

COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SIXTEENTH SESSION

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

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Monday, 5 May 2008 Official Session		
		<u>Opening</u>
10:00 – 1:00	Conf. Room 4 Plenary	CSD-16 will open in plenary on the morning of 5 May 2008. It will start with the election of officials and adoption of the agenda and organization of work. The Chair of CSD-16 will make an opening statement. This will be followed by opening remarks by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs. 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, focusing on the outcomes of the events. They include: Panel discussions on water during WATEC Conference (Tel Aviv, Israel, , 31 October 2007); 7th Global Forum on Sustainable Energy (Vienna, Austria, 21-23 November 2007); International Conference on Combating Desertification (Beijing, China, 22-24 January 2008); The Oslo Policy Forum on Changing the Way We Develop: Dealing with Disasters and Climate Change (Oslo, Norway, 28-29 February 2008); High-level Roundtable on International Cooperation for Sustainable Development in Caribbean Small Island Developing States (Bridgetown, Barbados, 25-27 March 2008) The Opening will be followed by General Statements focused on overview of progress in the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, as well as on the Mauritius Strategy, based on the Secretary-General's reports on overall progress and on SIDS. The Secretariat will introduce the Secretary-General's overview report, to be followed by an expert presentation by Mr. Christopher Flavin, President of the Worldwatch Institute. Delegations are invited to focus their interventions (3 minutes each) on selected issues of priority concern to them, as well as new challenges and opportunities, including those in relation to partnerships for sustainable development (It is recommended that delegations in their general statements address one or two priority issues related to the overall progress in implementation or new and emerging challenges and opportunities)
		Thematic Discussions: Agriculture
		Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc.
3:00 - 6:00	Conf. Room 4 Parallel	Discussions should be as specific as possible and focus on (i) identifying obstacles and constraints; (ii) lessons learned and best practices; as well as (iii) next steps. Delegates are invited to address, inter alia, the following issues in an integrated and balanced manner, taking into account linkages with other thematic issues and with cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation: - Hunger, poverty and food security - Trends and prospects in agricultural production and consumption

		 Production and supply challenges and impacts on prices Climate change, desertification and agriculture Panellists: Prof. Per Pinstrup-Anderson, former Director-General of IFPRI, Professor of Food, Nutrition and Public Policy, Cornell Dr. Gregory A. Ruark, Director USDA National Agroforestry Center Dr. Tianzhi Ren, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences Mr. Erick Fernandes (ARD), World Bank (Note: the above-listed issues are intended to facilitate discussions only and are not meant to be an exhaustive list) An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.
	Conf. Room 2 Parallel	Regional Discussions Regional discussions will include: Presentations of the outcomes of regional implementation meetings Interactive discussions focusing, in particular, on region-specific barriers and constraints, as well as lessons learned and best practices, based on regional experiences and Next steps. Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc, with hands-on experiences in the regions. Africa Panellists: Mr. Ali Mohamed, Chair of the Africa RIM Dr. Josué Dioné, Director Food Security and Sustainable Development Division, ECA Mr. Luc Niacadja, Executive Secretary UNCCD Dr. Babagana Ahmadu, Director Rural Economy and Agriculture, Africa Union Commission Dr. Alioune Badiane, Director Africa and Arab States, UN-Habitat Ms. Sally Bunning, Technical Officer, Land and Water Division, FAO
4:30 – 6:00		 Western Asia <u>Panellists:</u> Mr. Djamel Echirk, General Inspector for the Environment, Ministry of Land Habilitation, Environment and Tourism, Algeria Mr. Khaled Abdul Aziz Al Charea, Director, Land Safety, General Authority for Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Local Administration & Environment, Syria Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane, Acting Team Leader, Technology and Enterprise Development Team/SDPD/UN-ESCWA

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РМ	Partnerships Thematic Discussion Session		
3:00 – 5:30	Conf. Room 6	Promoting and supporting the role of women in partnerships for Rural Development Lead Discussants: • Sabina Mensah, GRATIS Foundation and Ghana Gender and Energy Network • Rebecca Pearl, Board Member, WOCAN • Lesha (B.M.) Witmer, Women for Water Partnership	

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10:00 – 1:00	<no course="" scheduled=""></no>	
3:00 - 6:00	Conf. Room B	Grassroots Women's Innovations to Securing Land and Housing Rights: A Tool for Sustainable Development Sponsor: Huairou Commission

Side Events

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1:15 - 2:45	Conf. Room 6	Three Success Stories About Sustainable Community Farming in Zambia, Mexico and Zimbabwe Organized by: Maryknoll Sisters
1:15 - 2:45	Conf. Room 2	Electronic Access to Extension Education and Practices Organized by: USDA/Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service
1:15 - 2:45	Conf. Room B	Young Citizen Scientists: The Youth Voice of Connecting Science with Policy Organized by: Global Youth Action Network & Sustainus
1:15 - 2:45	Conf. Room 4	State and Outlook on Agriculture and Rural Life in the Americas in 2007 Organized by: Inter-American Institute for Cooperation
6:15 - 7:45	Conf. Room 2	Gendering Land Tools: From Policy to Practice Organized by: UN-HABITAT
6:15 - 7:45	Conf. Room 6	Our Future Flies on the Wings of Pollinators Organized by: United States Forest Service
6:15 - 7:45	Conf. Room 4	The Ethical Dimensions of Climate Change: Implications for Africa's Rural and Agricultural Development Organized by: Baha' i International Community
6:15 - 7:45	Conf. Room B	How to enhance the value of drylands for the benefit of its inhabitants? Organized by: Both ENDS & CARI Association

Tuesday, 06 Ma	y 2008	Official Session
		Thematic Discussions: Rural Development
		Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc.
10:00– 1:00	Conf. Room 4 Parallel	Discussions should be as specific as possible and focus on (i) identifying obstacles and constraints; (ii) lessons learned and best practices; as well as (iii) next steps. Delegates are invited to address, inter alia, the following issues in an integrated and balanced manner, taking into account linkages with other thematic issues and with cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation: - Rural poverty - Access to social services: water sanitation, health care and energy, including alternative sources of energy in rural areas - Targeted support to small-scale farmers, in particular women - Building human capital: education and training, in particular for girls and women
		 Panellists: H.E. Ambassador Olivier Belle, Belgium Dr M. Taghi Farvar, IUCN Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy (CEESP) Ms.Yacine Diagne, ENDA Tiers Monde Dr. Naresh Singh, Executive Director, Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor
		(Note: the above-listed issues are intended to facilitate discussions only and are not meant to be an exhaustive list) An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.
10:00– 11:30		Regional Discussions Regional discussions will include: Presentations of the outcomes of regional implementation meetings Interactive discussions focusing, in particular, on region-specific barriers and constraints, as well as lessons learned and best practices, based on regional experiences and Next steps. Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc, with hands-on experiences in the regions.
		Asia and the Pacific
	Conf. Room 2 Parallel	 Panellists: Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Deputy Inspector General, Indian Ministry of Natural Resources Ms. Meena Bigli, Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and
		Natural Resource Management (WOCAN) Ms. Elenita C. Dano, Associate, Third World Network
		Latin America and the Caribbean
11:30 – 1:00		 Panellists: Ms. Ana Bianchi, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Argentina Dr. Teresita Borges Hernández, Environment Directorate, CITMA, Cuba Mr. Sergio Zelaya, UNCCD Secretariat, Focal point for LAC Ms. Marianne Schaper, Principal Officer, Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division, UN ECLAC

