



SDIN Training and info workshop for the CSD Sunday, May the 4th 2008

VENUE: The Tudor Hotel (formerly the Crown Plaza Hotel),
almost on the corner of 42nd Street and 2nd Avenue.

TIME: From 2.30pm (14:30) in the afternoon until 6.15 pm (18:15) the same evening.

ATTRACTIONS: We invite the participating NGOs for a light luncheon/ (sandwich lunch)
and coffee/tea between 13:30 and 14:30

NOTE: Registration for CSD is open in the UN Visitors' Lobby, accessible from the East
side of 1st Avenue and 45th Street from 13:00 until 16:00 on Sunday, May 4th

14:30 Welcome to this year's CSD, a short presentation by Jan-Gustav Strandenaes, outline of the NGO logistics, morning meetings etc. Mr. Strandenaes is the UN CSD NGO major group Co-Organiser, and Senior Policy Adviser, ANPED.

15:00 The CSD – an opportunity to interact, by Federica Pietracci, UN CSD Major Group's Coordinator explaining the basic procedures and logistics of the CSD. We will have a chance to a brief Q & A session after an introduction by Ms. Pietracci.

16:00 What are we going to talk about for two weeks? A presentation of the major issues and some of the contentious areas we should focus on, by representatives from the NGO issue groups – short introductions followed by a few questions and answers: (speakers to be announced)

- Agriculture
- Land management
- Rural development
- Drought
- Desertification
- Water
- Sanitation
- Africa

18:15 Closing of the meeting.

The meeting will be facilitated by Neth Dano (TWN) and Jan-Gustav Strandenaes (ANPED).

All major groups are welcome.