



## CSD-19 Guidelines for Major Groups

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The CSD Secretariat invites your organization to contribute to the nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-19), which will take place from 2 to 13 May 2011, and will be preceded by an Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (IPM) scheduled on 28 February to 4 March 2011. Both meetings will take place at UN Headquarters in New York.

The CSD Secretariat has compiled these *Guidelines for Major groups* to facilitate your contributions to the preparatory process and participation in the CSD-19 policy session, including its IPM. We have included chapters that outline the reporting process for the policy year, provide important deadlines for written submissions, and include essential information for your participation in both events. As you know, the two-year cycle of CSD-18 and CSD-19 focuses on implementation in the areas of transport, chemicals, waste management, mining, and a 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption & Production Patterns.

During the past review session (CSD-18), major groups played an important and dynamic role. We are committed to work with you to ensure major groups' continued contribution to the upcoming policy session, by providing concrete policy alternatives as well as partnerships and other means to implement sustainable development. The CSD-19 will build on previous practices and continue to enhance the participation of the major groups, and provide you with various opportunities to engage in dialogues about policies and partnerships with government officials and other participants, including interactive discussions within the High-Level Segment of the session.

Maintaining and enhancing the established participatory tradition of the CSD requires continued commitment by all parties. Your involvement in the work of the Commission enriches the debates and influences outcomes. We therefore invite you continue preparing for CSD-19, and stand ready to work with you in the preparatory process and to facilitate your organization's active participation in this year's meetings.

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# GUIDELINES FOR MAJOR GROUPS' PARTICIPATION IN CSD-19

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## 1. INTRODUCTION TO CSD-19

### 1.1. Themes and Cross-cutting Issues

The nineteenth session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-19) will meet at UN Headquarters in New York from 2-13 May 2011. CSD-19 will be preceded by a one-week Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (IPM) scheduled from 28 February to 4 March 2011, also at the UN Headquarters in New York.

As the second year of the CSD-18/19 implementation cycle, CSD-19 will review progress in the following areas:

| Cycle     | Thematic Cluster   | Cross-cutting Issues   |
|-----------|--|--|
| 2010/2011 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport</li> <li>• Chemicals</li> <li>• Waste Management (hazardous and solid waste)</li> <li>• Mining</li> <li>• 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns</li> </ul> | Poverty eradication Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development, Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education |

### 1.2. Timeline of Important Milestone Dates and Deadlines

| October   | Nov | Dec  | January                       | February  | Mar | Apr | May          |
|---|-----|--|-------------------------------|---|-----|-----|--------------|
| 8: Deadline for submission of major groups' inputs to Secretary-General's Reports |     | 1: Deadline for submission of Major Groups' Priorities for Action Papers | 1: Finalization of SG Reports | 28-4 March: Inter-governmental Preparatory Meeting (New York) |     |     | 2-13: CSD-19 |



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### 1.3. Framework for the Organization of Work

The Provisional Organization of Work for the IPM can be found [here](#)

The Provisional Organization of Work for CSD-19 can be found [here](#)

Check the [CSD-19 main page](#) for future updates.

### 1.4 CSD-19 Bureau

Chair: H.E. Mr. László Borbély, Minister of Environment and Forests of Romania, (Eastern European Group)

Vice-Chairs:

H.E. Mr. Andrew Goledzinowski, Vice Chair Australia, (West European & Others Group)

H.E. Mr. Javier Arias Inarte, Vice Chair Panama, (Latin American & the Caribbean States)

Mr. Eduardo R. Meñez, Vice Chair Philippines, (Asian Group)

Mr. Abdelghani Merabet, Vice Chair Algeria (Africa)

For biographical information on the Bureau, please click [here](#).

Mr. Eduardo R. Meñez is the focal point for major groups participation.

## 2. THE CSD-19 REPORTING PROCESS AND INPUTS FROM MAJOR GROUPS

The CSD-19 reporting process focuses on policy options and possible actions to overcome the constraints and obstacles and meet the challenges identified by CSD-18 with regard to the thematic cluster of transport, chemicals, waste management, mining, and a 10-Year Framework of Programmes on SCP, in the context of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and the Mauritius Strategy for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States.

### 2.1. Tentative List of Reports and Supplementary Materials

Official documents are issued in all six languages. Waivers are required for official documents exceeding the word limit and are granted on an exceptional basis. Background papers are issued in English or in the language of submission only. A list of reports and supplementary materials for CSD-19 and the IPM will be posted on the [CSD-19 main page](#) as soon as it is available.