		Thematic Discussions: Agriculture and Rural Development
		Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc.
3:00 - 6:00	Conf. Room 4 Parallel	Discussions should be as specific as possible and focus on (i) identifying obstacles and constraints; (ii) lessons learned and best practices; as well as (iii) next steps. Delegates are invited to address, inter alia, the following issues in an integrated and balanced manner, taking into account linkages with other thematic issues and with cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation: - Integrated planning of sustainable agriculture - Water and agriculture - Role of technology in agriculture and rural development - International agricultural trade and access to markets
		Panellists: Ambassador Piragibe dos Santos Tarragô, Deputy Permanent
		Representative of Brazil to the UN
		 Prof. He Maochun, Agriculture Trade expert, Tsinghua University, China Dr. Christ Leaver, Emeritus Professor of Plant Science, Fellow of St John's College, University of Oxford
		Senator Edgardo J. Angara, the Senate of the Republic of the Philippines
		Dr. John Pender, Senior Research Fellow, in IFPRI's Environment and
		Production Technology Division (Note: the above-listed issues are intended to facilitate discussions only and are not
		meant to be an exhaustive list)
		An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.
		Regional Discussions: <u>UN ECE region</u>
		Regional discussions will include: Presentations of the outcomes of regional implementation meetings Interactive discussions focusing, in particular, on region-specific barriers and constraints, as well as lessons learned and best practices, based on regional experiences and Next steps. Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc, with hands-on experiences in the regions.
3:00 - 4:30		Panellists:
	Conf. Room 2 Parallel	 Ms. Elisabeth Gauffin, Vice President, IFAP Development Cooperation Committee, Chair, Swedish Farmers' Federation Mr. Peter Creuzer, Head, Agency for Geoinformation, Land Development
		and Real Estate, Hannover, Germany
		Mr. Jiri Hlavacek, Director of Department, Ministry of Environment, Czech Republic
		Ms. Nadine Gouzee, Task Force, Sustainable Development, Federal Planning Purpous Polgium
		Planning Bureau, Belgium Ms. Colien Hefferan, Administrator, CSREES, US Department of Agriculture
4:30 – 6:00		Dialogue with Major Groups
		This dialogue session provides an opportunity for a focused discussion on the role of Major Groups in promoting action in implementation in relation to the thematic cluster, including in the area of education, raising public awareness, disseminating information and knowledge, including technical know-how, and fostering partnership initiatives.

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АМ	Partnerships Pr	resentations	
10:00 – 10:55		International Partnership for Sustainable Development in Mountain Regions	
11:00 – 11:55	Conf. Room 6	Farmer's Relief Project	
12:00 – 12:55		Ecosystem Health and Sustainable Agriculture (EHSA)	
РМ	Partnerships Thematic Discussion Session		
3:00 – 5:30	Conf. Room 6	Why partnerships are critical in addressing desertification and drought Lead Discussants: Marc Paquin, Senior Advisor, Médiaterre, Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie and the Institut de l'Énergie et de l'Environnement de la Francophonie (IEPF) Michael Madjera, Federation of Evangelical Churches in Central Germany, Competence Platform on Energy Crop and Agroforestry Systems for Arid and Semi-arid Ecosystems (COMPETE) Elisabeth Barsk-Rundquist, Director of Strategic Programmes -The Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) Friederike Knabe, Senior Research Associate, UNISFÉRA	

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10:00 – 1:00	Conf. Room B	How to Efficiently Manage Food Production Systems under Water and Land Constraints Sponsor: Government of Israel
		Innovative Agricultural Financing in Africa Sponsor: USAID
3:00 – 6:00	Conf. Room B	The Value Chain Approach for Economic Growth with Poverty Reduction Sponsor: USAID

Side Events

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1:15-2:45 PM	Conf. Room 6	From Arid Regions to Agricultural Oasis Organized by: Mission of Israel to UN
1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 2	Sustainable Agriculture in Africa: Trends and Case Studies Organized by: PIA Branch/ DSD

1:15-2:45	Conf. Room B	The Right to Food and Water Implies the Duty to Conserve the Land Organized by: United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification & Government of Italy
1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 4	Use of LADA for Sustainable Land Management, Reducing Vulnerability and Adapting to Change Organized by: FAO
1:15-2:45	DHLA*	When Should the ICT Sector be a Target for Private Sector Competitiveness Work? Organized by: United States Agency for International Development
6:15-7:45	DHLA*	Secure Land Rights in Africa Grassroots and 'Legal Empowerment' Strategies Organized by: Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions
6:15-7:45	Conf. Room 6	Main challenges for a sustainable agriculture and a rural development in mountain regions Organized by: Swiss Federal Office for Agriculture / Adelboden Group
6:15-7:45	Conf. Room 4	Organic Farming Organized by: Slovenian EU Presidency and European Commission
6:15-7:45	Conf. Room B	Mobilizing Communities for Reforestation and Water Protection: "Tree is life" Organized by: International Federation of Business and Professional Women

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Wednesday, 07 May 2008

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10:00 – 1:00	Conf. Room 4	issues in an integrated and balanced manner, taking into account linkages with other thematic issues and with cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation: Non-farm activities, including agribusiness Rural enterprise development
	Parallel	Micro-finance, including micro-credit Investment in agriculture and rural infrastructure
		Panellists:
		Mr. Sergio Miranda da Cruz, Director, Agro-Business Development, UNIDO
		Prof. Puneetha S. Palakurthi, Asst. Professor, School of CED, Southern New Hampshire, Manchester
		Dr. Colien Hefferan, CSREES, USDA
		Mr. Arne Cartridge, Senior Vice-President at Yara International ASA (Note: the above-listed issues are intended to facilitate discussions only and are not meant to be an exhaustive list)

