Guidelines for Major Groups on CSD-13
11-22 April 2005

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

With this information note we invite your organization to make a contribution to the **thirteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-13)**, which will convene from **11-22 April 2005**, and will be preceded by an **Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting** scheduled from **28 February - 4 March 2005**. Both meetings will take place at UN Headquarters in New York.

This note contains some initial information on the agenda of the session, the milestone dates to keep in mind as you prepare your contributions to the session's work, the related regional and inter-sessional meetings organized around the agenda themes, and a list of useful contacts in the CSD Secretariat and in its partner UN bodies.

Historically, the CSD has been innovative in generating broad-based participation in sustainable development, and it will continue to experiment and adopt novel participatory mechanisms to increase the involvement of major groups in sustainable development efforts at the UN and around the world. The 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) succeeded in integrating major groups even further into the intergovernmental process through new approaches and formats for participation, moving beyond the tradition of the multi-stakeholder dialogue to establish their presence in high-level roundtables, expert panels, and partnerships for sustainable development.

With the increasing recognition of the essential role played by major groups as key partners in the WSSD follow-up, the CSD Secretariat continues to develop new formats for stimulating more productive dialogue and inspiring collaborative efforts among governments, major groups and the UN system, building on lessons learned from past traditions and practices. At CSD-13 major groups are expected to be involved in the various activities planned throughout the official session, including a multi-stakeholder interactive discussion within the High-level Segment. We anticipate that such developments will continue to inspire new approaches to stakeholder involvement and produce fruitful outcomes in the years ahead.

Maintaining and enhancing the established participatory tradition of the CSD requires continued commitment by all parties. Without **your** involvement the sustainable development agenda will not have the same depth and breadth that other participants have come to expect. We therefore invite you to begin preparing for CSD-13. The purpose of these guidelines is to provide your organization and its constituency with the starting points of how to contribute to the outcomes of CSD-13.

We look forward to working with all of you and to facilitating your active involvement in the work ahead.

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1 *Due to resource constraints, this information note is available in English only. Parties interested in translating the text into other languages are welcome to do so and need not formally obtain permission of the CSD Secretariat. However, we would appreciate knowing about the translations and receiving a copy of the translated material for our records.*

1. INTRODUCTION TO CSD-13

At its eleventh session, held in New York from 28 April - 9 May 2003, the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) decided that its multi-year programme of work following the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development would be organized on the basis of two-year "Implementation Cycles" comprised of a "Review Year" and a "Policy Year" (see **Annex 1** for the full programme of work through 2017).

In each two-year cycle, a thematic cluster of issues will be addressed in an integrated manner, taking into account economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. The Commission agreed that the implementation process shall cover all issues equally, and noted that the selection of some issues for a given cycle did not diminish the importance of the commitments undertaken with respect to the issues to be considered in future cycles.

In every cycle, a number of cross-cutting issues will be also addressed, such as poverty eradication, changing unsustainable patterns of production and consumption, health, education and sustainable development in a globalizing world, as outlined in the table below. Means of implementation are to be addressed in every cycle and for every relevant issue, action and commitment.

During the first two-year cycle (CSD-12 in 2004 and CSD-13 in 2005), the Commission decided to focus on issues related to water, sanitation and human settlements. These guidelines aim to provide you with a road map of the process leading up to CSD-13 and information on how to prepare for and contribute to the session.

1.1. CSD-13 THEMES, CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES AND PROCESS MILESTONES

The Commission on Sustainable Development will convene its thirteenth session (CSD-13) over a two-week period currently scheduled from **11-22 April 2005**, in New York. CSD-13 will be preceded by a one-week Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting scheduled in New York from **28 February - 5 March 2005**.

CSD-13 will constitute the first Policy Year in the CSD's new programme of work, during which the Commission build on the outcomes of the CSD-12 Review Year in deciding on measures to speed up the implementation process and mobilize action to overcome obstacles and constraints in implementing Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation.

