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### *Galvanizing Support for Sustainable Development*

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## The World's Leading Policymakers and Experts...

The UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) is actively engaging leaders from the international community in an unprecedented effort to mobilize action and advance policy on sustainable development.

### ... Tackling Some of the Planet's Most Pressing Problems.

At the CSD-12 Review Session in April 2004, Ministers, senior officials and experts from **governments**, the **UN system**, the nine major groups of **civil society**, and **other organizations** will focus on the thematic cluster of:

- **Water**
- **Sanitation**
- **Human Settlements**

Through frank, open and creative discussion, CSD-12 will review the status of our commitments to meet these challenges and catalyze greater efforts to address them. Participants will exchange lessons learned, highlight success stories, brainstorm about innovative policies and technologies, give and receive practical training, and forge new partnerships.

## The Challenges

- **1.2 billion people** lack access to safe drinking water. Water-borne diseases kill **a person every 10 seconds**, the overwhelming majority of which are children.
- **930 million** people live in slums.
- **1.6 billion people** lack adequate sanitation. Roughly **one in two** Sub-Saharan Africans and **three in five** South Asians lack adequate sanitation.

## The Commitments

- “We agree to halve, **by the year 2015**, the proportion of people who are unable to reach or to afford **safe drinking water** (as outlined in the Millennium Declaration) and the proportion of people who do not have access to **basic sanitation**.” *paragraph 8, Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI)*
- “**By 2020**, achieve a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million **slum** dwellers.” *paragraph 11, JPOI*
- Other targets and commitments throughout the JPOI, the Millennium Declaration, Agenda 21, and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21.

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## CSD-12 – Galvanizing Support for Sustainable Development

### No Time to Lose

*“The international community has set itself ambitious goals for sustainable development. The CSD must help ensure that these commitments are delivered upon. We have no time to lose when it comes to transforming global commitments into action at the local and regional levels.”*

*- H.E. Børge Brende, CSD-12 Chairman and Minister of Environment, Norway*

Delegates at the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) reaffirmed the role of the CSD as the high-level international body on sustainable development, charged with, among other things, ensuring effective follow-up of the WSSD agreements. The 2003 CSD-11 Decision set out a 14-year post-WSSD work programme for the CSD, built around 2-year action-oriented “implementation cycles”. CSD-12 (2004), the Review Session, and CSD-13 (2005), the Policy Session, comprise

the first such cycle, focusing on the thematic cluster of **water, sanitation and human settlements**.

### SIDS – Preparing for Mauritius

The first three days of CSD-12 will serve as the preparatory meeting for the International Meeting on the ten-year review of the Barbados Programme of Action for Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, scheduled for August-September 2004 in Port Louis, Mauritius.

### Outputs

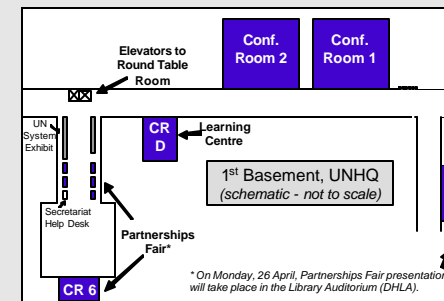
The Chair’s summary from the CSD-12 session will help to facilitate an effective policy discussion during the following year (CSD-13). Other outputs include training opportunities, new partnerships, exchanges of experience and lessons learned as part of CSD-12’s intention to mobilize further action toward sustainable development.

### What to Expect at CSD-12

The CSD-12 Review Session will feature a number of “firsts.” Thematic reviews will feature **interactive discussions** and will be introduced through **keynote presentations, panel discussions** and **moderated debates**. **Major Group** representatives will join Ministers in interactive discussions during the **High-Level Segment**. **Regional Discussions** will be a distinct feature with a common format and structure. A **Partnerships Fair** and a **Learning Centre** will be part of the CSD meetings.



### Key Components

- **Review of Progress:** A review of progress in implementation, best practices and successes, as well as obstacles and constraints. Conference Room 1 will be a primary venue for this review.
- **Discussion of operational aspects:** Review of case studies, national policy experiences, lessons learned and best practices. Conference Room 2 will be a primary venue for these discussions.



- **Learning Centre (LC):** Aimed at facilitating training at a practical level, the LC will offer 15+ courses during CSD-12.
- **Partnerships Fair (PF):** The PF will feature over 50 partnership presentations, interactive discussions on water, sanitation and human settlements partnerships and other topics, partnerships information desks and a Poster Exhibit
- A **Round Table Room** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor will be available for bilateral or group roundtable discussions. Registration at Secretariat Help Desk downstairs.

## Timeline

2002	2003	2004	2005
	 Development of 2004-2017 CSD Programme of Work	<b>First CSD Implementation Cycle</b> Thematic Cluster: Water, Sanitation, and Human Settlements	
		CSD-12 Review Session	CSD-13 Policy Session

## CSD-12 issues at a glance

Meeting the international targets for water, sanitation and human settlements will require that, over the next 11 years:

- **400,000 people/day** gain access to safe drinking water, and
- **500,000 people/day** gain access to basic sanitation.

**Dozens of Ministers** are expected to attend the CSD-12 High-Level Segment (April 28-30), with portfolios that include water, sanitation, housing, construction, development cooperation, finance, planning, and environment.

More than **260 Partnerships** for Sustainable Development have been launched at or since WSSD, **over 50 of which** list water, sanitation and/or human settlements as a primary theme.