment to MVE

Flipchart 7

- Map & Benchmark??
  - Existing leading country experience
- Some regional exchanges occur but not systematic nor comprehensive (opportunities to build)
- No one agency covers the field

Flipchart 8

- Trade Association/industry
  - Involvement crucial on compliance structures, information exchange
- Compliance system design
  - Multiple level debate
  - Practical exchange
  - Quick action/plan for more detailed exchange

Flipchart 9

- Build community of practice
  - Identify key persons publicly
  - Hold events to promote relationships
- Communicate importance of MVE to consumers
- Promote MVE (cost effective) to consumers
- Build on existing networks (not build new networks)

Flipchart 10

- Identify test facilities
- Awards can generate interest (energy savings awards) for products/companies
- Committed industry
- Shared responsibilities
- Acceptable compliance
- Move beyond catalogue
- Cost/equity/carbon
- Positive media reporting
- Harmonised test methods
- Measure compliance rates