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New York, 23 -27 February 2009

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
2. Policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation:
 - (a) Agriculture;
 - (b) Rural development;
 - (c) Land;
 - (d) Drought;
 - (e) Desertification;
 - (f) Africa.
3. Adoption of the report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting.

Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

In its resolution 2003/61, entitled “Future programme, organization and methods of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development”, the Economic and Social Council decided that, in the policy year of its two-year implementation cycle, the Commission on Sustainable Development would convene an intergovernmental preparatory meeting for one week in New York in February/March to discuss policy options and possible actions to address the constraints and obstacles in the process of implementation identified during the review year, and that the Bureau of the Commission would recommend specific organizational modalities for Commission meetings.

In accordance with rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting shall,

at the beginning of its meeting, adopt the agenda for its meeting on the basis of the provisional agenda. The proposed programme of work of the Meeting is contained in annex I below. The membership of the Commission at its seventeenth session is given in annex II below.

2. Policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation:

- (a) Agriculture;**
- (b) Rural development;**
- (c) Land;**
- (d) Drought;**
- (e) Desertification;**
- (f) Africa.**

In resolution 2003/61, the Council also decided that the discussions of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting would be based on the outcome of the Commission's review session, reports by the Secretary-General and other relevant inputs. Based on those discussions, the Chairman will prepare a draft negotiating document for consideration at the Commission's policy session.

Accordingly, the Bureau of the seventeenth session of the Commission, through consultations with member States, decided that the Meeting would focus on the discussions of policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation in the thematic cluster of agriculture, rural development, land, drought, desertification and Africa.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation: Agriculture" (E/CN.17/2009/3)

Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation: Rural development" (E/CN.17/2009/4)

Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation: Land" (E/CN.17/2009/5)

Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation: Drought" (E/CN.17/2009/6)

Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation: Desertification" (E/CN.17/2009/7)

Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation: Africa" (E/CN.17/2009/8)

Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation: inter-linkages and cross-cutting issues" (E/CN.17/2009/9)

Note by the Secretariat on major groups' priorities for action (E/CN.17/2009/10)

3. Adoption of the report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting

In accordance with the provisions contained in Council resolution 2003/61 and established practice, the Meeting will submit a report to the Commission for consideration at its fifteenth session.

Documentation

Draft report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (E/CN.17/IPM/2009/___)

Annex I

Proposed organization of work for the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting, 23 - 27 February 2009^a

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item/programme</i>
Monday, 23 February	
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<p>Opening of the session</p> <p>1 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work</p> <p>2 Policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation:</p> <p>(a) Agriculture</p> <p>(b) Rural development</p> <p>(c) Land</p> <p>(d) Drought</p> <p>(e) Desertification</p> <p>(f) Africa</p> <p>Presentations of the results of relevant inter-sessional meetings and events</p> <p>Introduction of the reports of the Secretary-General</p> <p>Presentations of regional perspectives</p> <p>Dialogue with major groups</p>
3-6 p.m.	<p>2 (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p>Presentations on policy options</p> <p>Interactive discussions</p>
Tuesday, 24 February	
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	<p>2 (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p>Presentations on policy options</p> <p>Interactive discussions</p>
3-6 p.m.	<p>2 (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p>Presentations on policy options</p> <p>Interactive discussions</p>
Wednesday, 25 February	

^a Prepared on the basis of recommendations made by the Bureau.

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item/programme</i>
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	2 (<i>continued</i>) Presentations on policy options Interactive discussions
3-6 p.m.	2 (<i>continued</i>) Presentations on policy options Interactive discussions
Thursday, 26 February	
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	2 (<i>continued</i>) Presentations on policy options Interactive discussions
3-6 p.m.	2 (<i>continued</i>) Presentations on policy options Interactive discussions
Friday, 27 February	
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	2 (<i>continued</i>) Presentations on policy options Interactive discussions
3-6 p.m.	2 (<i>concluded</i>) Introduction of the Chairperson's drafting negotiating text Factual comments by delegations on the Chairperson's drafting negotiating text 3 Adoption of the report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting Closing of the session

Annex II

Membership of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its seventeenth session*

Antigua and Barbuda	Israel
Argentina	Japan
Australia	Kuwait
Bahrain	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Bangladesh	Malawi
Belgium	Monaco
Brazil	Namibia
Canada	Netherlands
Cape Verde	Pakistan
Chile	Peru
Costa Rica	Poland
Croatia	Republic of Korea
Czech Republic	Romania
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Russian Federation
Djibouti	Saudi Arabia
Estonia	Senegal
France	South Africa
Gabon	Spain
Gambia	Sudan
Germany	Sweden
Guatemala	United Arab Emirates
Guinea	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Haiti	United Republic of Tanzania
India	United States of America
Indonesia	Uruguay
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

*There is one vacancy in the group of Western European and other States for a member whose term would have begun at the first meeting (held in 2008) of the Commission's seventeenth session and expire at the close of its nineteenth session 2011.
