

## **Annex 2: Advancing the Implementation of CSD Decisions: Innovations in CSD Organization of Work**

The CSD Secretariat introduced a number of innovations in Commission's organization of work since CSD-17, and will continue to build upon these innovations to make CSD more effective and relevant to overcome the multiple crises the world is facing today. The need for introducing these innovations stems from the fact that in many stakeholders' view CSD has not successfully delivered on its mandates and major reforms are needed in its governance structure. Main thrust of various innovations introduced so far or will be introduced in the coming year is to advance the implementation of decisions taken by the Commission, while ensuring their conformity with Commission's organization of work agreed during its 11th session. A summary of these innovations is presented below.

*1. Ministerial dialogue with the heads of governing bodies of UN system organizations:* This initiative was introduced during CSD-17 but it was not part of the official programme. The Bureau of CSD-18 is considering to make it part of the official programme. This will enable various UN implementing agencies to include relevant decisions agreed during the CSD in their respective work programmes.

*2. CSD Chair's participation in meetings of the governing bodies of UN system organizations:* CSD Secretariat will follow up with the secretariats of governing councils of various UN system organizations to secure participation of CSD Chair to their meetings, especially those related to development of agency work plans.

*3. A session on cross-regional perspectives:* This new session is being introduced in the organization of work of CSD-18. Traditionally, regional discussions during the CSD take place focusing on one region at a time. Introducing this new session will allow the Regional Commissions to identify agenda of common interest around which cross-regional partnerships could be formed.

*4. Introduction of U-Tube Channel:* A U-tube channel has been introduced on the CSD website. Among other things, during the CSD session, it will be used to play messages from Ministers dealing with specific issues of current thematic cluster.

*5. Capacity building of delegates:* The Secretariat will be introducing a capacity building seminar series for delegates of 2nd committee to enhance their understanding of the issues to be considered under the current thematic cluster. A total of 5 seminars will be organized; each seminar will include visual presentations, panel discussions and Q&A session.

*6. Multi-stakeholders dialogue:* The CSD Secretariat is planning to organize a multi-stakeholders dialogue on implementation (to be organized each year). The purpose will be to mobilize further political and technical support to advance implementation. This meeting will be organized outside the official programme of CSD, but Bureau's support will be needed to provide political impetus to such efforts. Participation of previous year's CSD Bureau in this event will be helpful.

*7. Engaging current and previous years Bureaus in implementation:* A joint meeting of the current and previous year's Bureaus will help bridging the gap between two cycles; between two years within the cycle; and promoting the implementation of one set of thematic agenda without jeopardizing the agenda planned for the current cycle. Such a meeting may be

organized before finalizing the organization of work to accommodate and reflect upon lessons learned during the previous year. Similarly, inviting previous session's Chair to the opening of HLS with the objectives to present a brief report on the state of implementation.

8. *Advocacy and outreach activities:* This will involve organizing specific side events in important intergovernmental fora. The Commission may as well consider appointing an eminent person as goodwill Ambassador on Sustainable Development who can be entrusted with the task of launching strategic advocacy campaign in support of implementation.