Themes of CSD-13	Cross-Cutting Issues	Milestone Dates
Water *** **Sanitation** *** **Human Settlements** ***	Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development, Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education.	**Deadline for major groups inputs to Secretary-General's reports: 17 September 2004** *** **Deadline for major groups organising partners inputs to priorities for action: 1 November 2004** *** **Finalisation of Secretary-General's reports: December 2004** *** **Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting of the CSD (28 February - 4 March 2005, New York)** *** **Thirteenth Session of the CSD (11-22 April 2005, New York)**

1.2. CSD-13 FRAMEWORK FOR ORGANISATION OF WORK

This information will be made available as soon as the CSD-13 Bureau finalizes its discussions on this topic.

1.3. CSD-13 BUREAU

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For more biographical information on the Bureau visit the DSD website at: http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd/csd13/csd13_members.htm

For a list of CSD-13 member states, please refer to **Annex 2**.

2. THE CSD-13 REPORTING PROCESS

The CSD-13 policy session is based on a series of inputs (see flow of the CSD-13 organisation of work in **Annex 3**) that focus on policy options and possible actions to overcome the constraints and obstacles and meet the challenges identified by CSD-12 with regard to the thematic cluster of water, sanitation and human settlements in the context of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation.

Each theme is covered in a Secretary-General's (SG) Report, which are limited to 8,500 words in length and are produced in the six official languages of the United Nations.

2.1. TENTATIVE LIST OF REPORTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS FOR CSD-12

Official documents are issued in all six languages. Waivers are required for official documents exceeding the word limit and are granted on an exceptional basis. Background papers (issued in English or in the language of submission only. A list will be posted as soon as available. Please check our website at http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd/csd13/csd13.htm for updates on the reporting process.

A list of useful UN contacts can be found in **Annex 4**.

2.2. WRITTEN INPUTS FROM MAJOR GROUPS

The deadline for major groups around the world to provide inputs to the official reports for CSD-13 expired on **17 September 2004.** A call for inputs was posted on the Secretariat website in August 2004 and disseminated by e-mail; a total of *ten* submissions were received from major groups worldwide and channelled to the drafters of the three Secretary-General's Reports in the thematic areas of water, sanitation and human settlements, for analysis and use as possible inputs to the reports. The Secretariat will finalise the Secretary-General's reports in time for the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting scheduled from 28 February - 5 March 2005.

As per past practice, there will be nine papers entitled *"Major Groups' Priorities for Action"* that will be prepared by the CSD-13 major groups organising partners in consultation with major groups networks worldwide. The organising partners decided to provide their inputs to the *"Priorities for Action"* in a concise and action-oriented format consolidated in one document. The length of each input will be limited to 1,000 words 9a waiver has been requested), with a deadline of **1 November 2004**, to enable sufficient time for translation into the official UN languages. For more information on the organising partners, please refer to **Paragraph 4.4**.

2.3. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The CSD-13 Report will include:

- Policy decisions on practical measures and options to expedite implementation
- Summary of the High-level Segment
- Record of regional discussions
- Record of dialogue with Major Groups
- Record of Partnerships Fair
- Record of Learning Centre

3. MAJOR GROUPS PARTICIPATION IN INTER-SESSIONAL MEETINGS

To enhance, consolidate and supplement existing information on the agenda themes, a number of major conferences, expert group meetings, workshops and other consultation opportunities are organized throughout the year. These events may be sponsored and hosted by Governments, various UN agencies, IGOs and other major groups organisations and often include representatives from major group organizations. The list below includes those inter-sessional meetings and other preparatory events that were known at the time of the writing of this note. Updates on events are available on the website at http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/calendar/calendar.htm.

3.1. CALENDAR OF INTER-SESSIONAL MEETINGS

The table below highlights upcoming inter-sessional meetings relevant to sustainable development prior to CSD-13. For complete and detailed information on these and other CSD-related inter-sessional meetings, please refer to our website at http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/calendar/calendar.htm.

