

Organization of Work for CSD-15 and the IPM

Introductory Note from the Chairman

The fifteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-15) is a Policy Session under the Commission's multi-year programme of work. The mandate of CSD-15 is to build on the work of CSD-14 – the Review Session - and to adopt decisions on policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation in the thematic cluster of issues of *energy for sustainable development, industrial development, air pollution/atmosphere and climate change*. CSD-15 should therefore be a forward-looking and action-oriented session.

The purpose of this information note is to provide an outline of the organization of work for the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (26 February – 2 March, 2007) and the Policy Session (30 April – 11 May, 2007) of CSD-15. The note also provides information on the session's other components, such as the Partnerships Fair and the Learning Centre, which are intended to enrich the session's activities, provide capacity-building opportunities and enhance participation by all stakeholders.

Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (IPM): The purpose of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (IPM) is to conduct broad-based discussions to identify policy options and possible actions with respect to the four thematic issues. It serves as a funnel – so to speak - to identify and then narrow down the range of policy options and possible actions at the local, national, regional and global levels.

The discussions will be based on the outcomes of CSD-14, in particular the Ministerial Segment, which captured the various thematic discussions, as well as the Secretary-General's reports, taking into account the obstacles and constraints, lessons learned and best practices that emerged from the review process of CSD-14.

At the conclusion of the IPM, a Chairman's draft negotiating document, based on the discussions of the meeting, will be prepared and distributed. The objective of this document is to capture the range of policy options and possible actions for implementation emerging from the interactive discussions with a view to preparing and informing the subsequent consideration and negotiations during CSD-15 in April/May.

In the eight weeks between the end of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting and the start of CSD-15, Governments are invited to study the Chairman's draft negotiating document, focusing on those policy options and possible actions that they can implement with maximum impact on the ground, taking into account specific country and regional circumstances.

During this intervening period, Governments, UN agencies and other international and regional organizations, as well as Major Groups, are also invited to consider what voluntary commitments, partnership initiatives and support actions, including specific projects they intend to announce in the lead-up to or during CSD-15. These "deliverables" will contribute to a successful outcome of CSD-15 by complementing the negotiated outcome.

CSD-15 Policy Session: CSD-15 will feature sessions that provide opportunities for general comments and discussions on the Chairman's draft negotiating document. The purpose of these sessions is to help focus on priority policy options and actions, including those that require concerted global and regional support efforts. On the basis of these comments and discussions, the Chairman will submit his revised draft negotiating document.

In the review year, Governments and stakeholders came together in regional forums at which they reviewed progress in implementation and put forward region-specific policy options and possible actions in relation to the four thematic issues. CSD-15 will therefore tap into these regional outcomes, not least because countries often share similar concerns and circumstances at the sub-regional or regional levels. Concerted regional action, with

global support if necessary, may be more relevant and applicable in a regional context. With this in mind, CSD-15 will set aside a dedicated session for presentation of *Regional Perspectives*.

CSD-15 will also provide entry points for Major Groups' contributions, as well as a full-fledged Partnerships Fair and Learning Centre.

In addition to the traditional plenary sessions for statements and dialogue with heads of UN agencies and representatives of Major Groups at appropriate levels, **the High-level Segment** will feature roundtables on specific topics with a view to achieving more focused guidance from ministerial discussions.

The Bureau will continue to provide regular updates on the various aspects of the organization of work as preparations get under way for CSD-15 and its IPM.

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OVERVIEW

By the decision of CSD-11, the Policy Session of CSD in the two-year implementation cycle will take policy decisions on practical measures and options to expedite implementation in the relevant thematic areas. CSD-15, a Policy Session, will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 30 April to 11 May 2007. CSD-15 will be preceded by an Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (IPM), to be held, also at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 26 February – 2 March 2007. It is proposed that the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting be organized according to the timetable contained in Table 1 and CSD-15 according to the timetable contained in Table 2. This note should be read in conjunction with these timetables.

Also in accordance with the decision of CSD-11, the Policy Session will take account of the discussions of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting, as well as the Secretary-General's reports and other relevant inputs.

Organization of Work

The Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting is mandated to consider policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation in the thematic cluster of issues. It is anticipated that a range of policy options and possible actions will emerge from the discussions at the IPM. The Chairman's document will aim to capture these options and actions so as to best prepare and inform the subsequent consideration and negotiations at CSD-15.