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

		Thematic Discussions: <u>Drought</u>
		Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc.
10:00 – 1:00	Conf. Room 2 Parallel	Discussions should be as specific as possible and focus on (i) identifying obstacles and constraints; (ii) lessons learned and best practices; as well as (iii) next steps. Delegates are invited to address, inter alia, the following issues in an integrated and balanced manner, taking into account linkages with other thematic issues and with cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation: - Drought and impacts on hunger and poverty - Climate change, water scarcity and drought - Building resilience - Drought preparedness and response measures to drought - Monitoring and early warning
		 Panellists: Dr. Anada Tiega, Secretary General, The Convention on Wetlands, Ramsar Secretariat Dr. Scott Christiansen, Executive Assistant to DG, ICARDA Mr. Enos Esikuri, Environment Department, World Bank Mr. Estanbacio Castro, International Indian Treaty Council
		(Note: the above-listed issues are intended to facilitate discussions only and are not meant to be an exhaustive list)
		An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.
		Thematic Discussions: <u>Land</u>
		Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc.
3:00 - 6:00	Conf. Room 4 Parallel	Discussions should be as specific as possible and focus on (i) identifying obstacles and constraints; (ii) lessons learned and best practices; as well as (iii) next steps. Delegates are invited to address, inter alia, the following issues in an integrated and balanced manner, taking into account linkages with other thematic issues and with cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation: - Land and livelihoods - Climate change and land use change - Integrated land use planning and management - Information systems and tools for land use planning
		Panellists: Mr. Omara Amuko, Global Health and Safety Officer, IUFAWA Dr. Jolyn Sanjak, Senior Director, MCC Dr. Erick Fernandes (ARD), World Bank Ms. Clarissa Augustinus, Chief, Land, Tenure and Property
		Administration Section, UN-HABITAT • Mr. Michael Taylor, International Land Coalition
		(Note: the above-listed issues are intended to facilitate discussions only and are not meant to be an exhaustive list)
		An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.

3:00 - 6:00	Conf. Room 2 Parallel	Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc. Discussions should be as specific as possible and focus on (i) identifying obstacles and constraints; (ii) lessons learned and best practices; as well as (iii) next steps. Delegates are invited to address, inter alia, the following issues in an integrated and balanced manner, taking into account linkages with other thematic issues and with cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation: Global dimensions of desertification Desertification and poverty Relationships between agricultural and pastoral practices and desertification Land degradation and desertification Monitoring and early warning of desertification Impact of desertification on climate change Panellists: Prof. Uriel Safriel, Lead author of Millennium Ecosystem Assessment /Synthesis on Desertification, Hebrew University Dr. Jeff Herrick, Research Scientist, USDA-ARS Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Deputy Inspector General, Indian Ministry of Natural Resources Ms. Nancy Kgengwenyane, Chief of Party/Programme Manager,
		 Prof. Uriel Safriel, Lead author of Millennium Ecosystem Assessment /Synthesis on Desertification, Hebrew University Dr. Jeff Herrick, Research Scientist, USDA-ARS Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Deputy Inspector General, Indian Ministry of Natural Resources
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10:00 -1:00	Conf. Room 6	Building effective partnership programs for sustainability Sponsor: Government of the USA		
PM	Partnerships Thematic Discussion Session			
3:00 – 5:30	Conf. Room 6	Partnership solutions to Africa's development challenges: what types of partnerships and partners may Africa need? Lead Discussants: Cosmas Guitta, Chief, Division for Policy, Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP Kaddu K. Sebunya, Director of Program for Technical Design, African Wildlife Foundation (AWF), Congo Basin Forest Partnership Jim Thompson, Deputy Director, Global Development Alliance, USAID Government of Morocco (Representative to be confirmed)		

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10:00 – 1:00	Conf. Room B	Designing Integrated Financing Strategies for Combating Desertification (DIFS) Sponsor: UNCCD
3:00 - 6:00	Conf. Room B	La revue par les pairs de la Stratégie nationale de développement durable en Afrique Sponsor: Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie

Side Events

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1:15-2:45 PM	Conf. Room 4	EXPO Zaragoza 2008: Contributing Towards Sustainable Water Management Organized by: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Spain
1:15-2:45 PM	Conf. Room 2	Reaching a Landmark? Ten years of Sub-Regional Cooperation in the Baltic Sea region and East Africa Organized by: Baltic 21
1:15-2:45 PM	Conf. Room 6	Biomass production: social and economic sustainability and impact on other resources Organized by: Permanent Mission of the Netherlands & ANPED
1:15-2:45 PM	DHL A	The Value of Livestock Based Livelihoods in Africa Organized by: Heifer International
6:15-7:45 PM	Conf. Room 4	Hard Rain Organized by: UNDP & /UNEP
6:15-7:45 PM	Conf. Room 6	Agricultural Productivity: Meeting the Sustainability Challenge Organized by: Croplife International, International Fertilizer Industry Association, International Federation of Agricultural Producers and the International Council for Science
6:15-7:45 PM	DHL A	Renewable Energy & Pollution: Role of NGO's Organized by: Mission of Ukraine & World Information Transfer
6:15-7:45 PM	Conf. Room B	Achieving Sustainable Development through Animal Welfare Organized by: World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA)

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Thursday, 08 May 2008		Official Session
10:00-1:00	Conf. Room 4 Parallel	Thematic Discussions: Land (continued) Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc. Discussions should be as specific as possible and focus on (i) identifying obstacles and constraints; (ii) lessons learned and best practices; as well as (iii) next steps. Delegates are invited to address, inter alia, the following issues in an integrated and balanced manner, taking into account linkages with other thematic issues and with cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation: Access to productive resources and eradication of poverty Land tenure Financing for integrated land management Panellists: Dr Joan Kagwanja, Economic Affairs Officer, ECA Ms. Rowshan Jahan Moni, Program Coordinator, Association for Land Reform and Development Mr Laureano Del Castillo Pinto, Presidente del IPROGA Dr Klaus Deininger, Lead Economist in the rural development group of the Development Economics Group Dr. Christian Mersmann, Managing Director, Global Mechanism (Note: the above-listed issues are intended to facilitate discussions only and are not meant to be an exhaustive list) An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.
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3:00- 6:00	Conf. Room 4 Parallel	Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc. Discussions should be as specific as possible and focus on (i) identifying obstacles and constraints; (ii) lessons learned and best practices; as well as (iii) next steps. Delegates are invited to address, inter alia, the following issues in an integrated and balanced manner, taking into account linkages with other thematic issues and with cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation: Sustainable development in Africa Globalization and Africa: international commodity trade; export diversification, including high-value agriculture; and the digital divide Industrial productivity and competitiveness Panellists: Dr Gerry Noble, CEO Microcare (Uganda). Mr. David Tommy, UNIDO Representative to the United Nations and Director, UNIDO, New York Dr. Nebiyeleul Gessese, Senior Industrial and Chemical Engineer, Environment specialist, Global Development Solutions, LLC (Note: the above-listed issues are intended to facilitate discussions only and are not meant to be an exhaustive list) An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.
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	EcoAgriculture Partners			
		nvasive Species Compendium Consortium		
	My Community, Our Earth			
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10:00 – 10:55		International Model Forest Network		
11:00 – 11:55	Com. Room B	EcoAgriculture Partners		
12:00 – 12:55		Congo Basin Forest Partnership		
PM	Partnerships Thematic Discussion Session			
3:00 – 5:30	Conf. Room 6	Developing partnerships for agricultural innovation: the challenges Lead Discussants: • Howarth Bouis, Program Director of HarvestPlus – CGIAR Challenge Program: Biofortified Crops for Improved Human Nutrition • Sally Bunning, Land Conservation and Management Officer - FAO, Globally Important Ingenious Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) partnership • Sara Scherr PhD, President, CEO, ECOAGRICULTURE partnership • Jennifer Vogel Bass, Communications Manager, Rainforest Alliance - Raising Smallholder Farmer Income in the Developing World		

