

## **Chair's Explanatory Notes for CSD-13 Organization of Work**

### **Monday 11 April**

**Regional perspectives sessions** have been collapsed into one session on Monday afternoon, 11 April. The purpose of this session is to hear and discuss the following:

- which policy options and possible actions, emerging from the IPM, are most applicable to your region;
- which practical measures do countries in their region intend to take to advance progress;
- which options or measures might require additional global or regional effort to implement; and
- what mechanisms or arrangements might help to expedite these.

### **Tuesday 12 April – Wednesday 13 April**

Twelve hours of interactive discussion have been allotted to water and sanitation (6) and human settlements (6). Policy options and practical measures, captured in the Chair's IPM text, have been clustered under a series of broad topics; for example, under Water, one of the topics is, integrated water resources management (IWRM); and under Human Settlements, another is, access to housing and public services. The intent of these interactive discussions, which will be led-off by panels of UN agencies and IGOs, is to focus on those policy options and practical measures that require concerted global effort. The discussions should include consideration of all cross-cutting issues.

### **Wednesday morning 13 April:**

The morning session includes a discussion of global water and sanitation follow-up. There is no equivalent discussion for human settlements as an international home for follow-up for this theme is more obvious.

### **Wednesday afternoon 13 April:**

To ensure that all aspects of interlinkages are discussed, there will now be two sessions devoted to this, one focusing on interlinkages among the 3 themes, and the second, focusing on interlinkages among the 3 themes, along with consideration of all cross-cutting issues. These discussions have been moved up to Wednesday afternoon.

### **Thursday 14 April:**

The interactive discussion with Major Groups has been deleted in favor of integrating major groups' inputs throughout the interactive discussions in the previous three days.

The distribution of the Chair's draft elements for negotiation has been moved up from Friday morning to 9:00 a.m. on Thursday 14 April to give delegations more time to study the Chairs' draft. There will be no plenary meetings on Thursday.

**Friday 15 April:**

Consideration of the Chair's draft elements for negotiation will commence on Friday morning, 15 April.

**Monday 18 April** on interlinkages among the 3 themes:

The Finance Ministers panel has been expanded to a panel of Finance and Development Cooperation Ministers. Background papers from the World Bank and UNTAD should be available by 31 March.

**High-Level Segment: 20- 22 April**

Characteristics of the High-level segment:

- this is an opportunity for Ministers to listen, discuss, and react where appropriate, to their colleagues in an interactive dialogue
- the over-riding theme is "Turning political commitments into action" for all three thematic areas
- Various sessions will be introduced by an invited speaker to help liven and stimulate the discussions among those we have confirmed are: Jeffrey Sachs, CSD-12 Chair, Minister Brende, and the Prince of Orange.
- Where specific topics have been identified, i.e. *Meeting the MDGs related to water, sanitation and human settlements' targets*; and *Impact of natural disasters on water, sanitation and human settlements- prevention and response*, we would expect Ministers to focus their comments on these particular aspects.

Note that the MDG-related discussion on 20 April has been changed slightly and will now be from 11:00am to 12:15 pm.

- In summary, the hope is that Ministers and heads of delegations will truly interact and that there will not be too many statements.

**Other:**

Re the balance in the case studies in User-friendly matrix based on Chair's IPM text: the case studies referenced in the matrix are only meant to be illustrative.

A more comprehensive set of case studies, which governments are invited to submit, will be prepared for posting on the CSD website. To help in this regard, the CSD Secretariat will be posting a user-friendly template for reporting on both the case studies and the voluntary commitments.