

**Expert Group Meeting
Indicators of Sustainable Development
Programme**

**United Nations Headquarters
New York, 13 – 15 December 2005**

Tuesday, 13 October 2005

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Opening Session

Welcome by Chair

Organizational Matters
Adoption of the Draft Programme

Status and role of the CSD work programme on Indicators for Sustainable Development and Objectives of the Meeting

Comments by Ms. Mary Pat Silveira, Chief, National Information, Monitoring and Outreach Branch, Division for Sustainable Development

Brief discussion

The main objectives of the meeting are to update and revise the 2001 set of CSD Sustainable Development Indicators (CSD-ISD), as appropriate, and to consider future action. For this purpose, the expert group should work within the adopted thematic framework and try not to exceed the size of the current CSD-ISD. The meeting will also seek commitment from lead agencies to provide updated and revised methodology sheets, if necessary.

10.30 – 11:15 a.m.

Review of Indicators – Social Themes

Brief introduction
Comments by countries and lead agencies
Discussion

The Division for Sustainable Development will prepare a preliminary list of CSD-ISD including revised methodology sheets, based on input received from lead agencies as well as on work done within the Division. The list will be made available to participants approximately two weeks before the meeting.

In the theme-by-theme discussion, country representatives and agencies will be invited to share their experiences with these indicators and identify further gaps and limitations in the proposed set.

11:15 – 11:30 a.m.

Break

- 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Review of Indicators – Social Themes (cont'd)**
Brief introduction
Comments by countries and lead agencies
Discussion
- 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Break for lunch
- 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. **Review of Indicators – Environmental Themes**
Brief introduction
Comments by countries and lead agencies
Discussion
The format follows the review of indicators for social themes
- 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Break
- 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. **Review of Indicators – Environmental Themes (cont'd)**
Brief introduction
Comments by countries and lead agencies
Discussion

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- 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. **Review of Indicators – Economic Themes**
Brief introduction
Comments by countries and lead agencies
Discussion
The format follows the review of indicators for social themes
- 11:30 – 11:45 p.m. Break
- 11:45 – 1:00 p.m. **Review of Indicators – Economic Themes (cont'd)**
Brief introduction
Comments by countries and lead agencies
Discussion
- 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Break for lunch
- 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. **Review of Indicators – Institutional Themes**
Brief introduction
Comments by countries and lead agencies
Discussion
The format follows the review of indicators for social themes

4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Break

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Review of Indicators – Institutional Themes (cont'd)

Brief introduction by the Division for Sustainable Development

Comments by lead agencies

Discussion

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10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Indicators of Sustainable Development – Suitability of Frameworks

The Need for an International Framework for the Construction of National Indicators for Policies to Enhance Sustainable Development

Presentation by Thorvald Moe, Ph.D., Deputy Secretary General, Norwegian Ministry of Finance

The System of Economic and Environmental Accounting (SEEA) and Indicators of Sustainable Development

Presentation by Ivo Havinga, Chief, Economic Statistics Branch, United Nations Statistics Division

Open discussion

Participants are invited to express their views on the suitability of different frameworks for further developing Indicators of Sustainable Development.

11:15 – 11:30 a.m.

Break

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Indicators of Sustainable Development – Future Areas of Work

Presentation by Prof. Bedrich Moldan, Charles University Environment Center

Presentation by Dr. Laszlo Pinter, Director, International Institute for Sustainable Development

Open discussion

Participants are invited to put forward proposals for future work in the area of Indicators of Sustainable Development.

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Break for lunch

2.30-3.30 pm

Summary of review and discussion

Introduction by Division for Sustainable Development

Discussion

The session will review the recommendations made throughout the previous sessions, assign responsibilities among lead agencies for further work, and determine a timeframe

3.30 -4.00 p.m.

Concluding Comments

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