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**Managing the Themis Secretariat**

- Activity 1.1: Providing secretarial support
  - Managing and implementing activities under the work programme
  - Liaising with partner institutions
  - Disseminating project outputs
  - Maintaining the Themis website and other communication tools

- Activity 1.2: Organising annual meetings of the network’s Executive Committee

**Cluster 1**

- **Cluster 2**
  - Protecting natural resources and combating illegal logging
    - Activity 2.1: Strengthening and building capacities in the competent national authorities
      - Organising regional train-the-trainers workshops
    - Activity 2.2: Providing technical assistance on law and policy development
      - Developing tailor-made training curriculum

- **Cluster 3**
  - Protecting the environment through the enforcement of criminal law
    - Activity 3.1: Strengthening and building capacities in the competent national authorities
      - Organising regional train-the-trainers workshops
      - Developing tailor-made training curriculum
    - Activity 3.2: Elaborating a guidebook/training manual
    - Activity 3.3: Cooperating with INECE and INTERPOL

**Themis Network Activities 2012–2013**

- Cluster 1
  - Protecting natural resources and combating illegal logging
    - Activity 2.1: Strengthening and building capacities in the competent national authorities
    - Activity 2.2: Providing technical assistance on law and policy development
    - Activity 3.1: Strengthening and building capacities in the competent national authorities

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