The organization of work for the IPM can be divided into four parts:

- Part 1 (26 February): Opening; Regional Presentations; Interactive discussions with Major Groups and Interactive discussions on SIDS;
- Part 2 (27 – 28 Feb): Interactive discussions on the Thematic Cluster;
- Part 3 (1 March): Interactive discussions on inter-linkages and cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation;
- Part 4 (2 March): Wrap-up session and Closing.

The organization of work for CSD-15 can be divided into four parts:

- Part 1 (30 April): Opening; Interactive discussions with Major Groups; and Regional Perspectives discussions;
- Part 2 (1-2 May): Comments and discussions on the Chairman's draft negotiating document, addressing priority policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation;
- Part 3 (3-8 May): Negotiations on policy decisions, based on the Chairman's revised draft negotiating document;
- Part 4 (9-11 May): High-Level Segment. Ministers will be invited to discuss the way forward in ensuring that the agreed policy decisions are implemented, based on the topic of "*Turning Commitments into Action, Working together in Partnership*", and to adopt the report of CSD-15.

In the lead-up to CSD-15, including its High-Level Segment, all implementation actors are encouraged to announce any voluntary commitments or activities that will mobilize further action in implementation, whether at the national, regional or global level.

Major Groups

During the IPM, representatives of the nine Major Groups will make their contributions through the following entry points:

- Interactive discussions with Major Groups on 26 February during which Major Groups will outline their views on policy options and possible actions in relation to the four thematic issues;
- Major Groups may be given opportunities to comment throughout the IPM as time permits;
- On 2 March, Major Groups will be invited to make brief closing remarks.

During the course of CSD-15, representatives of the nine Major Groups will make their contributions through the following entry points:

- On 30 April, there will be an interactive discussion with Major Groups regarding their own proposals on practical measures and actions relevant to the thematic cluster of issues;
- On 10 May, Major Groups will outline their own aspirations and priorities for action in the course of an interactive discussion with Ministers;
- On 11 May, Major Groups will make closing remarks on how they will support the implementation of CSD-15 policy decisions;
- In keeping with the practice established since CSD-11, Major Groups may be given opportunities to speak throughout interactive discussions as time permits.

Partnerships Fair

The CSD-15 Partnerships Fair programme of activities for both the IPM and CSD-15 will feature:

- **Partnerships in Practice** discussion sessions; and
- **Partnerships Information Desks.**

More detailed information about Partnerships Fair activities during the IPM as well as CSD-15 will be made available on the CSD Partnerships website at a later date.

(<http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/partnerships/partnerships.htm>)

Learning Centre

A Learning Centre is part of the official CSD-15 programme of activities and will be scheduled from 30 April to 8 May. There will be no courses scheduled during the High-level Segment.

The Learning Centre will not be scheduled during the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting.

Side Events

Side events, sponsored by Governments, IGOs and UN agencies, and Major Groups, will be organized as a complementary part of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting and CSD-15 Policy Session to generate informal opportunities for exchange of information, experience, lessons learned and best practices. Sponsors of

side events are encouraged to organize their presentations around policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation in the four thematic areas.

Matrix

The Matrix is an information tool developed by the Secretariat. It aims to provide user-friendly information on practical experiences in implementation in the four thematic areas. It is based on information submitted by Governments, including through national reports; and by UN agencies and Major Groups. It takes into account information contained in Secretary-General's reports and Partnerships for Sustainable Development registered with the CSD Secretariat, as well as information emerging from the regional implementation meetings.

The Chairman encourages the Secretariat to continue updating the Matrix, bearing in mind that the Matrix is not an official document of CSD-15. In this context, the Chairman invites all stakeholders to contribute more case studies and provide additional inputs to the Matrix to the Secretariat so as to enable the Secretariat to continue its work on the Matrix.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL PREPARATORY MEETING: ANNOTATIONS

To be read in conjunction with Table 1

Monday, 26 February 2007

The Purpose of Day 1 is to establish the context for thematic discussions through:

1. Opening remarks from the Chairman;
2. Introduction of the Secretary-General's reports;
3. Presentations of the outcomes of relevant inter-sessional meetings
4. Presentations of regional perspectives;
5. Interactive discussions with Major Groups; and
6. SIDS discussions

10:00am – 1:00pm

Conference Room 4 (Plenary)

The Chairman will make an introductory statement to:

- Present his vision for CSD-15;
- Outline his expectations for the outcome of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting; and
- Propose an organization of work for the meeting.

