

Partnerships for Sustainable development at CSD-14

This message was sent to all focal points of partnerships for sustainable development registered with the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD).

Contribute to the Secretary-General's Report on Partnerships for CSD-14

We will be preparing a Secretary-General's Report for CSD-14 which will present overall trends and statistics based on information in our CSD Partnerships Database. The report will also have a separate section devoted to partnerships working in the areas of the CSD-14/15 thematic cluster (Energy for Sustainable Development; Industrial Development; Air pollution/Atmosphere; and Climate Change.)

Please update us on any progress made in implementing your partnership's goals and targets and any lessons learned and best practices. The deadline to update your partnerships database entry is **MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2006**, in order for new information to be reflected in the report for CSD-14.

Participate in the CSD-14 Partnerships Fair

The 14th Session of the CSD (CSD-14) will take place from 1-12 May 2006 in UNHQ, New York. The CSD-14 Partnerships Fair will provide a venue for you to network, identify partners, and create synergies between initiatives. The Partnerships Fair will include:

- "Partnerships in Practice" Interactive discussions: These will be organized to generate dialogue on practical issues related to partnerships in the CSD 14/15 thematic cluster and on issues common to all partnerships, such as challenges related to communication strategies and funding.
- Partnership Presentations: Registered partnerships can request time slots to present recent developments in their initiatives and engage in discussion and Q&A (40-50 minute time slots)
- Partnerships Information Desks: Registered partnerships can request time slots to display and distribute information on their partnerships and directly interact with other CSD participants.

As CSD-14 will review progress in the areas of energy for sustainable development, industrial development, air pollution/atmosphere, and climate change; we encourage partnerships working in these areas to use this opportunity to share their experiences.

Request forms for Partnership Presentations and Information desks will be made available on DSD website in early December 2005. <http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/partnerships/>

How to update your partnerships information

- Online: At the time of registration, lead contacts of registered partnerships are provided with user names and passwords, which enable you to directly edit and update your partnership's information using the e-DESA portal <http://esa.un.org/dsd/>. If you do not have the necessary username and password, please contact us for assistance.
- Email: You can send your updated information to beyondwssd@un.org

While we continue to work on improving the look and feel of our database and highlighting your innovative contributions to sustainable development, the quality of information in the database is entirely dependant on regular information updates from partnerships' focal points. We therefore urge you to keep the information on your partnership as up to date as possible.