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10:00 – 1:00	Conf. Room B	SAT: A Model for Building Capabilities for Sustainable Rural Development Sponsor: Bahá'í International Community
3:00 – 6:00	Conf. Room B	Addressing Rural Poverty through Rural Finance Sponsor: Southern New Hampshire University

Side Events

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1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 4	Policy Options for Promoting Alternative Livelihoods in Drylands Organized by: UN University	
1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 6	Building partnerships to reduce risk to drought and desertification Organized by: UN/ISDR & UNCCD	
1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 2	Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture – The Challenges of Climate Change in Sub Saharan Africa Organized by: International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis	
1:15-2:45	Conf. Room B	The UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD) in Africa: A Panel Discussion Organized by: UNICEF	

6:15-7:45	Conf. Room B	The Global Public Policy Network on Water Management – presenting global stakeholder inputs to the CSD-16 water and sanitation review Organized by: United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service
6:15-7:45	Conf. Room 2	Regional Centres of Expertise for Sustainable Development in Africa Organized by: United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNUIAS)
6:15-7:45	One f Danier 4	Panel Discussion on Evolving Carbon Markets for Climate Change Mitigation, Conservation and Poverty Reduction
	Conf. Room 4	Organized by: Equator Initiative, Fordham University, World Conservation Society TransLinks program

10:00 – 1:00	Conf. Room 2 Parallel	Thematic Discussions: Inter-linkages and all cross-cutting issues Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc. Discussions should be as specific as possible and focus on (i) identifying obstacles and constraints; (ii) lessons learned and best practices; as well as (iii) next steps. Delegates are invited to address, inter alia, the following issues in an integrated and balanced manner, taking into account linkages with other thematic issues and with cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation: Addressing the social, economic and environmental dimensions of the thematic issues and their inter-linkages, as well as national, regional and global characteristics, with a view to enhancing coherence and consistence in implementation of all cross-cutting issues, including the means of implementation Panellists: M. Peter McPherson, former President of University of Michigan and Administrator of USAID Prof. Cleophas Migiro, Director, Cleaner Production Center of Tanzania Ms. Nadine Gouzée, Head of the Task Force on Sustainable Development of the Belgian Federal Planning Bureau (Note: the above-listed issues are intended to facilitate discussions only and are not meant to be an exhaustive list) An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.
3:00 - 6:00	Conf. Room 4 Parallel	Thematic Discussions: Africa (continued) Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc. Discussions should be as specific as possible and focus on (i) identifying obstacles and constraints; (ii) lessons learned and best practices; as well as (iii) next steps. Delegates are invited to address, inter alia, the following issues in an integrated and balanced manner, taking into account linkages with other thematic issues and with cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation: Agricultural potential in Africa Role of agricultural R&D and extension services Land, rural credit availability and gender equality Regional integration Investing in Africa International development cooperation Panellists: Dr. Julie Howard, Executive Director, Partnership to cut hunger and poverty in Africa Dr. Akinwumi Adesina, Vice-President, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa Dr. Peter Hartmann, Director General, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) Prof. Robert Richardson, Director, Food Security Programme, Michigan State University (Note: the above-listed issues are intended to facilitate discussions only and are not meant to be an exhaustive list) An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.

3:00 – 4:30	Conf. Room 2 Parallel	Thematic Discussions: Inter-linkages and all cross-cutting issues Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc. Discussions should be as specific as possible and focus on (i) identifying obstacles and constraints; (ii) lessons learned and best practices; as well as (iii) next steps. Delegates are invited to address, inter alia, the following issues in an integrated and balanced manner, taking into account linkages with other thematic issues and with cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation: International cooperation in developing, deploying and disseminating new and innovative technologies and other issues that help achieve multiple impacts and objectives in the thematic cluster of issues including the means of implementation Panellists: Dr. Mazlan Othman, Director, Office of Outer Space, United Nations Mr. Pedro A. Sanchez, Director of Tropical Agriculture, The Earth Institute at Columbia University (Note: the above-listed issues are intended to facilitate discussions only and are not
		(Note: the above-listed issues are intended to facilitate discussions only and are not meant to be an exhaustive list) An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.
4:30 – 6:00		Dialogue with Major Groups and Representatives of Partnerships Initiatives This dialogue session provides an opportunity for a focused discussion on the role of Major Groups and the role of implementing Partners in promoting action in implementation in relation to the thematic cluster.

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Neck Area (Partnerships Fair Information Desks) Vinyl 2010 CGIAR – Harvest Plus Global Land Tool Network (GLTN)			
АМ	AM Partnerships Presentations		
10:00 – 10:55		Vinyl 2010	
11:00 – 11:55	Conf. Room 6	Marrakech task Force "Cooperation with Africa"	
12:00 – 12:55		Sustainable Agriculture and rural Development Initiative (SARD): Collaborations of Major Groups and governments to advance SARD	
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10:00 – 1:00	Conf. Room B	Linking Sustainable Land Management and Climate Change – Processes, Policies and Actions Sponsor: UNCCD
3:00 – 6:00	Conf. Room B	Innovative technologies for sound decision making in water resources management, including the water-energy nexus Sponsor: IAEA

Side Events

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1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 2	Dialogue on the Sustainability of African Cities Organized by: ICLEI -Africa
1:15-2:45	Conf. Room B	Land for Sustainable Urbanization in Africa Organized by: Women Environmental Programme and Global Land Tool Network
1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 4	Land-use, Water, Energy and Sustainable Development Organized by: International Atomic Energy Agency
1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 6	National Reporting to the CSD lessons learned to improve future reporting Organized by: Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade - Canada
6:15-7:45	Conf. Room 2	Digital Agricultural Information Services for Sustainable Development Organized by: National Agricultural Library
6:15-7:45	DHLA	Biofuels, Food Security and Rural Development Organized by: Citizens Network for Sustainable Development
6:15-7:45	Conf. Room 6	How Agro-Industries can help eradicate poverty Organized by: United Nations Industrial Development Organization

