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Updated Organization of Work for CSD-15

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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 was preceded by an Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (IPM), held from 26 February – 2 March 2007. The IPM held interactive thematic discussions on policy options and possible actions to address obstacles and constraints identified during the review session. Based on these interactive discussions, the Chairman prepared a draft negotiating document.

Organization of Work

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, taking into account comments and discussions of 1-2 May;
- 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.

Also during the High-level Segment, there will be two ministerial Roundtables, one focusing on energy for sustainable development and industrial development, the other air pollution and climate change. The Roundtables will provide further opportunities for thematic discussions among Ministers, focusing on how to expedite implementation. The Roundtable discussions will be informal and there will be no delivery of official statements. Interventions will be limited to 2 minutes to encourage interactive discussions.

Major Groups

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 will feature:

- **Partnerships in Practice Interactive Discussions;** and
- **Partnerships Information Desks.**

More detailed information about Partnerships Fair activities during CSD-15 will be made available on the CSD Partnerships website (<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. No courses will be scheduled during the High-level Segment.

Side Events

Side events, sponsored by Governments, IGOs and UN agencies, and Major Groups, will be organized as a complementary part of CSD-15 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.

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

To be read in conjunction with Table 1

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 Chairman will deliver an opening statement; the Under-Secretary-General of UN-DESA will be invited to make opening remarks.

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

- TICAD Ministerial Conference on Energy and Environment for Sustainable Development (Nairobi, 22-23 March 2007)
- Partnership for Sustainable Development: Oslo Conference on Good Governance and Social and Environmental Responsibility (Oslo, 28-30 March 2007)

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 on a region-by-region basis, with representatives of UN Regional Commissions and other relevant regional organizations making short presentations, to be followed by an interactive discussion.

Africa:

ECA

African Development Bank

Asia and the Pacific:

ESCAP

Asian Development Bank (*tbc*)

Western Asia:

ESCWA

Regional development institution (*tbc*)

Latin America and the Caribbean:

ECLAC

Inter-American Development Bank

Eastern and Western Europe, North America and others:

ECE

Regional development institution (*tbc*)

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. Hear general comments and discussions on inter-linkages and cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation contained in the Chairman's draft negotiating document; and
2. Distribute the **Chairman's revised draft negotiation document, which takes into account the comments and discussions on 1-2 May.**

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

The Chairman will distribute a revised draft negotiating document at 2:00 pm in Room 4, which will take into account the comments and discussions in the preceding sessions on 1 – 2 May,

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

ECOSOC Chamber

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. Ministers will be provided with two "All Area" passes.

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 Speaker:** Mrs. Gro Harlem Brundtland

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*

- Interactive discussion among ministers/official statements

At 4:00 pm, two Roundtables will be organized in separate rooms, with one focusing on energy for sustainable development and industrial development and the other on air pollution/atmosphere and climate change. The Roundtables will provide Ministers with further opportunities to have focused discussions on how to expedite implementation in the thematic areas concerned. Pre-registration is encouraged in order to facilitate seating arrangements. Two conference room papers will be issued in advance to facilitate discussions.

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 and other relevant international institutions***

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, as well as other relevant international institutions.

- This session will encompass 4 “blocks” of time, each block comprised of 3 interventions by UN organizations of 3 minutes each, to be followed by approximately fifteen minutes of interactive discussion.

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

- 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.***

- Interactive discussion among ministers/official statements

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 block comprised of three Major Group presentations of 3 minutes each, to be followed by approximately fifteen minutes of interactive discussion.

Friday, 11 May 2007

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.*

- 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.

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Table 1. CSD-15: Organization of Work