Following the Chairman's introduction, the Director of the UN Division for Sustainable Development will introduce the Secretary-General's reports on the four thematic issues.

Organizers of relevant inter-sessional meetings that are held to contribute to the policy discussions at CSD-15 and its IPM will then be invited to present the outcomes of those meetings. Relevant inter-sessional meetings include:

- The International Seminar on the Hydrogen Economy for Sustainable Development
Reykjavik, Iceland, 28-29 September 2006
- (to be updated)
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After the presentations of the inter-sessional meetings, the UN Regional Commissions and other relevant regional organizations will be invited to make presentations - from regional perspectives - on policy options and possible actions to address region-specific obstacles and constraints identified during the review year.

Regional presentations will be followed by interactive discussions with Major Groups. A representative of each Major Group will then be invited to outline his or her groups' views on policy options and possible actions relevant to the four thematic issues, as contained in the "Major Groups' Priorities for Action" paper.

- This session will encompass three "blocks" of time, each comprised of three Major Group presentations followed by approximately ten minutes of interactive discussions.

Monday, 26 February 2007 (continued)

3:00pm – 6:00pm
Conference Room 4 (Plenary)

SIDS discussions

The afternoon session will be devoted to presentations by a panel of two SIDS implementation actors, to be followed by interactive discussions. The Interactive discussions on policy options and possible actions could focus on, *inter alia*:

Reducing vulnerabilities and strengthening resilience: innovative policy options for addressing the barriers and constraints facing SIDS in the four thematic areas.

The Chair of the session will provide an oral summary of the key policy options and possible actions discussed.

Tuesday, 27 February 2007

The Purpose of Day 2 is to:

1. Organize interactive discussions on policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation in the theme issue of **Energy for Sustainable Development**; and
2. Organize interactive discussions on policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation in the theme issue of **Industrial development**.

10:00am – 1:00pm (Plenary Session)
Conference Room 4

Energy for Sustainable Development

The morning session will discuss policy options and possible actions to address barriers and constraints in relation to energy for sustainable development, based on the outcomes of CSD-14, including the Ministerial discussions, as well as the Secretary-General's reports and other relevant inputs, while taking into account lessons learned and best practices. The discussions could focus on inter alia:

- **Providing energy for all through improved access to reliable and affordable energy services;**
- **Promoting energy efficiency;**
- **Strengthening the development, use and transfer of cleaner and advanced energy technologies, including renewable energy technologies; and**
- **Utilizing financial resources from all sources and exploring innovative financing for investment in energy infrastructure.**

The interactive discussions will be led off by a panel of 2 implementation actors with practical experience in implementation.

From 12:50pm to 1:00pm, the Chair of the session will provide an oral summary of the key policy options and possible actions discussed.

3:00pm – 6:00pm (Plenary Session)
Conference Room 4

Industrial Development

The afternoon session will discuss policy options and possible actions to address barriers and constraints in relation to industrial development, based on the outcomes of CSD-14, including the Ministerial discussions, as well as the Secretary-General's reports and other relevant inputs, while taking into account lessons learned and best practices. The discussions could focus on inter alia:

- **Promoting an enabling environment at the international and national levels for industrial development;**
- **Strengthening capacity-building support to developing countries to diversify exports, with particular attention to SME; and**
- **Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production.**

The interactive discussions will be led off by a panel of 2 implementation actors with practical experience in implementation.

From 5:50pm to 6:00pm, the Chair of the session will provide an oral summary of the key policy options and possible actions discussed.

Wednesday, 28 February 2007

The Purpose of Day 3 is to:

1. Organize interactive discussions on policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation in the theme issue of **Air Pollution/Atmosphere**; and
2. Organize interactive discussions on policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation in the theme issue of **Climate Change**.