### 2.2. Written Inputs from Major groups



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The CSD Secretariat welcomes written contributions from major group organizations that will contribute to CSD-19 and the IPM. Major groups are encouraged to make substantive contributions to CSD-19 and the IPM in the form of:

- **Brief written inputs to the Secretary-General's state of implementation reports**, focusing on possible actions to overcome the obstacles to implementation identified during CSD-18. These reports will be finalized in time for the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting scheduled from 28 February to 4 March 2011, and will be available by January 2011. **Deadline for submissions: 8 October 2010.**
- As per past practice, there will be **one official document entitled *Major Groups' Priorities for Action***, to be prepared by the CSD-19 Major Groups Organizing Partners in consultation with major groups networks worldwide. The major groups' paper is released as part of the official documentation in all official UN languages. A newly implemented editorial process will be put in place to support organizing partners efforts to provide accurate information and effective policy recommendations. The *Major Groups' Priorities for Action* paper builds on the review session's Discussion Papers and includes each sector's priorities for policy options and possible actions and partnerships to overcome constraints and obstacles and meet the challenges identified by CSD-18 in the current thematic areas. The paper is not limited to recommendations for Governments, but also includes policy options in which initiatives and partnerships by major groups are integrated parts of the proposed solutions. It will provide a basis for major groups' policy inputs and will serve as a starting point for their participation in the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (IPM) and in CSD-19. Deadline for submission: 1 December 2010. This report has a maximum of 8,500 words, thus each major groups should submit an input of maximum a 1000 word.
- **Case studies and examples of best practices**, which can be submitted through the [CSD Secretariat's website](#) (Ongoing).

### 2.3. Major groups' participation in inter-sessional meetings

To enhance, consolidate and supplement existing information on the agenda themes, a number of conferences, expert group meetings, workshops and other consultation opportunities are organized throughout the year. These events may be sponsored and hosted by Governments, various UN agencies, IGOs and other major groups' organizations, and often include representatives from major groups. We will keep major groups informed through the organizing partners as information becomes available.

### 2.4. Expected Outcomes

The outcomes of CSD-19 will be recorded and published in the CSD-19 Report, including:

- **Policy decisions** on practical measures and options to expedite implementation



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- **Summary of the High-level segment**, including the interactive discussion with major groups
- **Record of regional discussions**
- **Record of the Partnership Fair**
- **Record of the Learning Centre**

### 3. MAJOR GROUPS' PARTICIPATION IN CSD-19 AND THE IPM

The CSD has traditionally provided a lively forum for interaction among government officials, major groups – defined in Agenda 21 as women, children and youth, indigenous peoples, NGOs, local authorities, workers and trade unions, business and industry, scientific and technological community, farmers – and international organizations, infusing the CSD inter-governmental process with new ideas. Major groups' representatives in the CSD process have participated in multi-stakeholder dialogues, interactive discussions, roundtables and panels. They have developed coordinated positions, launched several multi-stakeholder partnerships, organized dozens of side events to share experiences, successfully lobbied for particular initiatives that they felt the CSD should undertake or support, and agreed on joint implementation initiatives.

Major groups are increasingly accepted within the official intergovernmental process as respected and essential partners in sustainable development, and their presence is now more integrated into the official sessions than ever before. The unique and innovative participatory traditions of the CSD have been widely acknowledged and are fully supported by the CSD. The CSD Bureau and the Secretariat continue to explore new ways to enhance major groups' participation in the CSD process.

#### 3.1. Pre-Registration and Accreditation

Major groups' organizations that are in consultative status with ECOSOC, including those on the CSD Roster, can send representatives to CSD-19 and its Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (IPM). ECOSOC rules do not permit participation of representatives from organizations that are not accredited (see section below if you are not or do not know if you are accredited).

##### *Pre-registration*

If you are planning to attend CSD-19 or the IPM, you must be pre-registered through an accredited organization in order to register at the meeting and receive a UN grounds pass. **This includes any major groups' representatives who participate in the Partnerships Fair, Learning Centre, and Side Events.**

The CSO Net is the online registration system now in place for pre-registration to CSD meetings (as well as to other functional commissions under DESA). The designated focal point



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for your organization will be provided with a username and password that can be shared and used by all representatives from that organization to pre-register. The login information for your organization will be provided to the focal point by the NGO Branch. To request your username and password, please contact the NGO Branch by visiting: <http://www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo/contact>.

The CSO Net will allow you to log in and manage your organization's pre-registration request through the Internet, including adding or changing names of representatives and printing or saving confirmation letters for each representative.