	Monday, 30 April 2007	Tuesday, 1 May 2007 (Parallel Sessions)		Wednesday, 2 May 2007	Thursday, 3 May 2007	Friday, 4 May 2007
	Conf. Room 4	Conf. Room 4	Conf. Room 2	Conf. Room 4	Conf. Rooms 4 and 2	Conf. Rooms 4 and 2
10:00 am	<p>Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Election of officials -Adoption of the agenda and organization of work --Reports on inter-sessional meetings - Presentation of the Chairman's draft negotiating document 	<p>Energy for Sustainable Development:</p> <p>Comments and discussions on policy options and possible actions contained in the Chairman's draft negotiating document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *focus on priority actions to expedite implementation; * include consideration of all cross-cutting issues; and *launch specific initiatives, actions and projects. 	<p>Air Pollution/Atmosphere</p> <p>Comments and discussions on policy options and possible actions contained in the Chairman's draft negotiating document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *focus on priority actions to expedite implementation; * include consideration of all cross-cutting issues; and *launch specific initiatives, actions and projects. 	<p>Inter-linkages and cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation</p> <p>Comments and discussions on policy options and possible actions contained in the Chairman's draft negotiating document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *focus on priority actions to expedite implementation; * include consideration of all cross-cutting issues; and *launch specific initiatives, actions and projects. 	<p>Commence negotiations</p> <p>Parallel negotiations in two working groups (Decisions on how to organize the work of the working groups will be made by the Bureau, in consultation with member States)</p>	<p><u>Negotiations</u></p> <p>Negotiations continue</p> <p>Parallel negotiations in two working groups</p>
1:00 pm	<p>Interactive discussions with Major Groups</p>					
	Conf. Room 4: Plenary	Conference Room 4	Conference Room 2	Conference Room 4	Conf. Rooms 4 and 2	Conf. Rooms 4 and 2
3.00 pm	<p>Regional Perspectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Africa * Asia & Pacific * West Asia * Latin America & Caribbean * Europe, North America & others <p>Addressing policy options and possible actions contained in the Chairman's draft negotiating document from regional perspectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *focus on priority actions to expedite implementation; * include consideration of all cross-cutting issues; and *launch specific initiatives, actions and projects. 	<p>Industrial Development:</p> <p>Comments and discussions on policy options and possible actions contained in the Chairman's draft negotiating document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *focus on priority actions to expedite implementation; * include consideration of all cross-cutting issues; and *launch specific initiatives, actions and projects. 	<p>Climate Change</p> <p>Comments and discussions on policy options and possible actions contained in the Chairman's draft negotiating document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *focus on priority actions to expedite implementation; * include consideration of all cross-cutting issues; and *launch specific initiatives, actions and projects. 	<p>2:00 pm</p> <p>After listening to the comments and discussions, the Chairman will distribute a revised draft negotiating document</p> <p>3:00 pm</p> <p>Introduction of the Chairman' revised draft negotiating document</p> <p>Delegations study the Chairman' revised draft negotiating document – no plenary meeting</p>	<p><u>Negotiations</u></p> <p>Negotiations continue</p> <p>Parallel negotiations in two working groups</p>	<p><u>Negotiations</u></p> <p>Negotiations continue</p> <p>Parallel negotiations in two working groups</p>
6:00 pm						

			HIGH -LEVEL SEGMENT		
Monday 7 May 2007	Tuesday 8 May 2007	Wednesday 9 May 2007	Thursday 10 May 2007	Friday 11 May 2007	
		ECOSOC Chamber	Conference Room 6	Conference Room 6	
8.30		<u>Closed Ministerial meeting/Straight Talk</u> Introductory session	<u>Closed Ministerial meeting/Straight Talk</u> with UN System	<u>Closed Ministerial meeting/Straight talk</u> Summing Up	
	Conference Rooms 4 and 2	CONFERENCE ROOM 4	CONFERENCE ROOM 4	CONFERENCE ROOM 4	
10:00	<u>Negotiations</u> Negotiations continue	<u>Negotiations</u> Negotiations on reaching agreement on the policy decisions will conclude	<u>Official Opening (GA Hall)</u> Opening statements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairman of CSD-15 Secretary-General Mrs. Gro Harlem Brundtland 10:30 <i>Turning Commitments into Action Working together in Partnership</i> Interactive discussions/ Official statements	<i>Turning Commitments into Action Working together in Partnerships</i> Interactive discussions/ Official statements	
1:00			12:00 <i>Turning Commitments into Action Working together in Partnership</i> Invited speaker: Interactive discussions / Official statements continue		
		<i>Ministerial lunch discussion (Hosted by Qatar- by invitation)</i>	<i>Ministerial lunch discussion (Hosted by Norway-by invitation)</i>		
3:00	<u>Negotiations</u> Negotiations continue	Distribution of the draft policy decisions	<i>Turning Commitments into Action Working together in Partnership</i> Interactive discussions/ Official statements	<u>Plenary</u> 3:00 pm <u>Closing</u> *Other Matters: *Adoption of the report of the 15 th session	
4:30		<u>5pm</u> Introduce draft policy decisions and hear factual comments.	<u>4:00 pm</u> Two Roundtables, one focusing on energy for sustainable development and industrial development and the other on air pollution/atmosphere and climate change	*Election of CSD-16 Bureau	
6:00			Interactive discussions with Major Groups		