10:00am – 1:00pm (Plenary Session)

Conference Room 4

Air pollution/Atmosphere

The morning session will discuss policy options and possible actions to address barriers and constraints in relation to air pollution/atmosphere, based on the outcomes of CSD-14, including the Ministerial discussions, as well as the Secretary-General's reports and other relevant inputs, while taking into account lessons learned and best practices. The discussions could focus on *inter alia*:

- **Reducing indoor air pollution from traditional biomass fuels; and**
- **Reducing outdoor air pollution, taking into account its relation to transportation, industry, urban development, and energy production and consumption.**

The interactive discussions will be led off by a panel of 2 implementation actors with practical experience in implementation.

From 12:50pm to 1:00pm, the Chair of the session will provide an oral summary of the key policy options and possible actions discussed.

3:00pm – 6:00pm (Plenary Session)

Conference Room 4

Climate Change

The afternoon session will discuss policy options and possible actions to address barriers and constraints in relation to climate change, based on the outcomes of CSD-14, including the Ministerial discussions, as well as the Secretary-General's reports and other relevant inputs, while taking into account lessons learned and best practices. The discussions could focus on *inter alia*:

- **Promoting international cooperation on climate change, including both mitigation and adaptation; and**
- **Strengthening international support on adaptation measures**

The interactive discussions will be led off by a panel of 2 implementation actors with practical experience in implementation.

From 5:50pm to 6:00pm, the Chair of the session will provide an oral summary of the key policy options and possible actions discussed.

Thursday, 1 March 2007

The Purpose of Day 4 is to:

1. Organize interactive discussions on policy options and possible actions that address the **inter-linkages and cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation**;
2. Distribute a preliminary draft of the Chairman's negotiating document for study by delegations.

10:00am – 1:00pm (Plenary Session)

Conference Room 4

Inter-linkages and cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation

The morning session will discuss policy options and possible actions to address barriers and constraints in relation to inter-linkages among the four thematic issues, and cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation, based on the outcomes of CSD-14, including the Ministerial discussions, as well as the Secretary-General's reports and other relevant inputs, while taking into account lessons learned and best practices. The discussions could focus on, *inter alia*:

- **Enhancing means of implementation;**
- **Enhancing the role of women;**
- **Enhancing the role of partnerships;**
- **Addressing the special needs of Africa and LDCs; and**
- **Integrating the four thematic issues into national sustainable development strategies.**

The interactive discussions will be led off by a panel of 2 implementation actors with practical experience in implementation.

From 12:50pm to 1:00pm, the Chair of the session will provide an oral summary of the key policy options and possible actions discussed.

3:00pm – 6:00pm (Plenary Session)

Conference Room 4

Preliminary draft of the Chairman's negotiating document

The preliminary draft of the Chairman's negotiating document will be distributed at 3:00pm.

Delegations study the preliminary draft; no plenary is scheduled.

Friday, 2 March 2007

The Purpose of the final day is to:

1. Introduce the preliminary draft of the Chairman's negotiating document;
2. Organize a wrap-up session, providing an opportunity for making general comments on the preliminary draft of the Chairman's negotiating document; and
3. Close the IPM and adopt its report.

10:00am – 11:30am (Plenary Session)

Conference Room 4

Wrap-up session

The morning session will provide an opportunity for introducing the preliminary draft of the Chairman's negotiating document and for making general comments thereon.

3:30pm – 6:00pm (Plenary Session)

Conference Room 4

Chairman's draft negotiating document

The Chairman's draft negotiating document will be distributed at 2:30pm, which will take into account general comments made at the wrap-up session.

At 4:30pm, the IPM will meet in plenary to hear final comments on the Chairman's draft negotiating document and will adopt the report of its meeting.

**FIFTEENTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:
ANNOTATIONS**

To be read in conjunction with Table 2

Monday, 30 April 2007

The Purpose of Day 1 is to:

1. Elect the **CSD-15 Bureau** and adopt the agenda and organization of work for the meeting;
2. Present outcomes of relevant inter-sessional meetings;
3. Introduce the **Chairman's document** from the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting;
4. Organize interactive discussions with Major Groups; and
5. Organize discussions on **regional perspectives**, addressing the policy options and possible actions contained in the Chairman's IPM document.