**Important note: Preregistration for the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (IPM) from 28 February to 4 March will also automatically include pre-registration for the UNCSO Second Preparatory Committee (PrepCom II) that will be held immediately following the IPM, from 4-5 March 2011. This will assist participants planning to attend both meetings by allowing them to obtain one grounds pass for the duration of both events.**

A valid photo ID will need to be shown at the registration desk when your representative arrives at UN Headquarters for the CSD meeting. Details on the location and schedule for the registration desk will be posted on the CSD-19 website once it is available.

Representatives requiring a visa to enter the United States are advised to apply as early as possible in case any time is needed for special clearances by the US authorities, and ensure that the visa is received in time for travel. Past practice shows that when applying for US visa, it is recommended that NGO and other major groups' sectors representatives bring copies of the UN confirmation letter, as well as a letter prepared by their own NGO, at the time of their appointment with the US Consulate/Embassy. The NGO letter should include detailed information on the visa applicant: e.g., position, number of years working for the NGO, and number of applicants that the NGO is sending to CSD-19 or the IPM, if applicable.

NGO representatives who have existing working relations with the US Mission in their respective countries may try and contact their counterpart(s) and obtain a referral letter to be presented at the time of the interview with the Consular Section (note that the referring officer has no role in the visa decision process).

To learn more about UN rules and regulations for major groups' participation, please visit: [http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/help\\_faq.htm#MG](http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/help_faq.htm#MG)

### ***Accreditation***

Non-governmental participation in the CSD is subject to the rules of participation of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). These rules require that the non-governmental participants represent an NGO in consultative status with ECOSOC or on the CSD Roster. Major groups' organizations that are in consultative status with ECOSOC, including those on the CSD Roster, can send representatives to CSD-19 and its Intergovernmental Preparatory



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Meeting (IPM). ECOSOC rules do not permit participation of representatives from organizations that are not accredited.

If you are unsure of your organization's accreditation status, you can check with the following sources:

**ECOSOC Roster:** [http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/pdf/INF\\_List.pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/pdf/INF_List.pdf)

If your organization is listed in the database, then it is accredited.

**CSD Roster:** [http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/mgroups/csd\\_roster.pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/mgroups/csd_roster.pdf)

If your organization is listed, it is accredited.

You can also:

- Contact the NGO Branch. The NGO Branch maintains up-to-date lists of accredited organizations, including those that have recently been granted consultative status but have not yet been added to the lists available on the Internet.

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[www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo/contact](http://www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo/contact)

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**Please make sure that your organization has the necessary consultative status BEFORE sending representatives to New York or making travel arrangements for them.**

If your organization is not accredited and you want to send representatives to CSD-19, you should consider applying for consultative status with ECOSOC at [www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo/](http://www.un.org/ecosoc/ngo/), which is a process that can take a year or more. In the meantime, you are welcome to contact an accredited organization within your networks and explore the possibility that they include your representatives in their delegation. The Major Groups Organizing Partners may also choose, at their discretion, to include representatives of unaccredited organizations under their umbrella so that they may participate in the meeting.

Alternatively, major groups may also wish to request that they be included in their Government delegation by contacting the appropriate department of State.

### 3.2. Major Groups' Involvement in Official Sessions



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## *Structure and Modes of Participation*

Participation of major groups in the official CSD-19 and IPM sessions will be integrated throughout the various activities of both meetings, consistent with the practice of recent CSD sessions. The following “entry points” for major groups have been incorporated into the Provisional Organization of Work and are currently under discussion by the CSD-19 Bureau:

### **Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (28 February to 4 March 2011)**

Major Groups are expected to actively participate in the IPM through:

- Presentation of *Priorities for Action* papers during the opening Plenary
- SIDS-related discussions
- All thematic and regional discussions
- A multi-stakeholder dialogue
- Comments on the Chair’s Draft Negotiating Text during the closing Plenary
- Side Events

### **CSD-19 (2-13 May 2011)**

Major Groups are expected to actively participate in CSD-19 through:

- General statements from all nine sectors during the opening and closing day Plenaries
- High-level roundtables
- A Ministerial-level multi-stakeholder dialogue
- Learning Centre and Partnerships Fair activities
- Side Events

## *Outcome*

Major groups’ contributions made during CSD-19 and the IPM are expected to inform the CSD and ideally influence the session’s outcomes, including the final text.

### **3.3. Meeting with the CSD-19 Bureau and Major Groups**

It is customary for the CSD Chair and other members of the Bureau to meet with major groups’ representatives in the course of the preparatory process and during the CSD Session. Information on the exact time and venue will be disseminated through our list server and posted on our website as it becomes available. CSD-19 Bureau Vice Chair, Mr. Eduardo R. Meñez (Asian Group) will be designated to serve as the contact person for the major groups during the IPM and CSD-19 sessions.