October 2004	
21-22 Oct 2004	**SUBREGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC 2005** Organized by: UN ESCAP Venue: Apia, Samoa
27-29 Oct 2004	**UNITED NATIONS SYMPOSIUM ON HYDROPOWER AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT** Organized by: DESA/DSD, World Bank, Government of the People's Republic of China Venue: Beijing, People's Republic of China
November 2004	
1-5 Nov 2004	**AFRICAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT** Organized by: UN HABITAT Venue: Durban, South Africa
2-4 Nov 2004	**AD HOC EXPERT GROUP MEETING ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ISSUES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT** Organized by: UN ECA Venue: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
4-5 Nov 2004	**4th AFRICAN MINISTERS' COUNCIL ON WATER** Organized by: African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW) Venue: Kampala, Uganda
15-16 Nov 2004	**8TH INTERNATIONAL HIGH LEVEL SEMINAR ON SUSTAINABLE COMSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION** Organized by: UNEP Venue: Monterrey, Mexico
	WORKSHOP ON THE LEGAL BASIS FOR COOPERATION ON

17-19 Nov 2004	**TRANSBOUNDARY WATERS IN EASTERN EUROPE, CAUCASUS AND CENTRAL AISA** Organized by: UN ECE Venue: Kiev, Ukraine
26-28 Nov 2004	**TENTH MEETING OF SENIOR OFFICIALS ON NORTH-EAST ASIAN SUBREGIONAL PROGRAMME ON ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION** Organized by: UN ESCAP Venue: Japan
28-30 Nov 2004	**SEMINAR ON SOCIAL HOUSING** Organized by: UN ECE Venue: Vienna, Austria
29-30 Nov 2004	**REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC 2005** Organized by: UN ESCAP Venue: Bangkok, Thailand
29 Nov- 1 Dec 2004	**EGM ON UPGRADING ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING SYSTEMS IN THE ESCWA REGION** Organized by: UN ESCWA Venue: Beirut, Lebanon
29 Nov- 3 Dec 2004	**GLOBAL WASH FORUM** Organized by: Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC) Venue: Dakar, Senegal
December 2004	
2-4 Dec 2004	**UN ESCWA SIXTH COMMITTEE ON WATER** Organized by: UN ESCWA Venue: Beirut, Lebanon
6-9 Dec 2004	**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT** Organized by: Japan Water Forum, UN DESA Venue: Tokyo, Japan
6-17 Dec 2004	**10TH CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE UNFCCC** Organized by: UNFCCC Venue: Buenos Aires, Argentina
9-10 Dec 2004	**WORKING GROUP ON WATER AND HEALTH** Organized by: UN ECE Venue: Geneva, Switzerland
13 Dec 2004	**HIGH-LEVEL BRIEFING ON INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT IN THE ESCWA REGION** Organized by: UN ESCWA Venue: Beirut, Lebanon
13-14 Dec 2004	**SEMINAR ON THE ROLE OF ECOSYSTEM AS WATER SUPPLIERS** Organized by: UN ECE Venue: Geneva, Switzerland
14-15 Dec 2004	**WORKING GROUP ON INTEGRATED WATER REOURCES MANAGEMENT** Organized by: UN ECE

	Venue: Geneva, Switzerland
20-22 Dec 2004	**SIXTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON WATER REOURCES** Organized by: UN ESCWA Venue: Beirut, Lebanon
January 2005	
10-14 Jan 2005	**INTERNATIONAL MEETING TO REVIEW THE BARBADOS PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPMENT STATES (BARBADOS +10)** Organized by: United Nations Venue: Port Louis, Mauritius
18-22 Jan 2005	**WORLD CONFERENCE ON DISASTER REDUCTION** Organized by: UN ISDR Venue: Kobe, Japan
TBA	**AFRICA MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON URBANIZATION, HABITAT AND DEVELOPMENT** Organized by: UN HABITAT, African Union Venue: South Africa
February 2005	
21-25 Feb 2005	**23RD SESSION UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL** Organized by: UNEP Venue: Nairobi, Kenya
28-Feb - 4 Mar 2005	**CSD INTERGOVERNMENTAL PREPARATORY MEETING** Organized by: CSD Secretariat Venue: New York, USA
March 2005	
24-29 Mar 2005	**FIFTH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT** Organized by: UN ESCAP, UNEP, WB, ADB Venue: Seoul, Republic of Korea
April 2005	
11-22 Apr 2005	**13TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT** Organized by: CSD Secretariat Venue: New York

4. MAJOR GROUPS PARTICIPATION IN CSD-13

The CSD has traditionally provided a lively forum for non-governmental participation, including organizations representing all major groups. Major group participation has infused the CSD with new ideas, challenges and information and has thus enriched the inter-governmental debate. Major group representatives in the CSD process have participated in multi-stakeholder dialogues, developed coordinated statements by thematic NGO caucus groups, organized dozens of side events to share experiences, and successfully lobbied for particular initiatives that they felt the CSD should undertake or support.