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Monday, 12 May	y 2008	Official Session
9:00– 9:45	2000	SIDS Day Opening Statement by Chair Nhema Statement by USG Sha Zukang Statement by USG Cheick Sidi Diarra Statement by H.E. Dr. Angus Friday, Introduction of the SG's Report Video Presentation on the role of culture in promoting awareness, advocacy and a participatory approach to the sustainable management of the natural resources in this thematic cluster
9:45-10:30	Conf. Room 4	General debate on review of Mauritius Strategy of Implementation
10:30– 12:00	Conf. Room 4 Parallel	Panel I: Sustainable Land Management (SLM), Drought & Desertification Following panel presentations, the presiding Chair/Vice-Chair will moderate an interactive dialogue. Interventions should be no longer than 2-3 minutes. Major Group representatives, regional organizations and relevant agencies of the UN system will be invited to participate to share specific information on success stories and best practices. The means of implementation, possibilities for donor support, investment and capacity building within the context of each thematic issue may be explored in exchanges with the donor community. Sustainable Development and Land Management: Dr. Chelston Brathwaite, IICA Desertification, Drought & Invasive species in SIDS: Dr. Rolph Payet, Seychelles Land Policy, Administration and Management: Ms. Jacqueline daCosta, Jamaica
11:30– 1:00	Conf. Room 2 Parallel	Review of CSD-13: Decisions on Water and Sanitation Opening: The morning session will begin with introductory remarks. Statement by Chair Nhema Statement by USG Sha Zukang Statement by USG Cheick Sidi Diarra Statement by Chair of UN-Water Pasquale Steduto Introduction of the SG's Report Discussions should be as specific as possible and focus on (i) identifying obstacles and constraints; (ii) lessons learned and best practices; as well as (iii) next steps. Delegates are invited to address, inter alia, the following issues in an integrated and balanced manner, taking into account linkages with other thematic issues and with cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation: Providing access to safe drinking water and sanitation services Building partnerships for capacity building and technology transfer Improving sustainability of water utilities Engaging stakeholders in implementation process: limitations and constraints Strengthening monitoring and reporting Scaling up good practices Means of implementation Panellists: Catherine Revels, Acting Global Program Manager Water and Sanitation Program (WSP) Mr. Piers Cross, WSP, Africa Mr. Antonio Miranda—UNSGAB Mr. Bert Diphoorn, UN-HABITAT Mr. Roberto Lenton An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.

3:00 – 6:00	Conf. Room 4 Parallel	SIDS Day (continued) The afternoon session will accommodate one panel discussion. Following panel presentations, the presiding Chair/Vice-Chair will moderate an interactive dialogue. Interventions will again be limited to 2-3 minutes, and Major Group representatives, regional organizations and relevant agencies of the UN system will be invited to participate to share specific information on success stories and best practices. The means of implementation, possibilities for donor support, investment and capacity building within the context of each thematic issue may be explored in exchanges with the donor community. Panel II: Agriculture, Rural Development Agro-tourism; Revitalizing agriculture and rural development: Ms. Ena Harvey, IICA Food Security in SIDS: Mr. Peter Holmgren, FAO Rural livelihoods and community development: Mr. Rex Horoi, Executive Director, Foundations of the People of the South Pacific An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.
3:00 – 6:00	Conf. Room 2 Parallel	Review of CSD-13: <u>Decisions on Water and Sanitation</u> (continued) Interactive discussions will continue on the above-listed topics (see morning session), with participation of the above-listed morning-session panellists. An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.

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	Neck Area (Partnerships Fair Information Desks) SIDS Partnership NEAC Recovery of the circuit of four lakes SEED Initiative				
AM	Partnerships Presentations				
10:00 – 10:55		Recovery of the circuit of four lakes			
11:00 – 11:55	Conf. Room 6	Network of European Alimentary Culture (NEAC)			
12:00 – 12:55		LP Gas Rural Energy Challenge			
PM	Training Session				
3:00 – 5:30	Conf. Room 6	"An introduction to evaluating cross-sector partnerships" Sponsor: The Partnering Initiative - International Business Leaders Forum (IBLF) Trainer: Dr. Darian Stibbe, Development Director			

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10:00 – 1:00	Conf. Room B	Integrated Learning Tools for Gender Advocacy in Agriculture and Rural Development Sponsor: WOCAN
3:00 - 6:00	Conf. Room B	Strategic Environmental Assessment as a Tool for Mainstreaming Sustainable Land Management [Partly in Spanish with interpretation] Sponsor: Germany - GTZ

Side Events

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1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 6	Are OECD Policies Contributing to Global Agricultural Sustainability Organized by: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
1:15-2:45	DHLA	Water for Agriculture and livelihoods in rural Africa Organized by: IFAD and FAO
1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 2	Financing 'Integrated Water Resources Management' at basin level Organized by: Presidency of the European Union and Government of France
1:15-2:45	Conf. Room B	The Survival of Small Island Developing States: Seeking a Breakthrough in Sustainable Development Organized by: Commonwealth Secretariat
6:15-7:45	Conf. Room 2	Advancing Human Development and MDG's Role of Water and Agriculture Organized by: ICID FAO Israeli Committee to ICID
6:15-7:45	Conf. Room 6	Advancing IWRM at National Level Organized by: UN-Water, Global Water Partnership and UN SG's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation
6:15-7:45	DHLA	Water and Climate Change – Adaptation, Risk Assessment and Water Resource Management (moved from the 13 th of May 6:15 pm) Organized by: World Federation of United Nations Associations
6:15-7:45	Conf. Room 4	Africa-EU Partnership in Water and Sanitation Organized by: Government of United Kingdom and Government of Republic of Congo
6:15-7:45	Conf. Room B	Sea Level Rise, Climate Change and Its Impacts on Food Security in SIDS: Challenges and Opportunities Organized by: The Sea Level Rise Foundation with SIDS Unit