### **3.4. Major Groups’ Organizing Partners**



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The preparation of multi-stakeholder participation within the CSD is itself a multi-stakeholder process. Key major groups' networks are invited by the CSD Bureau to form a facilitating group called "organizing partners", that coordinates the preparations and assists the Secretariat in generating and guiding the engagement of stakeholders for each of the nine sectors. The Secretariat chairs the facilitating group and supports its work throughout the preparatory process and the CSD session.

The major groups organizing partners' main responsibilities include:

- Consulting with networks to prepare written inputs in the form of *Priorities for Action* papers addressing transport, chemicals, waste management, mining, and a 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption & Production Patterns—including the cross-sectoral themes—that reflect their group's views on deliverables and on the mobilization of concrete and tangible actions to advance implementation.
- Organizing, managing and disseminating data and information on major groups and CSD-19.
- Consulting with networks to identify participants to serve on their sector's delegation.
- Coordinating and facilitating the participation of representatives of their respective sectors throughout the CSD-19 and IPM sessions, working in collaboration with other major group sectors' representatives present at CSD-19 and the IPM.

### **Major Groups' Organizing Partners for the 2010-2011 Implementation Cycle**



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### **Women**

- Women in Europe for a Common Future
- Baha'I International Community
- Voices of African Mothers
- Netherlands Women's Council / BPW International

### **Children and Youth**

- CSD Youth Caucus

### **Indigenous Peoples**

- Tebtebba - Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education
- Indigenous Environmental Network

### **NGOs**

Sustainable Development Issues Network through:

- Northern Alliance for Sustainable Development (ANPED)
- Consumers International
- Institute for Security Studies

### **Local Authorities**

- ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability

### **Workers and Trade Unions**

- International Trade Unions Confederation (ITUC) & Trade Union Advisory Council to the OECD (TUAC)
- Sustainlabour

### **Business and Industry**

- International Chamber of Commerce
- International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA)
- United States Council for International Business

### **Scientific and Technological Community**

- International Council for Science (ICSU)
- World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO)

### **Farmers**

- International Federation of Agricultural Producers

To view the contact details for the list of CSD Organizing Partners, please click [here](#).

### **3.5. CSD-19 Partnerships Fair**



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The CSD Partnerships Fair provides a venue for registered Partnerships for Sustainable Development to showcase progress, launch new partnerships, network with existing and potential partners, create synergies between partnerships and learn from each other's experiences. The Partnerships Fair gives CSD participants an opportunity to gather information on and discuss the valuable contribution of these important initiatives towards supporting the implementation of inter-governmentally agreed sustainable development goals and objectives.

The Partnerships Fair is an official part of the CSD. It will focus on partnerships working in the thematic areas of transport, chemicals, waste management, mining, and a 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption & Production Patterns. A summary of its activities will be included in the Report of CSD-19.

***Please be advised that Partnerships Fair activities will not be organized during the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (IPM) from 28 February to 4 March 2011.***

### **General Structure of the CSD-19 Partnerships Fair**

“Partnerships in Practice” Interactive Discussions: These sessions are organized by the CSD Partnerships Team to generate open dialogue on practical issues related to partnerships working to implement sustainable development within the CSD-18/19 thematic cluster, namely in the areas of transport, chemicals, waste management, mining, and a 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption & Production Patterns, as well as on issues common to all partnerships. In keeping with the policy-year focus on “practical measures and options to expedite implementation of commitments”, these interactive discussions aim to offer the opportunity to highlight “on the ground” experiences from partnership practitioners and are designed to maximise opportunities for CSD participants to raise questions, identify challenges, share information on lessons learned and best practices as well as find innovative solutions.

Partnerships Training Sessions: These highly interactive and dynamic sessions provide CSD participants with very valuable tools, resources, examples and practical experiences on establishing, developing and maintaining effective partnerships. They also highlight the challenges, benefits and incentives of using partnerships as collaborative mechanisms or models for more effective delivery of sustainable development goals and objectives, involving a diverse group of stakeholders.

The CSD Secretariat will be offering once again the opportunity for organizations and/or Governments to sponsor similar sessions during CSD-19. Kindly contact the CSD Secretariat in early 2011 to discuss availability of time-slots and potential themes.

Partnerships Fair Information Desks: Regrettably, given space constraints in the NLB, information desks will not be offered at CSD-19.



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### Who can participate at the Partnerships Fair?

All CSD participants, including representatives of Governments, UN system organizations, other intergovernmental organizations and accredited major groups, are welcome to attend the Partnerships Fair.