In recent years, major groups have been increasingly accepted within the official intergovernmental process as respected partners in sustainable development, and their presence is now more integrated into the official sessions than ever before. The unique and innovative participatory traditions of the CSD have been widely acknowledged and are fully supported by the CSD. As the CSD undertakes a new era of implementation cycles, the CSD Secretariat will continue to explore new ways to enhance major groups' participation in the CSD process.

4.1. ACCREDITATION AND REGISTRATION

Non-governmental participation in the CSD is subject to the rules of participation of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). These rules require that the non-governmental participants represent an NGO in consultative status with ECOSOC. Major group organizations that are in consultative status with ECOSOC, including those in the CSD Roster, can send representatives to CSD-13. Major group organizations who were accredited to the WSSD will be permitted to participate in CSD-13, as per ECOSOC Decision E/2004/212, and thereafter will be required to obtain consultative status with ECOSOC in order to participate in future CSD meetings. An update on the status of WSSD-accredited organizations can be found in **Annex 4**.

Accredited organizations planning to send representatives to CSD-13 should write to the NGO Section **at least** three weeks in advance of the meeting.

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ECOSOC rules do not permit participation of representatives from organizations that are not in consultative status. If you are unsure of your organization's accreditation status, you can check with the following sources:

- ECOSOC Roster: Check the accredited NGO list at http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/ If your organization is listed you are accredited.

- CSD Roster: Check the accredited NGO list at http://www.johannesburgsummit.org/web_pages/participation/csd_roster.pdf. If your organization is listed you are accredited
- WSSD List: Check the accredited NGO list at http://www.johannesburgsummit.org/html/major_groups/forms_accredit/1508_consolidated_list_ngos.pdf
- Contact the NGO Section. The NGO Section maintains up-to-date lists of accredited organizations including those that have recently been granted consultative status but are not yet included in the lists available on the Internet.
- Contact the Major Groups Programme at the CSD Secretariat (csdmgregister@un.org; tel.212-963 8497 or 212-963 4704; Fax 212-963 4260).

Please make sure that your organization has the necessary consultative status BEFORE sending representatives to New York or making travel arrangements for them.

4.2. MAJOR GROUPS INVOLVEMENT IN OFFICIAL SESSIONS

The following "entry points" for major groups are currently being developed and discussed by the Bureau:

Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (28 February – 5 March 2005)

Structure and Modalities of Participation

Several entry points have been notionally allocated in the programme of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting to consider the valuable contribution of the major groups; these are under consideration by the CSD Bureau and the information will be posted once a decision is made. In addition, the Chairperson may decide to invite the major groups to contribute their suggestions in the course of the discussion on policy options and possible actions.

CSD-13 (currently scheduled for11-22 April 2005)

Structure and Modalities of Participation

Several entry points have been notionally allocated to major groups' participation during the course of CSD-13, both during the official segment and during the High-level Segment. In addition to the entry points being currently discussed by the CSD Bureau, the Chairperson may decide to invite the major groups to contribute their suggestions in the course of the discussion on policy decisions on practical measures and options.

Outcomes

Major groups' contributions made during CSD-13 could potentially influence the session's outcomes, including the final text.

4.3. MEETING WITH THE CSD-13 BUREAU AND MAJOR GROUPS

It is customary for the CSD Chair and other members of the Bureau to meet with major groups' representatives. The first meeting of this kind will be organized in conjunction with a forthcoming meeting of the CSD-13 Bureau scheduled in New York. Representatives of major groups who will be in New York at that time will be welcome to participate. Information on the exact time and venue will be disseminated through our listserve and posted on our website. At least one additional meeting will be scheduled closer to CSD-13, and as per past practice, a Co-chair will be designated to serve as a contact person for the major groups during the CSD-13 session.