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Tuesday, 13 Ma	y 2008	Official Session
10:00 – 1:00	Conf. Room 4	Review of CSD-13 Decisions on Water and Sanitation (continued) Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc. Discussions should be as specific as possible and focus on (i) identifying obstacles and constraints; (ii) lessons learned and best practices; as well as (iii) next steps. Delegates are invited to address, inter alia, the following issues in an integrated and balanced manner, taking into account linkages with other thematic issues and with cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation: Integrated water resource management: water efficiency plans Enhancing water productivity in different uses Strengthening water management and governance at all levels Enhancing international cooperation in water management Panellists: Ms. Margaret Catley-Carlson, Member, UNSGAB Mr. Mike Muller, Consultant, South Africa Mr David Molden, Deputy Director General, IWMI Mr. Loïc Faucho, World Water Council (Note: the above-listed issues are intended to facilitate discussions only and are not meant to be an exhaustive list An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.
3:00 – 4:30	Conf. Room 4 Plenary	Review of CSD-13 Decisions on Water and Sanitation (continued) Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc. Discussions should be as specific as possible and focus on (i) identifying obstacles and constraints; (ii) lessons learned and best practices; as well as (iii) next steps. Delegates are invited to address, inter alia, the following issues in an integrated and balanced manner, taking into account linkages with other thematic issues and with cross-cutting issues, including means of implementation: - Financing water and sanitation services - Integrating water and sanitation agenda into broader development framework to meet the internationally agreed development goals, including the MDGs - The way forward Panellists: - Mr. Abel Mejia, World Bank - Ms. Margaret Batty, WaterAid - Mr. Ferdnand Gama, Evensen Dodge International (Note: the above-listed issues are intended to facilitate discussions only and are not meant to be an exhaustive list) An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.
4:30	Conf. Room 4 Plenary	The Chair's summary – Part I will be distributed at 4:30 pm
5:30 - 6:00	Conf. Room 4 Plenary	The Chair will introduce his summary – Part I and invite delegates to make any factual comments.

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Tuesday, 13 May 2008		
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10:00 – 10:55	Conf. Room 6	SIDS Partnership: Implementation of New Technologies for Sustainable Development
11:00 – 11:55		Global Water Partnership (GWP)
12:00 – 12:55		The SEED Initiative
РМ	Partnerships Thematic Discussion Session	
	0 – 5:30 Conf. Room 6	Creative partnering to enhance sustainable development and conservation in SIDS Lead Discussants:
3:00 - 5:30		Tom Goreau PhD, SIDS Partnership: Implementation of New Technologies for Sustainable Development
		Rolph Payet PhD, Global Island Partnership (GLISPA)
		■ Eric Hagberg, SIDS Partnership: Implementation of New Technologies for Sustainable Development

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10:00 – 1:00	Conf. Room B	Land Policy, Administration and Management
3:00 - 6:00	Conf. Room B	An Approach to Capacity Development for IWRM Sponsor: UN Water, UNU-INWEH & UNW-DPC

Side Events

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1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 6	Toward a Global Water Agenda - Preparing the World Water Forum in Istanbul Organized by: World Water Council & Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 4	The MDG Water and Sanitation Target: Refining the Monitoring tools Organized by: UN-Water
1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 2	Monitoring Global Freshwater Resources Organized by: World Water Assessment Programme

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1:15-2:45	Conf. Room B	Sanitation: A Human Rights Imperative Organized by: WaterAid
6:15-7:45	Conf. Room 4	Water in a Changing World: Emerging Trends in the Third World Water Development Report Organized by: UNWWAP
6:15-7:45	DHLA	Annual Report on Sustainable Development French Development Agency and the French Institute on Sustainable Development and International Relations Special Focus on Nature, Biodiversity and Development Organized by: French Development Agency and the French Institute on Sustainable Development and International Relations

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Wednesday, 14	Wednesday, 14 May 2008 HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT		
8:30 – 10:00	Conf. Room 6	Early-Morning/Closed Ministerial Meeting/Straight Talk: Introductory session The closed Ministerial meeting/Straight Talk will be moderated by CSD-16 Chair. It 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 key issues arising from discussions at the officials' level.	
10:00 – 1:00	Conf. Room 4 Plenary	Opening of the High-level Segment The High-level Segment will be officially opened (at the GA Hall if available) Chair: CSD-16 Chair Opening remarks: Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon Eminent Person: (information to be updated) Topic: The Way Forward At 10:30am, Ministers will be invited to commence their interactive discussions and statements, providing guidance on the priority areas to be focused on during the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (IPM) and the policy session, under the topic of The Way Forward. Interventions and statements are limited to 3 minutes each; delegations are invited to forward copies of their interventions and statements to dsd@un.org for posting on the website.	
3:00 - 6:00	Conf. Room 4 Plenary	Topic: The Way Forward (continued) Ministerial interactive discussion and official statements continue.	
4:00 – 6:00	Conf. Room 4 Parallel	Ministerial Roundtables Roundtable 1: Investing in Africa to achieve Millennium Development Goals and Sustainable Development (Information note on Roundtable 1 to be issued)	
4:00 – 6:00	Conf. Room 2 Parallel	Roundtable 2: Inter-linkages among the thematic issues, including adaptation to climate change)	

For the most up-to-date information and more details on CSD-16 activities, please visit the CSD-16 Official Programme at: www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd

(Information note on Roundtable 2 to be issued)

climate change)

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10:00 – 1:00	<no course="" scheduled=""></no>	
	Conf. Room B Parallel	Access to Readily Available Extension, Educational, and Research Information and Resources Sponsor: US Department of Agriculture and CAB International
3:00 – 6:00	Conf. Room 6 Parallel	A Global Tool Box to Manage Water and Nutrients for Agri-Communities Sponsor: American Society of Agronomy; Crop Science Society of America; Soil Science Society of America; Fertilizer Institute

Side Events

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1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 6	Sustainable Development in China – Agriculture, Rural Development, Land, Drought and Desertification Organized by: National Development and Reform Commission of China
1:15-2:45	Conf. Room B	Enhancing the economic value of dryland areas through sustainable agricultural practices Organized by: International Federation of Agricultural Producers
1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 4	Gender-sensitive national sanitation policies-challenges and opportunities Organized by: Water and Natural Resources Branch/DESA
1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 2	Bioenergy, agriculture, international trade and sustainable development Organized by: International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD)
6:15-7:45	Conf. Room 6	National Sustainable Development Strategies – progress and prospects Organized by: DSD/NIMO
6:15-7:45	Conf. Room 4	Saving water from field to fork – Report plus PPP partners IWMI, SEI and Chalmers Organized by: Stockholm International Water Institute, SIWI
6:15-7:45	Conf. Room 2	Agriculture and Biofuels; Policy Implications for Latin America Organized by: United Nations Foundation
6:15-7:45	Conf. Room B	Network of Women Agriculture Ministers Organized by: WOCAN with IFAD and FAO

Thursday, 15 May 2008		Official Session
8:30- 10:00	Conf. Room 6	Early-Morning/Closed Ministerial Meeting/Straight Talk: UN System The closed Ministerial meeting will be moderated by Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs. It is intended to allow for a frank exchange of views among Ministers and senior officials within the UN system. Attendance will be on the basis of Minister plus one. This session will focus on the UN's role in implementation in relation to the thematic cluster.
10:00 – 11:30	Conf. Room 4 Plenary	Making a Difference: Interactive Discussions with UN organizations Ministers will be invited to engage in an interactive discussion with Heads of UN organizations, including the Regional Commissions, specialized agencies, funds and programmes and IFIs, as well as relevant international and regional organizations, focusing on their role in implementation in relation to the thematic cluster. The dialogue session will begin with presentations from organizations of three minutes each followed by interactive discussions.
11:30 – 1:00	Conf. Room 4 Plenary	Making a Difference: Interactive Discussions with Major Groups From 11:30 am to 1:00pm, Ministers will be invited to engage with Major Groups in an interactive dialogue session on the thematic cluster. This session will encompass three "blocks" of time, each comprised of three Major Group presentations of five minutes each followed by approximately ten minutes of interactive discussions.
3:00 - 6:00	Conf. Room 4 Plenary	Topic: The Way Forward (continued) Ministerial interactive discussion and official statements continue.