10:00am – 1:00pm

Conference Room 4 (Plenary Session)

CSD-15 will open in plenary on the morning of 30 April 2007. It will start with the election of officials and adoption of the agenda and organization of work. The Under-Secretary-General of UN-DESA will be invited to deliver a statement.

The outcomes of events and activities organized during the inter-sessional period will be presented. The presentations will be a maximum of five minutes in duration, relate directly to practical measures and options, and include

- ...
- ...
- ...
- ...

Following the presentations of inter-sessional events, the Chairman of CSD-15 will introduce his document tabled at the conclusion of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting. Delegations will be invited to make brief opening remarks, if necessary.

After opening remarks by delegations, there will be an interactive discussion session with Major Groups. A representative of each Major Group will be invited to outline his or her groups' views on practical measures and options relevant to the four thematic issues. This session will encompass three "blocks" of time, each comprised of three Major Group presentations followed by approximately ten minutes of interactive discussions.

Monday, 30 April 2007 (continued)

3:00pm – 6:00pm (Plenary Session)

Conference Room 4

Chair: CSD-15 Chair or Vice-Chair

This session provides **regional perspectives**, focusing on the four thematic issues. Representatives of UN Regional Commissions and other relevant regional organizations will be invited to respond to the following:

Addressing policy options and possible actions contained in the Chairman's draft negotiating document; focus on priority actions to expedite implementation; include consideration of all cross-cutting issues and launch specific initiatives, actions and projects.

The session will be organized so that all regional perspectives will be provided, to be followed by an interactive discussion.

Africa:

... ECA
... African Development Bank

Asia and the Pacific:

... ESCAP
... Asian Development Bank

Western Asia:

... ESCWA
... Arab Development Bank

Latin America and the Caribbean:

... ECLAC
... Inter-American Development Bank

Eastern and Western Europe, North America and others:

...ECE
...EBRD

Delegates who are unable to intervene in the sessions on regional perspectives will be given an opportunity to provide their views before the commencement of subsequent sessions.

The Chair of the session will conclude by providing an oral summary.

Tuesday, 1 May 2007

The Purpose of Day 2 is to

1. Hear general comments and discussions on policy options and possible actions contained in the Chairman's draft negotiating document.

10:00am – 1:00pm (Parallel Sessions)

Conference Room 4

Chair: CSD-15 Bureau member

Energy for Sustainable Development

Comments and discussions on policy options and possible actions contained in the Chairman's draft negotiating document:

- focus on priority actions to expedite implementation;
- include consideration of all cross-cutting issues; and
- launch specific initiatives, actions and projects.

An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.

Conference Room 2

Chair: CSD-15 Bureau member

Air Pollution/Atmosphere

Comments and discussions on policy options and possible actions contained in the Chairman's draft negotiating document:

- focus on priority actions to expedite implementation;
- include consideration of all cross-cutting issues; and
- launch specific initiatives, actions and projects.

An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.

3:00pm – 6:00pm (Parallel Sessions)

Conference Room 4

Chair: CSD-15 Bureau member

Industrial Development

Comments and discussions on policy options and possible actions contained in the Chairman's draft negotiating document:

- focus on priority actions to expedite implementation;
- include consideration of all cross-cutting issues; and
- launch specific initiatives, actions and projects.

An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.

Conference Room 2

Chair: CSD-15 Bureau member

Climate Change

Comments and discussions on policy options and possible actions contained in the Chairman's draft negotiating document:

- focus on priority actions to expedite implementation;
- include consideration of all cross-cutting issues; and
- launch specific initiatives, actions and projects.

An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.

Wednesday, 2 May 2007

The Purpose of Day 3 is to:

1. Organize interactive discussion on **inter-linkages and cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation; and**
2. Distribute the **Chairman's revised draft negotiation document.**

10:00am – 1:00pm
Conference Room 4 (Plenary Session)

Chair: CSD-15 Bureau member

Inter-linkages and cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation

Comments and discussions on policy options and possible actions contained in the Chairman's draft negotiating document:

- focus on priority actions to expedite implementation;
- include consideration of all cross-cutting issues; and
- launch specific initiatives, actions and projects.

An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.

3:00pm – 6:00pm
Conference Room 4

After listening to the comments and discussions in the preceding sessions, the Chairman will distribute a revised draft negotiating document at 2:00 pm in Room 4.