4.4. MAJOR GROUP ORGANIZING PARTNERS FOR CSD-13

The preparation of multi-stakeholder participation within the CSD is itself a multi-stakeholder process. For all participatory sessions, key major group networks are invited to form a steering group, which coordinates the preparations and facilitates the engagement of stakeholders for each major group through the leadership and guidance of the organizing partners. The Division for Sustainable Development chairs the steering group and facilitates its work during the preparatory period.

The major groups organizing partners are responsible for:

- Consulting with networks to prepare written input in the form of priorities for action on water, sanitation and human settlements—including the cross-sectoral themes—that reflect their group's views on deliverables and on the mobilization of concrete and tangible actions to advance implementation.
- Consulting with networks to identify participants to serve on their delegation
- Coordinating and facilitating the participation of their delegation throughout the CSD-13 session, working in collaboration with other major group sectors' representatives present at CSD-13.

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4.5. PARTNERSHIPS FAIR

The Partnerships Fair at CSD provides a venue for existing and potential new partnerships for sustainable development to network, identify partners, create synergies between partnerships and learn from each other's experiences. Partnerships will have the opportunity to update other CSD participants on progress made and present ideas on the follow-up process within CSD. The Partnerships Fair is part of the official programme, and takes place in parallel to the official discussions at the CSD.

The Partnerships Fair at CSD-13 will focus on partnerships working in the thematic areas of water, sanitation and human settlements.

In keeping with the policy year focus on "practical measures and options to expedite implementation of commitments," the CSD-13 Partnerships Fair will highlight lessons learned from partnerships for sustainable development.

General Structure of the CSD-13 Partnerships Fair

- "Partnerships in Practice": Interactive discussions on practical issues related to partnerships, based on the 'real' experiences of CSD registered partnerships. These sessions will focus on lessons learned from partnerships working in the thematic areas of water, sanitation and human settlements.
- Information Desks & Display: Representatives from CSD registered partnerships will have the opportunity to display and distribute information and directly interact with CSD participants.

Who Can Present at the Partnerships Fair?

Partners involved in a partnership for sustainable development registered with the CSD Secretariat will have the opportunity to request a time slot for an Information Desk & Display. Partnerships related to the thematic areas of water, sanitation and human settlements are particularly encouraged to participate.

Partners must ensure that they are accredited to the Commission on Sustainable Development (through a major group, Government or intergovernmental organization) to be able to participate in the Partnerships Fair.

All CSD participants, including representatives of Governments, UN system organizations, intergovernmental organizations and accredited major groups are welcome to attend the Partnerships Fair.

We are in the process of finalizing the CSD-13 Partnerships Fair schedule and request form (Information desks & display). For the latest information on Partnership activities at CSD-13 please visit our website at http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/partnerships/partnerships.htm or write to us at beyondwssd@un.org

Intergovernmental preparatory meeting

Partnerships activities are also planned during the Intergovernmental preparatory meeting at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 28 February to 4 March 2005.

CSD Partnerships Database

In February 2004, the CSD Secretariat launched a new online database of partnerships for sustainable development. This interactive database contains information based on voluntary self-reports from over 300 partnerships initiated in the context of the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) and its follow-up. The database can be accessed via http://esa.un.org/dsd/partnerships/search/browse.do

Interested in registering your partnership?

Information on registering partnerships for sustainable development with the CSD, is available on our website at: http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/partnerships/partnerships_registration.htm

4.6. THE LEARNING CENTER

Information will be provided in due time.

4.7. SIDE EVENTS

Side events, sponsored by major groups, governments and UN agencies, will be organized as a complementary part of the programme for CSD-13 and the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting in order to generate informal opportunities for exchange of information, experience and non-standard views.

If you wish to organize a side event, please follow the guidelines for side events organizers at CSD-13 which will be posted in the near future on the CSD website.