In particular, partnerships working in the areas of the CSD 18/19 thematic cluster are encouraged to participate. The launching of new partnerships is also encouraged and welcomed.

Please be advised that registration of a partnership with the CSD Secretariat does not constitute accreditation to the Commission on Sustainable Development. In order to gain access to UN premises during CSD 19, partners must ensure that they are accredited to the Commission on Sustainable Development (through a Government, intergovernmental organization, or accredited major groups' organization).

### CSD Partnerships Database

This interactive database contains information from over 340 partnerships that have voluntarily registered their activities with the Secretariat of the Commission on Sustainable Development. The information contained in this database is based on partnerships voluntary self-reports. Thus, the CSD Secretariat is urging all CSD registered Partnerships to keep updating their information in the database in the lead up to CSD-19 so that CSD participants will be able to access the most current information on partnerships' latest achievements and contributions to implementation.

The database can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

### Interested in registering your partnership?

For complete and detailed information on partnerships for sustainable development, including request forms, important dates and key documents, please [click here](#).

### 3.6. The Learning Center

The Learning Centre is part of the official programme of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) and runs parallel to the CSD plenary sessions. Its purpose is to provide teaching and training at a practical level on topics of relevance to the specific themes being considered by the CSD, as well as selective cross-cutting themes of sustainable development to further implementation of Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI) and the Mauritius Strategy for the sustainable development of SIDS. If you wish to propose an activity in the Learning Centre, please follow the guidelines which will be posted in the near future on the [CSD-19 main page](#).



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### 3.7. Side Events

Side events, sponsored by major groups, Governments and UN agencies, will be organized as a complementary part of the IPM and CSD-19 Programmes of Work in order to generate informal opportunities for exchange of information, experience and non-standard views. If you wish to organize a side event, please follow the guidelines for side events organizers at CSD-19 which will be posted in the near future on the [CSD-19 main page](#).



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### Annex 1:

#### Multi-Year Programme of Work for CSD: 2004 to 2017

At its eleventh session, the Commission on Sustainable Development decided that its multi-year programme of work beyond 2003 would be organized on the basis of seven two-year cycles, with each cycle focusing on selected thematic clusters of issues, as set out in the table below.

In each cycle, the thematic clusters of issues will be addressed in an integrated manner, taking into account economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. The Commission agreed that the implementation process should cover all these issues equally and noted that the selection of some issues for a given cycle did not diminish the importance of the commitments undertaken with respect to the issues to be considered in future cycles.

The Commission further agreed that means of implementation should be addressed in every cycle and for every relevant issue, action and commitment. Linkages to other cross-cutting issues are also to be addressed in every cycle, as shown below.

#### MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: \*

| Cycle     | Thematic cluster   | Cross-cutting issues  |
|-----------|--|---|
| 2004/2005 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water</li> <li>• Sanitation</li> <li>• Human Settlements</li> </ul>   | Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development, Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education |
| 2006/2007 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy for Sustainable Development</li> <li>• Industrial Development</li> <li>• Air Pollution / Atmosphere</li> </ul> | Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development, Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable  |

\* E/CN.17/2003/6



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|            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate Change</li> </ul>  | development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education  |
| 2008/2009  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agriculture</li> <li>• Rural Development</li> <li>• Land</li> <li>• Drought</li> <li>• Desertification</li> <li>• Africa</li> </ul>  | Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development, Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education |
| 2010/2011* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport</li> <li>• Chemicals</li> <li>• Waste Management</li> <li>• Mining</li> <li>• A Ten Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns</li> </ul> | Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development, Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education |
| 2012/2013* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forests</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Biotechnology</li> <li>• Tourism</li> <li>• Mountains</li> </ul>  | Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development, Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education |
| 2014/2015* | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oceans and Seas</li> <li>• Marine Resources</li> <li>• Small Island Developing States</li> </ul>   | Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development,   |



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|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disaster Management and Vulnerability</li> </ul>  | Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education |
| 2016/2017 | Overall appraisal of implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme of Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation |   |

*\*These thematic clusters will remain as part of the Multi-Year Programme of Work as scheduled unless otherwise agreed by the Commission.*



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### Annex 2:

#### Member States of CSD-19

(53 members; three-year term)

##### African States (13):

Algeria, Benin, Cotê d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Nigeria, Togo

##### Asian States (11):

Bangladesh, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, United Arab Emirates

##### Eastern European States (6):

Belarus, Estonia, Latvia, Romania, Russian Federation, Ukraine

##### Latin America and Caribbean States (10):

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

##### Western European and other States (13):

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