



# CSD TODAY

## Thursday, 15 May 2008



### OFFICIAL SESSION

THURSDAY, 15 MAY 2008

A.M.	8:30- 10:00	ECOSOC	<p><b>Early-Morning/Closed Ministerial Meeting/Straight Talk: UN System</b> The closed Ministerial meeting will be moderated by Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs. It is intended to allow for a frank exchange of views among Ministers and senior officials within the UN system. Attendance will be on the basis of Minister plus one. This session will focus on the UN's role in implementation in relation to the thematic cluster.</p>
	10:00 – 11:30	Conf. Room 4 Plenary	<p><b>Making a Difference: Interactive Discussions with UN organizations</b> Ministers will be invited to engage in an interactive discussion with Heads of UN organizations, including the Regional Commissions, specialized agencies, funds and programmes and IFIs, as well as relevant international and regional organizations, focusing on their role in implementation in relation to the thematic cluster.</p> <p>The dialogue session will begin with presentations from organizations of <b>three minutes each</b> followed by interactive discussions.</p>
	11:30 – 1:00	Conf. Room 4 Plenary	<p><b>Making a Difference: Interactive Discussions with Major Groups</b> From 11:30 am to 1:00pm, Ministers will be invited to engage with Major Groups in an interactive dialogue session on the thematic cluster.</p> <p>This session will encompass three “blocks” of time, each comprised of three Major Group presentations of five minutes each followed by approximately ten minutes of interactive discussions.</p>
P.M.	3:00 – 6:00	Conf. Room 4 Plenary	<p><b>Topic: The Way Forward (continued)</b></p> <p>Ministerial interactive discussion and official statements continue.</p>

### PARTNERSHIPS FAIR

<NO ACTIVITY>

### LEARNING CENTRE

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A.M.	10:00 – 1:00	Conf. Room 6 Parallel	Smallholders Farmers, Agrodiversity, and Climate Change Sponsor: UNU
		Conf. Room B Parallel	Using International Standards to Enhance the Quality of Agricultural Training and Education for Sustainable Development. Sponsor: UNU-EHS and CGIAR
P.M.	3:00 – 6:00	Conf. Room 6	Business Models for Farmer Marketing, Supply, and Credit Cooperatives Sponsor: US Dept. of Agriculture, Rural Development

## SIDE EVENTS

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P.M.	1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 2	Fighting Drought, Providing Water, Managing Lands, Developing Agriculture with no emissions and little resources Organized by: Local Governments for Sustainability
	1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 4	Addressing Climate Change Adaptation: Challenges in the Mediterranean Organized by: Hellenic Ministry for Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works, MAP/UNEP, GWP-MED, MIO-ESCDE
	1:15-2:45	DHLA	Changing the Way We Develop: Dealing with Disasters and Climate Change Organized by: The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
	1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 6	"Life" in the Balance -- Food security and environment in a changing landscape Organized by: United Nations Environment Programme
	6:15-7:45	Conf. Room B	WOCAN approach for women's leadership in agriculture and natural resource management Organized by: WOCAN, WEDO and the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP)
	6:15-7:45	Conf. Room 6	Partnerships for Gender Equality and Sustainable Development Organized by: Millennium Challenge Corporation

\*Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

## CSD RELATED EVENTS

THURSDAY, 15 MAY 2008

A.M.	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
	10:00 - 5:00	UNFF website	Webforum on "Reversing the loss of forest cover, preventing forest degradation in all types of forests and combating desertification, including low forest cover countries" Organized by: UN Forum on Forests Secretariat <a href="http://www.un.org/esa/forests">www.un.org/esa/forests</a>

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## MAJOR GROUPS MEETINGS

THURSDAY, 15 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	GYAN/Youth Caucus Meeting
	14.00 - 15.00	Conf. Room A	Africa Region
	15.00 - 16.00	Conf. Room A	Business and Industry
	16.00 - 17.00	Conf. Room A	Drylands
	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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