Partnerships Fair (No Activity)

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10:00 – 1:00	Conf. Room 6 Parallel	Smallholders Farmers, Agrodiversity, and Climate Change Sponsor: UNU
10.00 - 1.00	Conf. Room B Parallel	Using International Standards to Enhance the Quality of Agricultural Training and Education for Sustainable Development. Sponsor: UNU-EHS and CGIAR
3:00 - 6:00	Conf. Room 6	Business Models for Farmer Marketing, Supply, and Credit Cooperatives Sponsor: US Dept. of Agriculture, Rural Development

Side Events

Thursday, 15 May 2008

1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 4	Addressing Climate Change Adaptation: Challenges in the Mediterranean Organized by: Hellenic Ministry for Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works, MAP/UNEP, GWP-MED, MIO-ESCDE
1:15-2:45	DHLA	Changing the Way We Develop: Dealing with Disasters and Climate Change Organized by: The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 6	Agriculture and Environment: Climate Change and Policy Recommendations Organized by: United Nations Environment Programme
6:15-7:45	Conf. Room 4	EU and Africa, meeting the MDGs together - the key role of MDG7 Organized by: European Commission
6:15-7:45	Conf. Room B	Presentation of the WOCAN Model Organized by: Women's Environment and Development Organization
6:15-7:45	DHLA	Global Sustainability Indicators for Biofuels Organized by: Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future
6:15-7:45	Conf. Room 6	Partnerships for Gender Equality and Sustainable Development Organized by: Millennium Challenge Corporation

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Friday, 16 May 2008 Official Session

8:30 – 10:00	Conf. Room 6	Early-Morning/Closed Ministerial Meeting/Straight Talk: Summing Up The closed Ministerial meeting will be moderated by CSD-16 Chair. It is intended to allow for a frank exchange of views on the outcomes of CSD-16. Attendance will be on the basis of Minister plus one.
10:00 – 1:00	Conf. Room 4 Plenary	Topic: The Way Forward (continued) Ministerial interactive discussion and official statements continue.
3:00	Conf. Room 4 Plenary	Closing Session The Chair's Summary – Part II will be distributed at 3:00 pm.
4:30 - 6:00	Conf. Room 4 Plenary	The Chair will invite delegates to make brief factual comments on Chair's Summary – Part II. The Chair will ask the meeting to adopt the Report of the 16 th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development. The Chair will then invite closing statements. The meeting will adjourn and reconvene as CSD-17 to elect a Chair and Bureau for CSD-17.

Partnerships Fair (No Activity)

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Friday, 16 May 2008

10:00 – 1:00	Conf. Room 6	Breakthrough Technologies for Sustainable Agriculture, Land, Drought and Rural Development Sponsor: State University of NY at Stony Brook
3:00 - 6:00	<no course="" scheduled=""></no>	

Side Events

Friday, 16 May 2008

1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 6	Gender Justice and Rural Development - 3 rd Helena Benitez Global Forum Organized by: Philippine Women's University
1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 2	Multi-Stakeholder Approach for Sustainable Development Organized by: Southern Diaspora Research and Development Center
1:15-2:45	Conf. Room B	Land Use and Sustainable Development for Host Communities in the Extractive Sector Organized by: Women's Right To Education (WREP)

CSD Related Events

Monday, 5 May 2008

10:00 - 5:00	UN Visitors Lobby	Natural World Museum International Art Exhibition: Art, Attitudes & Environment Organized by: UN DPI, UNEP, Natural World Museum
10:00 - 5:00	North East Gallery, Visitors' Lobby, UNHQ	Hard Rain - Our Headlong Collision with Nature: Photographs illustrating climate change, poverty and the sixth great extinction Co-sponsored by Still Pictures, UNEP and UNDP

Tuesday, 6 May 2008

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10:00 - 5:00	UN Visitors Lobby	Natural World Museum International Art Exhibition: Art, Attitudes & Environment Organized by: UN DPI, UNEP, Natural World Museum
10:00 - 5:00	North East Gallery, Visitors' Lobby, UNHQ	Hard Rain - Our Headlong Collision with Nature: Photographs illustrating climate change, poverty and the sixth great extinction Co-sponsored by Still Pictures, UNEP and UNDP
1:15 – 2:45	UNEP Conf. Room 803 2 UN Plaza	Sustainable Systems: Environment, Education and Sustainable Development in Africa Organized by: UNEP
2:00 - 3:00	Library Training Room (L-270C)	Library workshop for CSD Delegates Sustainable Development: How to Find UN information Oganized by: DHLink, the Dag Hammarskjöld Library and Knowledge Sharing Centre

Wednesday, 7 May 2008

10:00 - 5:00	UN Visitors Lobby	Natural World Museum International Art Exhibition: Art, Attitudes & Environment Organized by: UN DPI, UNEP, Natural World Museum	
10:00 - 5:00	North East Gallery, Visitors' Lobby, UNHQ	Hard Rain - Our Headlong Collision with Nature: Photographs illustrating climate change, poverty and the sixth great extinction Co-sponsored by Still Pictures, UNEP and UNDP	
1:15 – 2:45	Church Center for the UN, 2nd floor	A Well-Prepared Society: Progress on Eco-Efficiency and Sustainability Organized by: Education Caucus	
2:00 - 3:00	Library Training Room (L-270C)	Library workshop for CSD Delegates Sustainable Development: How to Find UN information Oganized by: DHLink, the Dag Hammarskjöld Library and Knowledge Sharing Centre	