Annex 1: Work Programme of the CSD 2004-2017

Cycle	Thematic cluster	Cross-cutting issues
2004/2005	Water Sanitation Human Settlements	Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development, Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education
2006/2007	Energy for Sustainable Development Industrial Development Air Pollution / Atmosphere Climate Change	Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development, Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education
2008/2009	Agriculture Rural Development Land Drought Desertification Africa	Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development, Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education
2010/2011*	Transport Chemicals Waste Management Mining A Ten Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns	Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development, Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education

Cycle	Thematic cluster	Cross-cutting issues
2012/2013*	Forests Biodiversity Biotechnology Tourism Mountains	Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development, Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education
2014/2015*	Oceans and Seas Marine Resources Small Island Developing States Disaster Management and Vulnerability	Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development, Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education
2016/2017	Overall appraisal of implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme of Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation	

** These thematic clusters will remain as part of the Multi-Year Programme of Work as scheduled unless otherwise agreed by the Commission (applies to the clusters for 2010/2011, 2012/2013 and 2014/2015)*

Annex 2: Member States of the CSD

Commission on Sustainable Development Members (53 members; three-year term):

Membership of the twelfth session	***Membership of the thirteenth session***	***Term expires at close of session in the year***
Antigua and Barbuda	Algeria	2007
Argentina	Antigua and Barbuda	2005
Australia	Argentina	2005
Austria	Australia	2006
Azerbaijan	Austria	2006
Belgium	Azerbaijan	2005
Brazil	Belgium	2005
Canada	Brazil	2007
China	Burkina Faso	2007
Costa Rica	Canada	2005
Croatia	China	2005
Democratic Republic of The Congo	Colombia	2007
Ecuador	Democratic Republic of The Congo	2005
Egypt	Costa Rica	2005
Ethiopia	Croatia	2005
Fiji	Egypt	2005
France	Ethiopia	2006
Gabon	Fiji	2006
Germany	Finland	2007
Ghana	France	2007
Guinea-Bissau	Gabon	2005
Honduras	Ghana	2007
Hungary	Georgia	2007
Iceland	Germany	2005
India	Guinea-Bissau	2006
Indonesia	Honduras	2006
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Hungary	2007

Membership of the twelfth session	***Membership of the thirteenth session***	***Term expires at close of session in the year***
Jamaica	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2007
Japan	Jamaica	2006
Lesotho	Japan	2006
Mongolia	Kazakhstan	2007
Morocco	Lesotho	2005
Nepal	Luxembourg	2007
Netherlands	Nepal	2005
Nigeria	Netherlands	2006
Norway	Norway	2005
Peru	Pakistan	2007
Republic of Korea	Paraguay	2007
Republic of Moldova	Peru	2005
Russian Federation	Qatar	2007
Saint Lucia	Republic of Korea	2006
Saudi Arabia	Russian Federation	2006
Senegal	Saint Lucia	2006
Slovenia	Saudi Arabia	2005
South Africa	Sierra Leone	2007
Sudan	South Africa	2005
Switzerland	Sudan	2006
Turkey	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	2007
Uganda	Turkey	2005
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Uganda	2006
United States of America	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2006
Uzbekistan	United States of America	2006
Venezuela	Uzbekistan	2005