Chair: CSD-15 Chairman

At 3:00 pm, the Chairman will introduce his revised draft negotiating document.

At 3:30 pm, the plenary meeting will be adjourned. Delegations will study the revised drafting negotiating document.

Thursday, 3 May 2007

The Purpose of Day 4 is to:

Commence negotiations.

10:00am – 1:00pm

Conference Room 4

Conference Room 2

Chair: CSD-15 Bureau members

Delegates will be invited to begin negotiations with the objective of reaching agreement on policy decisions on practical measures and options to expedite implementation.

The Bureau, in consultation with member States, will propose specific modalities for negotiations, including the establishment of two parallel working groups. These arrangements will be informed by the outcome of the IPM and the discussions of the preceding days of CSD-15.

3:00pm – 6:00pm

Conference Room 4

Conference Room 2

Chair: CSD-15 Bureau members

Delegates will continue negotiations with the objective of reaching agreement on policy decisions on practical measures and options to expedite implementation.

Friday, 4 May 2007

The Purpose of Day 5 is to:

Advance negotiations on the policy decisions.

10:00am – 1:00pm
Conference Room 4
Conference Room 2

Chair: CSD-15 Bureau members

Delegates will continue negotiations with the objective of reaching agreement on policy decisions on practical measures and options to expedite implementation.

3:00pm – 6:00pm
Conference Room 4
Conference Room 2

Chair: CSD-15 Bureau members

Delegates will continue negotiations with the objective of reaching agreement on policy decisions on practical measures and options to expedite implementation.

Monday, 7 May 2007

The Purpose of Day 6 is to:

Advance negotiations on the policy decisions.

10:00am – 1:00pm

Conference Room 4

Conference Room 2

Chair: CSD-15 Bureau members

Delegates will continue negotiations with the objective of reaching agreement on policy decisions on practical measures and options to expedite implementation.

3:00pm – 6:00pm

Conference Room 4

Conference Room 2

Chair: CSD-15 Bureau Members

Delegates will continue negotiations with the objective of reaching agreement on policy decisions on practical measures and options to expedite implementation.

Tuesday, 8 May 2007

The Purpose of Day 7 is to:

1. **Conclude negotiations** on the policy decisions; and
2. **Distribute draft policy decisions** on practical measures and options to expedite implementation.

10:00am – 1:00pm
Conference Room 4
Conference Room 2

Chair: CSD-15 Bureau Members

Negotiations, conducted with the objective of reaching agreement on policy decisions on practical measures and options to expedite implementation, will conclude in the morning meeting.

3:00pm
Conference Room 4

Draft policy decisions, agreed during the negotiations, will be distributed at 3pm.

5:00pm – 6:00pm
Conference Room 4

Chair: CSD-15 Chair

The Chairman will introduce the draft policy decisions and invite delegates to make any factual comments.

HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT: ANNOTATIONS

Wednesday 9 May 2007

The Purpose of Day 8 is to:

1. Report to Ministers on the outcomes of the interactive discussions, regional perspectives discussions, dialogue with Major Groups, the Partnerships Fair, and the Learning Centre; and
2. Present Ministers with the draft decision text for further guidance.

8:30am – 10:00am

Conference Room 6

Early Morning Closed Ministerial Meeting: Introductory discussion

The closed Ministerial meeting will be chaired by the Chairman of CSD-15 and is intended to allow for a frank exchange of views among Ministers. Attendance will be on the basis of Minister plus one. This first discussion will focus on introductory matters, including the draft decision text and key issues arising from discussions at the officials' level.

10:00am – 1:00pm

General Assembly Hall (Plenary)

Ministerial Discussions/Official Statements

The High-level Segment will be officially opened.

- **Chairman:** H.E. Mr. Abdullah Bin Hamad Al-Attiyah
- **Opening remarks:** Secretary-General
- **Eminent Speakers:** ...

At 10:30am, Ministers will be invited to commence their interactive discussions on the topic: ***Turning Commitments into Action, Working together in Partnership.***

Interventions and statements during the High-level Segment are limited to 3 minutes each in order to facilitate Ministerial discussions; delegations are invited to forward copies of their interventions and statements to dsd@un.org for posing on the CSD-15 website.

