

INFORMATION NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF CSD-13 *Updated 10 April 2005*

The thirteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-13) will be the first “Policy Session” under the Commission’s new work cycle, and the focus will be on water, sanitation and human settlements. The mandate of CSD-13 is to build on the progress made during the “review session” at CSD-12 and to adopt policy decisions that would enable the implementation of practical measures and options related to the three thematic areas. The main aim of CSD-13 therefore is to mobilize action by all stakeholders at all levels for the further implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI).

The purpose of this information note is to provide a detailed outline of the organization of work for the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (28 February – 4 March, 2005) and the Policy Session (11-22 April, 2005) of CSD-13. The note will also provide information on the session’s processes and the related outputs, which are intended to enhance participation by all stakeholders.

Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (IPM): Drawing on the obstacles, lessons learned and best practices, identified and discussed at CSD-12, three Secretary General’s Reports addressing each of the thematic areas will be submitted for consideration by the IPM. Each report will also include a number of policy options and possible actions aimed at expediting implementation. I anticipate that this wide range of policy options and possible actions will be vigorously discussed and considered by the IPM.

At the conclusion of the IPM, a “Chair’s text,” based on the discussions of the meeting, will be prepared and distributed. The goal of this text is to prepare and inform the subsequent discussions for CSD-13’s Policy Session in April.

It is well understood that implementation efforts are best undertaken at the local, national, sub-regional or regional levels and that there are no “one-size-fits-all solutions”. In preparation for the Policy Session of CSD-13, I therefore strongly encourage all countries to consider the range of policy options and practical actions that will be contained in the Chair’s text, with a view to determining which ones are likely to be most relevant and applicable to their national, sub-regional and regional needs and circumstances.

CSD-13 Policy Session: Regional views, implementation measures and efforts are critical. In order to ensure that effective policy decisions are adopted at CSD-13, the global community needs not only to get a clear picture of the practical measures and options which countries intend to take, but also to concretely identify those measures and options that require concerted global and/regional efforts. With this in mind, CSD-13 will allocate adequate time for the *Regional Perspectives Session* on 11 April, 2005.

A summary of regionally-focused policy options and practical measures will then be compiled that will aim to be as inclusive as possible and will reflect the discussions at the regional perspective sessions. This summary will incorporate policy options and practical measures that respond to regionally identified needs and constraints, including proven options, measures and initiatives that have the potential to be scaled-up and/or replicated.

In addition to the discussions on regional perspectives, there will also be a series of *Interactive Discussions* on 12 and 13 April. These discussions are intended to complement the discussions on regional perspectives, but will seek to emphasize the practical measures and policy options requiring concerted global and/or regional efforts.

On the basis of these discussions, I will prepare and subsequently circulate draft elements of concise policy decisions on practical measures and options. These draft elements, **which are intended for negotiation by delegations**, will focus on those actions and measures that identify a practical way forward.

Other Outputs: Throughout CSD-13, I will be inviting all implementation actors to announce **any voluntary commitments to mobilize further international or regional action** aimed at expediting implementation of Agenda 21 and the JPOI. Any such commitments, whether raised during the officials' level segment of the session or during the High Level Segment, will be compiled and posted on the CSD Secretariat's website and will form the basis of a "living" document that identifies continued efforts to implement the three thematic areas beyond CSD-13.

The Bureau and I will continue to provide regular updates on the aspects of the organization of work in due course.

Let me conclude by reiterating my pledge to work closely with all stakeholders to ensure that we collectively achieve the aspirations for the Commission that were clearly articulated at the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

H.E. Dr. John W. Ashe
Chairman of CSD-13

Chair's explanatory notes for changes to the CSD-13 Organization of Work

Monday 11 April

Regional perspectives sessions have been collapsed into one session on Monday afternoon, 11 April. The purpose of this session is to hear and discuss the following:

- which policy options and possible actions, emerging from the IPM, are most applicable to your region;
- which practical measures do countries in their region intend to take to advance progress;
- which options or measures might require additional global or regional effort to implement; and
- what mechanisms or arrangements might help to expedite these.

