



# CSD TODAY

## Thursday, 8 May 2008



### OFFICIAL SESSION

THURSDAY, 8 MAY 2008

A.M.	10:00-1:00	Conf. Room 4 Parallel	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thematic Discussions: <u>Land</u> (continued)</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>Access to productive resources and eradication of poverty</b></li> <li>- <b>Land tenure</b></li> <li>- <b>Financing for integrated land management</b></li> </ul> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Joan Kagwanja</b>, Economic Affairs Officer, ECA</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Rowshan Jahan Moni</b>, Program Coordinator, Association for Land Reform and Development</li> <li>• <b>Mr Laureano Del Castillo Pinto</b>, Presidente del IPROGA</li> <li>• <b>Dr Klaus Deininger</b>, Lead Economist in the rural development group of the Development Economics Group</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Christian Mersmann</b>, Managing Director, Global Mechanism</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>
	10:00 – 1:00	Conf. Room 2 Parallel	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thematic Discussions: <u>Drought and Desertification</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>Drought and desertification: social, economic and environmental impacts</b></li> <li>- <b>Linkages among climate change, drought, desertification, biodiversity loss</b></li> <li>- <b>Strengthening synergies among the Rio Conventions, and other relevant environmental Conventions</b></li> <li>- <b>Impact of desertification on migration</b></li> </ul> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Zhang Kebin</b>, College of Soil &amp; Water Conservation, Beijing Forestry University</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Joost Brouwer</b>, Agricultural Scientist and Ecologist, IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Sara Scherr</b>, President, Ecoagriculture Partners</li> <li>• <b>D. Bakary Kante</b>, Director, Division of Environmental Law and Conventions, UNEP</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Scott Christiansen</b>, Executive Assistant to DG, ICARDA</li> </ul> <p>An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.</p>

P.M.	3:00– 6:00	Conf. Room 4 Parallel	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thematic Discussions: <u>Africa</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>Sustainable development in Africa</b></li> <li>- <b>Globalization and Africa: international commodity trade; export diversification, including high-value agriculture; and the digital divide</b></li> <li>- <b>Industrial productivity and competitiveness</b></li> </ul> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Gerry Noble</b>, CEO Microcare (Uganda).</li> <li>• <b>Mr. David Tommy</b>, UNIDO Representative to the United Nations and Director, UNIDO, New York</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Nebiyeleul Gessese</b>, Senior Industrial and Chemical Engineer, Environment Specialist, Global Development Solutions, LLC</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Marjatta Eilitta</b>, Programme Leader, Agribusiness Programme, IFDC</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>
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## PARTNERSHIPS FAIR

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A.M.	<b>Neck Area (Partnerships Fair Information Desks)</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EcoAgriculture Partners</li> <li>• Invasive Species Compendium Consortium</li> <li>• My Community, Our Earth</li> </ul>		
	<b>Training Session: Building effective partnership programs for sustainability</b>		
	10:00 – 10:55	Conf. Room B	International Model Forest Network
11:00 – 11:55	EcoAgriculture Partners		
12:00 – 12:55	Congo Basin Forest Partnership		
P.M.	<b>Partnerships Thematic Discussion Session</b>		
	3:00 – 5:30	Conf. Room 6	<p><b>Developing partnerships for agricultural innovation: the challenges</b></p> <p>Lead Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Howarth Bouis</b>, Program Director of HarvestPlus – CGIAR Challenge Program: Biofortified Crops for Improved Human Nutrition</li> <li>▪ <b>Sally Bunning</b>, Land Conservation and Management Officer - FAO, Globally Important Ingenious Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) partnership</li> <li>▪ <b>Sara Scherr</b> PhD, President, CEO, ECOAGRICULTURE partnership</li> <li>▪ <b>Jennifer Vogel Bass</b>, Communications Manager, Rainforest Alliance - Raising Smallholder Farmer Income in the Developing World</li> </ul>

## LEARNING CENTRE

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A.M.	10:00 – 1:00	Conf. Room B	SAT: A Model for Building Capabilities for Sustainable Rural Development Sponsor: Bahá'í International Community
P.M.	3:00 – 6:00	Conf. Room B	Addressing Rural Poverty through Rural Finance Sponsor: Southern New Hampshire University

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## SIDE EVENTS

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P.M.	1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 4	Policy Options for Promoting Alternative Livelihoods in Drylands Organized by: UN University
	1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 6	Building partnerships to reduce risk to drought and desertification Organized by: UN/ISDR & UNCCD
	1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 2	Food Security and Sustainable Agriculture – The Challenges of Climate Change in Sub Saharan Africa Organized by: International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis
	1:15-2:45	Conf. Room B	The UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD) in Africa: A Panel Discussion Organized by: UNICEF
	6:15-7:45	Conf. Room B	The Global Public Policy Network on Water Management – presenting global stakeholder inputs to the CSD-16 water and sanitation review Organized by: United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service
	6:15-7:45	Conf. Room 2	Regional Centres of Expertise for Sustainable Development in Africa Organized by: United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS)
	6:15-7:45	Conf. Room 4	Panel Discussion on Evolving Carbon Markets for Climate Change Mitigation, Conservation and Poverty Reduction Organized by: Equator Initiative, Fordham University, World Conservation Society TransLinks program

\*Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

## CSD RELATED EVENTS

THURSDAY, 8 MAY 2008

A.M.	9:00 - 5:30	Trusteeship Council Chamber	UN Unlearning Intolerance Seminar: Art Changing Attitudes Toward the Environment International seminar and exhibit launch as part of the Unlearning Intolerance seminar series and global Art for Environment Initiative Organized by: UN DPI, UNEP, Natural World Museum
	10:00 - 5:00	UN Visitors Lobby	Natural World Museum International Art Exhibition: Art, Attitudes & Environment Organized by: UN DPI, UNEP, Natural World Museum
	10:00 - 5:00	North East Gallery, Visitors' Lobby, UNHQ	Hard Rain - Our Headlong Collision with Nature: Photographs illustrating climate change, poverty and the sixth great extinction Co-sponsored by Still Pictures, UNEP and UNDP
	1:00-3:00	Church Center Conf. Room 10th Floor	Impact of Climate change on Health Organized by: NGO Health Committee, Inc
	1:15 – 3:00	Delegates' Dining Room West Terrace	Go Organic; Integrating Environment and Agriculture Organized by: Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austrian Development Cooperation

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A.M.	1:15 – 2:45	<b>Church Center for the UN, 2nd floor</b>	Film Screening and Panel Discussion Problems and Possibilities for NGO-Corporate Collaboration in Sustainable Food Production: Introducing a new documentary, "Green Bananas," about Chiquita's pioneering partnerships and agreements with NGOs and trade unions Organized by: Franciscans International/Rainforest Alliance/United Nations Association of the USA/ UNEP
	2:00 - 3:00	<b>Library Training Room (L-270C)</b>	Library workshop for CSD Delegates Sustainable Development: How to Find UN information Organized by: DHLink, the Dag Hammarskjöld Library and Knowledge Sharing Centre
	6:15 - 7:45	<b>German Permanent Mission, 871 UN Plaza (1st Ave/49th St)</b>	Cooperation with Africa on Sustainable Consumption and Production Sponsored by: German Federal Ministry of Environment, Nature Protection and Nuclear Safety, UN DESA, UNEP

## MAJOR GROUPS MEETINGS

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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	UNEP Conf. Room 803 2 UN Plaza	Education
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.

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