Annex 3: List of Useful Contacts

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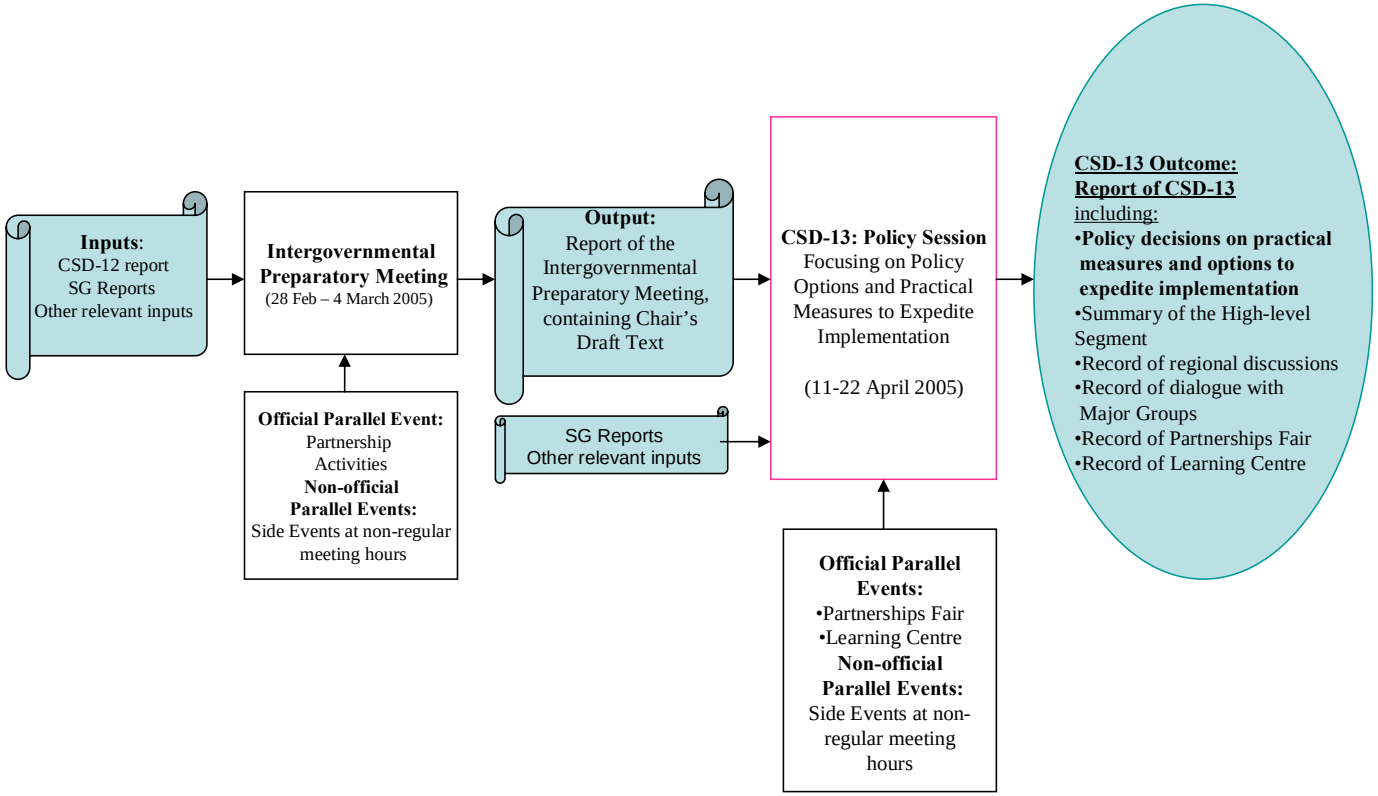

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Annex 5: Update on the Status of WSSD-accredited NGOs

The Economic and Social Council with decision E/2004/212 of 6 February 2004, deliberated on the status of non-governmental organizations and other major groups accredited to the World Summit on Sustainable Development. (Note that oral decision on the participation of the NGO and other major groups to participate in the 12th and 13th sessions of the CSD is now Council decision 2004/216 of 13 February 2004).

The implications for representatives of a WSSD-accredited organization are as follows:

Short Term:

- You will be able to participate in the first two-year implementation cycle of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-12 in 2004 and CSD-13 in 2005).

- If you are planning to send representatives to CSD-13 you should write to the NGO Section at least three weeks in advance of the meeting, and include a list containing the names and fax numbers of the people you have identified as your representatives:

  NGO Section
  Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination
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- A confirmation letter will then be sent to each representative by fax. This letter and a photo ID will need to be shown at the registration desk when your representative arrives at UN Headquarters for the CSD-13 meeting. Details on the location and schedule for the registration desk will be posted on this website when the information becomes available.

Long Term:

- WSSD-accredited NGOs and other major groups active in the post-WSSD implementation cycle are advised to apply immediately for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, if they intend to stay engaged in the future implementation cycles of the CSD.
- The NGO Committee, the intergovernmental body that reviews and eventually grants status to applying NGOs, meets twice a year and deals with a large number of applications: early submission is strongly recommended, as the process may take one to two years. Applications received before 1 June 2005 will be reviewed in 2006 by the NGO Committee and submitted to ECOSOC for final approval.

- Information on how to apply for ECOSOC status, including the application form, can be found on the NGO Section website (http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/).