Tuesday 12 April – Wednesday 13 April

Twelve hours of interactive discussion have been allotted to water and sanitation (6) and human settlements (6). Policy options and practical measures, captured in the Chair's IPM text, have been clustered under a series of broad topics; for example, under Water, one of the topics is, integrated water resources management (IWRM); and under Human Settlements, another is, access to housing and public services. The intent of these interactive discussions, which will be led-off by panels of UN agencies and IGOs, is to focus on those policy options and practical measures that require concerted global effort. The discussions should include consideration of all cross-cutting issues.

Wednesday 13 April:

The morning session includes a discussion of water and sanitation follow-up. There is no equivalent discussion for human settlements as an international home for follow-up for this theme is more obvious.

To ensure that all aspects of interlinkages are discussed, there will now be two sessions devoted to this, one focusing on interlinkages among the 3 themes, and the second, focusing on interlinkages among the 3 themes, along with consideration of all cross-cutting issues. These discussions have been moved up to Wednesday afternoon.

Thursday 14 April:

The interactive discussion with Major Groups has been deleted in favour of integrating Major Groups' inputs throughout the interactive discussions in the previous three days. The Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (IPM) made significant progress in ensuring a more direct and substantive involvement of Major Groups in the work of the Commission, as called for in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and spelled out in the CSD-11 decision. This was reflected in their substantial integration into the interactive discussions during the IPM. Thus, the Bureau agreed that such integration should continue during CSD-13.

The distribution of the Chair's draft elements for negotiation has been moved up from Friday morning to 9:00 a.m. on Thursday 14 April to give delegations more time to study the Chairs' draft. There will be no plenary meetings on Thursday.

Friday 15 April:

Consideration of the Chair's draft elements for negotiation will commence on Friday morning, 15 April.

Monday 18 April on interlinkages among the 3 themes:

The Finance Ministers panel has been expanded to a panel of Finance and Development Cooperation Ministers.

Other:

Re the balance in the case studies in User-friendly matrix based on Chair's IPM text: the case studies referenced in the matrix are only meant to be illustrative.

A more comprehensive set of case studies, which governments are invited to submit, will be prepared for posting on the CSD website. To help in this regard, the CSD Secretariat will be posting a user-friendly template for reporting on both the case studies and the voluntary commitments.

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**Updated Organization of Work
for the Thirteenth Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development
7 April 2005**

OVERVIEW

By the decision of CSD-11, subsequently approved by ECOSOC, the policy session of CSD in the two-year implementation cycle will take policy decisions on practical measures and options to expedite implementation in the relevant thematic areas. CSD-13, with the thematic focus of water, sanitation and human settlements, convened its Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting from 28 February – 4 March 2005 and will convene its Policy Session from 11 April to 22 April 2005 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

In accordance with the decision of CSD-11, the Policy Session will take account of the Chair's text from the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting for CSD-13, as well as the Secretary General's reports and other relevant inputs.

Organization of Work

Discussions at CSD-12 highlighted that, whilst global efforts were essential, it is critical to consider the importance of regionally or nationally specific conditions when designing policies or programmes to overcome constraints and obstacles.

The CSD-13 **Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting** (IPM) was mandated to consider policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation. A wide range of options and actions were discussed and considered. The Chair's text adopted at the conclusion of the IPM aims to capture these options and actions so as to best inform the subsequent discussions at CSD-13 (11 April – 22 April). Individual countries will of course determine which of the identified options and actions are likely to be most relevant to their own domestic or regional circumstances.

The organization of work for **CSD-13** can be divided into four parts:

- Part 1 (11 April): Includes the **opening session** and a session on **regional perspectives** which should provide a clear picture of the practical measures that are most likely to expedite implementation of those policy options considered most relevant to a particular region.

Some practical measures will be achievable without additional regional or global effort.