[1:15pm – 2:30pm: Ministerial Lunch Discussion (Qatar) (by invitation only)]

3:00pm – 6:00pm

Conference Room 4 (Plenary)

The session will continue discussions on the topic: ***Turning Commitments into Action, Working together in Partnership***

- Introductory remarks by invited eminent speaker ...to lead off interactive discussions/statements.
- Interactive discussion among ministers/official statements

At 4:30 pm, two Roundtables will be organized in separate rooms on specific topics. The Roundtables will provide Ministers with an opportunity to have focused discussions on how to expedite implementation in the thematic areas concerned. [Details to be provided]

Thursday, 10 May 2007

The Purpose of Day 9 is to:

1. Organize Ministerial Dialogue with heads of UN agencies, funds and programmes and other entities, with representatives of Major Groups; and
2. Continue Ministerial interactive discussions/statements.

8:30am – 10:00am

Conference Room 6

Early Morning Closed Ministerial Meeting: UN System

The closed Ministerial meeting will be chaired by the Chairman of CSD-15 and is intended to allow for a frank exchange of views among Ministers and heads of UN agencies, funds and programmes and other relevant international and regional organizations. Attendance will be on the basis of Minister plus one. This session will focus on the UN's role and the role of relevant international and regional organizations in relation to the policy decisions on practical measures and options to expedite implementation.

10:00am – 1:00pm

Conference Room 4 (Plenary)

Topic: ***Turning Political Commitments into Action, Working together in Partnership: Interactive Discussions with UN organizations***

Ministers will be invited to engage in an interactive discussion on policy options and practical measures with Heads of UN organizations, including the UN Regional Commissions, Funds and Programmes, specialized agencies and Bretton Woods Institutions.

- This session will encompass ... “blocks” of time, each comprised of ... presentations from organizations of 3 minutes each followed by approximately ten minutes of interactive discussion.

At 12:00 pm: The session will continue discussions on the topic: ***Turning Commitments into Action, Working together in Partnership.***

- Introductory remarks by invited speaker ... to lead-off interactive discussions/statements.
- Interactive discussion among ministers/official statements.

[1:15pm – 2:30pm: Ministerial Lunch Discussion: (Norway) (by invitation only)]

3:00pm – 4:30pm

Conference Room 4 (Plenary)

Ministers will be invited to continue their interactive discussions/official statements on the topic: ***Turning Commitments into Action, Working together in Partnerships.***

- Introductory remarks by invited speaker to lead off the interactive discussion (tbd).

Thursday, 10 May 2007 (continued)

4:30pm - 6:00pm
Conference Room 4 (Plenary)

Topic: *Turning Political Commitments into Action, Working together in Partnership: Interactive Discussions with Major Groups*

From 4:30pm – 6:00pm, Ministers will be invited to engage with **Major Groups** in an interactive discussion on how Major Groups will contribute to implementation in the four thematic areas.

- This session will encompass three “blocks” of time, each comprised of three Major Group presentations followed by approximately ten minutes of interactive discussion.

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The Purpose of Day 10 is to:

1. Continue Ministerial interactive discussions/statements;
2. Adopt CSD-15 policy decisions and CSD-15 report; and
3. Elect the Bureau for CSD-16.

8:30am – 10:00am
Conference Room 6

Closed Ministerial Meeting: Summing Up

The closed Ministerial meeting will be chaired by the Chairman of CSD-15 and is intended to allow for a frank exchange of views on the outcomes of CSD-15. Attendance will be on the basis of Minister plus one.

10:00am – 1:00pm
Conference Room 4 (Plenary)

The session will continue discussions on the topic: *Turning Political Commitments into Action, Working together in Partnership.*

- Introductory remarks by invited speaker ... to lead-off interactive discussions/statements.
- Interactive discussions/official statements.

3:00 – 6:00pm
Conference Room 4 (Plenary)

Closing Session

The Chairman of CSD-15 will invite delegations to consider the agenda item Other Matters:

- Adopt a draft decision on dates of CSD-16 and CSD-17; and
- Adopt the draft agenda for CSD-16.

The Chairman will further invite delegations to adopt the Report of the 15th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

The Chairman will then invite closing statements.

The meeting will be adjourned and reconvened as CSD-16 to elect the Chairman and Bureau for CSD-16.

