

Using the Meeting Product

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Overview

A meeting can be considered an enhanced event. It is able to store:

- Event Data, date time etc..
- Travel information Hotel Visa etc..
- Meeting Documents Documentation related to the meeting (these are stored in Document Collections), additionally there is provision for a *list of documents*.
- Registration Form A reference to a registration form can be created



Figure 1: A meeting as visitors to the site would see it

The system is structured around key items:

Meeting - this is the hub of the system, it keeps data about the meeting. It acts as a folder to hold the other items.

Meeting Document Collection - These serve to organize your downloadable *meeting documents* into "collections", A collection can be given a title of your choice (e.g. Working Documents). Collections are used to reference meeting documents from anywhere within your portal. Each document in the collection can then be associated with a particular document id and language (spanish, french, english).

There is a default set of UNEP specific² collections that the product creates when a meeting is created, however this can be customized.

Meeting Document - this can be any typical downloadable document (pdf, doc, odt, ppt, xls etc..)

meeting documents can be stored anywhere in the portal, not just in meetings. We recommend that you place them in central folders, but this is absolutely up to your choice of organization.

¹ We recommend that documents be kept with the meetings that they are associated with, however if a document exists in another location it can be referenced as well.

² UNEP meetings tend following a standard method for organizing meeting documents, this product provides sensible defaults for UNEP meetings out of the box.



Initial Setup

The following tasks need to be completed when installing and setting up the meeting product. If the default settings are acceptable for you, you can skip these steps.

- Edit the meeting document collection types, the names in 'meeting_types' dictate what default collections will be created. Go to "{portal}/portal_vocabularies/meeting_types/folder_listing"
- Edit the vocabulary for 'meeting_types' and 'document_types' (used to classify meetings and document collections). The default vocabulary is CEP specific and includes: CEP IGM, CEP MONCOM, SPAW ISTAC, SPAW Workshop, SPAW COP, SPAW STAC, LBS ISTAC, LBS Workshop
- Setup the country preferences go to "site setup" > "zope management interface" > "portal_countryutils" > "Countries"

Adding a meeting

Preparation

Before you add a meeting you can upload all the files and documents related to the meeting to any location within your plone site.

Meeting Creation

A meeting is created by adding a name, summary, dates, announcement, contact information and type (e.g. CEP-IGM).

Unless you customized the document_types in the vocabulary, as explained above, a newly added meeting will automatically create 6 meeting document collections, these are

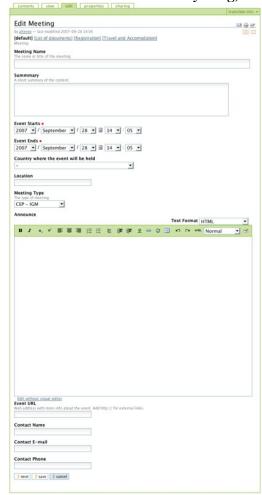
- working documents
- information documents
- conference papers
- reference documents
- presentations
- attachments

Additionally you will be given options to add Travel and Registration information.



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You do not need to fill in everything, it is enough to give the meeting a title to begin.



Meeting creation form



A newly created meeting as seen by an administrator

Once you have done that, click "save".

The outstanding items for the meeting will be highlighted in orange. To add new items click the relevant "add" links.

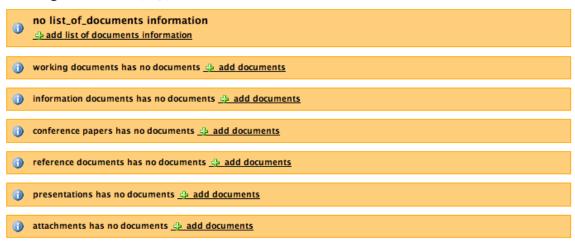




Adding Documents

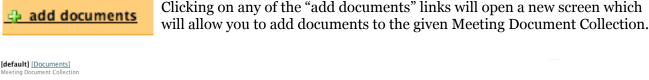
Adding documents is a two step process. All the available document collections will be listed under the heading "Meeting Documents".

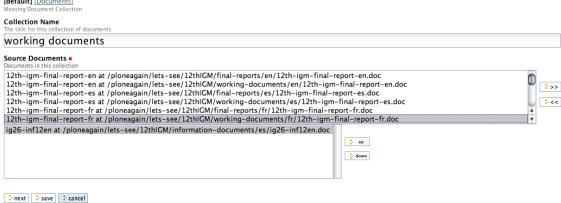
Meeting Documents [top]



The Meeting Documents section highlights what has not been added yet, each section represents a Meeting Documents Collection.

step 1 - choose source documents





Select all the documents that you would like to be source documents for this collection the click "next".



step 2 - organize the document collections

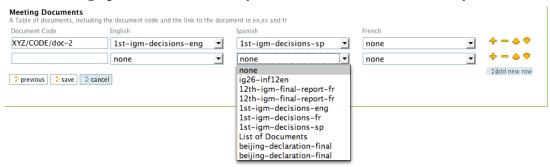
You will see a new screen.



Look for the "add new row" button. Click the "add new row" button.

add new row

This will bring up a new row to which you can add the documents from your source documents.



Adding and organizing documents, note that there is a box for each language Add as many rows as you need in order to present your documents.





Adding everything else



To finish up, add information for accommodation, travel/visa information and registration forms. These can all be added by clicking on the relevant "add" buttons, highlighted in orange. A completed meeting will look similar to the screenshot on this page.



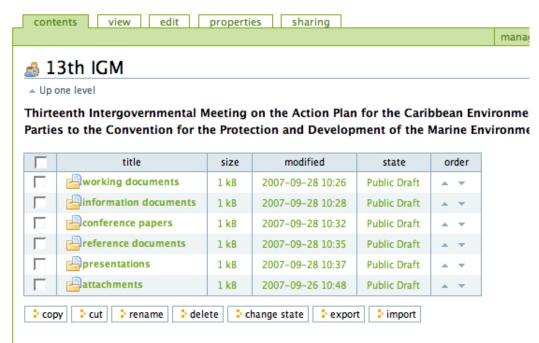
Reordering Document Collections

The document collections will be displayed in the meeting summary in the same order that they exist in the meeting "contents" view. If you ever need to reorder meeting documents collections go to the "contents" tab of your meeting document and reorder them as you like.



The resulting view will look similar to the screenshot below, use the "order" arrows to reorder the meeting collections.

The contents tab



It is also possible to reorder the collections by simply clicking and dragging an item