Thursday, 08 May 2008

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9:00 - 5:30	Trusteeship Council Chamber	UN Unlearning Intolerance Seminar: Art Changing Attitudes Toward the Environment International seminar and exhibit launch as part of the Unlearning Intolerance seminar series and global Art for Environment Initiative Organized by: UN DPI, UNEP, Natural World Museum	
10:00 - 5:00	UN Visitors Lobby	Natural World Museum International Art Exhibition: Art, Attitudes & Environment Organized by: UN DPI, UNEP, Natural World Museum	
10:00 - 5:00	North East Gallery, Visitors' Lobby, UNHQ	Hard Rain - Our Headlong Collision with Nature: Photographs illustrating climate change, poverty and the sixth great extinction Co-sponsored by Still Pictures, UNEP and UNDP	
1:00-3:00	Church Center Conf. Room 10th Floor	Impact of Climate change on Health Organized by: NGO Health Committee, Inc	
1:15 – 3:00	Delegates' Dining Room West Terrace	Go Organic; Integrating Environment and Agriculture Organized by: Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austrian Development Cooperation	
1:15 – 2:45	Church Center for the UN, 2nd floor	Film Screening and Panel Discussion Problems and Possibilities for NGO-Corporate Collaboration in Sustainable Food Production: Introducing a new documentary, "Green Bananas," about Chiquita's pioneering partnerships and agreements with NGOs and trade unions Organized by: Franciscans International/Rainforest Alliance/United Nations Association of the USA/ UNEP	
2:00 - 3:00	Library Training Room (L-270C)	Library workshop for CSD Delegates Sustainable Development: How to Find UN information Oganized by: DHLink, the Dag Hammarskjöld Library and Knowledge Sharing Centre	
6:15 - 7:45	German Permanent Mission, 871 UN Plaza (1st Ave/49th St)	Cooperation with Africa on Sustainable Consumption and Production Sponsored by: German Federal Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection and Nuclear Safety, UN DESA, UNEP	

Friday, 9 May 2008

10:00 - 5:00	UN Visitors Lobby	Natural World Museum International Art Exhibition: Art, Attitudes & Environment Organized by: UN DPI, UNEP, Natural World Museum
10:00 - 5:00	North East Gallery, Visitors' Lobby, UNHQ	Hard Rain - Our Headlong Collision with Nature: Photographs illustrating climate change, poverty and the sixth great extinction Co-sponsored by Still Pictures, UNEP and UNDP

Monday, 10 May 2008

10:00 - 5:00	UN Visitors Lobby	Natural World Museum International Art Exhibition: Art, Attitudes & Environment Organized by: UN DPI, UNEP, Natural World Museum
10:00 - 5:00	North East Gallery, Visitors' Lobby, UNHQ	Hard Rain - Our Headlong Collision with Nature: Photographs illustrating climate change, poverty and the sixth great extinction Co-sponsored by Still Pictures, UNEP and UNDP

Tuesday, 13 May 2008

10:00 - 5:00	UN Visitors Lobby	Natural World Museum International Art Exhibition: Art, Attitudes & Environment Organized by: UN DPI, UNEP, Natural World Museum	
10:00 - 5:00	North East Gallery, Visitors' Lobby, UNHQ	Hard Rain - Our Headlong Collision with Nature: Photographs illustrating climate change, poverty and the sixth great extinction Co-sponsored by Still Pictures, UNEP and UNDP	
1:15-2:45	Conf. Room C	Environmental governance and democracy institutions, public participation and environmental sustainability Sponsored by: UNITAR	
6:15-7:45	Delegates Dining Rooms 5-8	Joint Efforts in Development of the Lake Victoria Basin, East Africa: A Partnership in Realization Organized by: Swedish Government and the East African Community	
6:15 - 7:45 (Reception)	German Permanent Mission, 871 UN Plaza (1st Ave/49th St)	Up to and Beyond 2015: The Challenge for the Water and Sanitation Agenda Sponsored by: Stakeholder Forum for a Sustainable Future, Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), German Federal Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection and Nuclear Safety	

Wednesday, 14 May 2008

10:00 - 5:00	UN Visitors Lobby	Natural World Museum International Art Exhibition: Art, Attitudes & Environment Organized by: UN DPI, UNEP, Natural World Museum
10:00 - 5:00	North East Gallery, Visitors' Lobby, UNHQ	Hard Rain - Our Headlong Collision with Nature: Photographs illustrating climate change, poverty and the sixth great extinction Co-sponsored by Still Pictures, UNEP and UNDP

1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 1	Panel discussion: Nanotechnologies and their implications for the global South Sponsored by: United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS)
6:30 - 9:30	German Permanent Mission, 871 UN Plaza (1st Ave/49th St)	Agriculture and Climate Change - Challenges for Workers, Producers and Consumers Organized by: German Trade Union for Building, Agriculture and Environment, German NGO Forum Environment and Development [This event is open to the accredited CSD participants]

Thursday, 15 May 2008

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Major Groups Meetings

Monday, 05 May 2008

8.00 - 9.00	Conf. Room A	Youth and Children
9.00 - 10.00	Conf. Room A	NGOs informational meeting
10.00 - 11.00	Conf. Room A	Women
11.00 - 12.00	Conf. Room A	Scientific and Technological Community
12.00 - 13.00	Conf. Room A	Local Authorities
13.00 - 14.00	Conf. Room A	Indigenous People
14.00 - 15.00	Conf. Room A	Farmers
15.00 - 16.00	Conf. Room A	Business and Industry
16.00 - 17.00	Conf. Room A	African Region
17.00 - 18.00	Conf. Room A	Workers and Trade Unions
18.00 - 19.00	Conf. Room A	NGOs review strategy meeting
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11.00 - 12.00	UNEP Conf. Room 803 2 UN Plaza	Education
	Conf. Room A	Scientific and Technological Community
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12.00 - 13.00	UN Cafeteria	Energy (raised area centre main cafeteria)
13.00 - 14.00	Conf. Room A	Indigenous People
14.00 - 15.00	Conf. Room A	Farmers
15.00 - 16.00	Conf. Room A	Business and Industry
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Wednesday, 07 May 2008

8.00 - 9.00	Conf. Room A	Youth and Children
9.00 - 10.00	Conf. Room A	NGOs informational meeting
10.00 - 11.00	Conf. Room A	Global Public Private Network on Water and Sanitation
11.00 - 12.00	Conf. Room A	Scientific and Technological Community
12.00 - 13.00	Conf. Room A	Local Authorities
13.00 - 14.00	Conf. Room A	Indigenous People
14.00 - 15.00	Conf. Room A	Farmers
15.00 - 16.00	Conf. Room A	Business and Industry
16.00 - 17.00	Conf. Room A	Intergenerational Partnerships for Sustainability, workshop by Earth Charter/IUCN/Youth Caucus
17.00 - 18.00	Conf. Room A	Workers and Trade Unions
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10.00 - 11.00	Conf. Room A	Global Public Private Network on Water and Sanitation
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Conf. Room A	NGOs review strategy meeting

<u>To cancel</u> Conference Room A for an NGO or Major Group caucus, please send an e-mail to: silverio-ruffing@un.org by 4:00 p.m. the preceding day. *At this time, no additional time slots are available in Conference A for caucus meetings.