



# CSD-16 TODAY

## Monday, 5 May 2008



### OFFICIAL SESSION

MONDAY, 5 MAY 2008

A.M.	10:00 – 1:00	Conf. Room 4 Plenary	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Opening</u></b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>The outcomes of events and activities organized during the inter-sessional period will be presented. The presentations will be a maximum of <b>five minutes</b> in duration, focusing on the outcomes of the events. They include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panel discussions on water during WATEC Conference (Tel Aviv, Israel, , 31 October 2007);</li> <li>• 7th Global Forum on Sustainable Energy (Vienna, Austria, 21-23 November 2007);</li> <li>• International Conference on Combating Desertification (Beijing, China, 22-24 January 2008);</li> <li>• The Oslo Policy Forum on Changing the Way We Develop: Dealing with Disasters and Climate Change (Oslo, Norway, 28-29 February 2008);</li> <li>• High-level Roundtable on International Cooperation for Sustainable Development in Caribbean Small Island Developing States (Bridgetown, Barbados, 25-27 March 2008)</li> </ul> <p>The <b><u>Opening</u></b> will be followed by <b><u>General Statements</u></b> 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.</p> <p>The Secretariat will introduce the Secretary-General's overview report, to be followed by an expert presentation by <u>Mr. Christopher Flavin</u>, President of the Worldwatch Institute.</p> <p>Delegations are invited to focus their interventions (<b>3 minutes each</b>) on selected issues of priority concern to them, as well as new challenges and opportunities, including those in relation to partnerships for sustainable development (<b><i>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</i></b>).</p> <p>Delegations are invited to forward their statements by e-mail (<a href="mailto:dsd@un.org">dsd@un.org</a>) for posting on the CSD Secretariat's website.</p>
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P.M.	3:00 – 6:00	Conf. Room 4 Parallel	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thematic Discussions: <u>Agriculture</u></b></p> <p>Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Hunger, poverty and food security</b></li> <li>- <b>Trends and prospects in agricultural production and consumption</b></li> <li>- <b>Production and supply challenges and impacts on prices</b></li> <li>- <b>Climate change, desertification and agriculture</b></li> </ul> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. Per Pinstrup-Anderson</b>, former Director-General of IFPRI, Professor of Food, Nutrition and Public Policy, Cornell</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Gregory A. Ruark</b>, Director USDA National Agroforestry Center</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Tianzhi Ren</b>, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Erick Fernandes</b> (ARD), World Bank</li> </ul> <p><i>(Note: the above-listed issues are intended to facilitate discussions only and are not meant to be an exhaustive list)</i></p> <p>An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.</p>
	3:00 – 4:30	Conf. Room 2 Parallel	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Regional Discussions</b></p> <p>Regional discussions will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations of the outcomes of regional implementation meetings</li> <li>• Interactive discussions focusing, in particular, on region-specific barriers and constraints, as well as lessons learned and best practices, based on regional experiences and</li> <li>• Next steps.</li> </ul> <p>Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc, with hands-on experiences in the regions.</p> <p><b>Africa</b></p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Ali Mohamed</b>, Chair of the Africa RIM</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Josué Dioné</b>, Director Food Security and Sustainable Development Division, ECA</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Luc Niacadja</b>, Executive Secretary UNCCD</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Babagana Ahmadu</b>, Director Rural Economy and Agriculture, Africa Union Commission</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Alioune Badiane</b>, Director Africa and Arab States, UN-Habitat</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Sally Bunning</b>, Technical Officer, Land and Water Division, FAO</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
	4:30 – 6:00		<p><b>Western Asia</b></p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Djamel Echirk</b>, General Inspector for the Environment, Ministry of Land Habilitation, Environment and Tourism, Algeria</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Khaled Abdul Aziz Al Charea</b>, Director, Land Safety, General Authority for Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Local Administration &amp; Environment, Syria</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane</b>, Acting Team Leader, Technology and Enterprise Development Team/SDPD/UN-ESCA</li> </ul>

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## PARTNERSHIPS FAIR

MONDAY, 5 MAY 2008

Partnerships Thematic Discussion Session		
<b>P.M.</b>	<b>3:00 – 5:30</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Conf. Room 6</b></p> <p>Promoting and supporting the role of women in partnerships for Rural Development Lead Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sabina Mensah</b>, GRATIS Foundation and Ghana Gender and Energy Network</li> <li>• <b>Rebecca Pearl</b>, board member, WOCAN</li> <li>• <b>Lesha (B.M.) Witmer</b>, Women for Water Partnership</li> </ul>

## LEARNING CENTRE

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<b>P.M.</b>	<b>3:00 – 6:00</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Conf. Room B</b></p> <p>Grassroots Women's Innovations to Securing Land and Housing Rights: A Tool for Sustainable Development Sponsor: Huairou Commission</p>
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## SIDE EVENTS

MONDAY, 5 MAY 2008

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

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## CSD RELATED EVENTS

MONDAY, 5 MAY 2008

A.M.	10:00 - 5:00	<b>UN Visitors Lobby</b>	Natural World Museum International Art Exhibition: Art, Attitudes & Environment Organized by: UN DPI, UNEP, Natural World Museum
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## MAJOR GROUPS MEETINGS

MONDAY, 5 MAY 2008

A.M.	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
P.M.	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
	19.00 - 20.00		

**To cancel** Conference Room A for an NGO or Major Group caucus, please send an e-mail to: [silverio-ruffing@un.org](mailto: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.