- These practical measures will be included as an output of the meeting in the form of a summary as described in the Chair's introductory note.
 - Voluntary commitments to mobilize further action by any implementation actor at this time will be noted as an output of the CSD-13 and will be included on the CSD website as a living document.
- Part 2 (12 – 13 April): **Interactive discussions** provide an opportunity **to focus deliberations** on those practical measures that will only be possible with further concerted effort at the regional or global level in the three thematic areas.
 - The output of the interactive discussions will be the Chair's draft elements for policy decisions on practical measures and options to expedite implementation.

- Part 3 (15-19 April): **Negotiations on the Chair’s draft elements for decision**, with the purpose of reaching agreement on policy decisions on practical measures and options to expedite implementation, as described in the Chair’s introductory note. A panel of Finance and Development Cooperation Ministers and Experts will address the economic benefits of implementing sound policies related to water, sanitation and human settlements on the afternoon of 18 April.
- Part 4 (20-22 April): High Level Segment. Ministers will be invited to discuss the way forward in ensuring the agreed policy decisions are implemented, based on the theme: **“Turning Political Commitments into Action”**, and to adopt the CSD-13 outputs. A number of invited speakers will lead-off these interactive discussions. There will be two panel sessions on specific subjects: one focusing on MDG targets for water, sanitation and human settlements and the other on the impact of natural disasters-prevention and response in relation to water, sanitation and human settlements.

Throughout CSD-13, including its High Level Segment, all implementation actors will be encouraged to announce any **voluntary commitments** or activities that will mobilize further action in implementation, whether at a national, regional or global level. These commitments and activities will be captured on the CSD website and serve as an on-going source of information on practical implementation efforts, as described in the Chair’s introductory note. It is intended that this information represent a ‘living document’ open to the listing of new commitments or activities into the future.

The official output of the Thirteenth Session of the CSD will include:

- Negotiated policy decisions on practical measures and options to expedite implementation;
- A summary of: the regional perspective sessions; policy options and practical measures; the High-level Segment; the Partnerships Fair; and the Learning Centre; and
- Voluntary commitments to mobilize further action by implementation actors to be posted on the CSD website.

Major Groups

During the course of CSD-13 the **Major Groups** will be invited to participate as follows:

- In the interactive discussions on 12-13 April.
- On the 21 April, where Major Groups will outline their own aspirations and priorities for action in the course of an interactive discussion with Ministers.
- On 22 April, where Major Groups will make closing remarks on how they will support the implementation of CSD-13 policy decisions.

Partnerships Fair

CSD-13’s official programme includes a **Partnerships Fair**. In keeping with the CSD-13 policy year focus on “practical measures and options to expedite implementation of commitments”, the Partnerships Fair will highlight the lessons learned from partnerships for sustainable development, especially those working on the thematic cluster of water, sanitation and human settlements. At present, over one third of all partnerships registered with the CSD are working in areas related to this thematic cluster.

The main components of the Partnerships Fair are:

- “Partnerships in Practice” Interactive Discussion Sessions: The interactive sessions will promote discussion on practical issues related to partnerships, based on the real experiences of CSD registered partnerships. Several sessions will focus on lessons learned from partnerships directly working in the thematic areas of water, sanitation and human settlements. In addition, there will be sessions which will

focus on practical issues common to all partnerships (communication and outreach, finding new partners, funding, etc).

- Partnerships Information Desks & Display: Partnerships representatives will have the opportunity to display and distribute information and directly interact with CSD participants. This is an opportunity for visibility, networking and information-dissemination.

Learning Centre

A Learning Centre is part of the official CSD-13 programme and will be scheduled from 12 to 20 April.

Side Events

Side events, sponsored by Major Groups, Governments, IGOs and UN agencies, funds and programmes, will be organized as a complementary part of the CSD-13 Policy Session to generate informal opportunities for exchange of information and experience.

High-Level Segment: 20- 22 April 2005

Characteristics of the High-level segment:

- This is an opportunity for Ministers to listen, discuss, and react where appropriate, to their colleagues in an interactive dialogue
- The over-riding theme is “Turning political commitments into action” for all three thematic areas
- A number of invited speakers will provide introductory remarks to help liven and stimulate the discussions, including: Mr. Robert Orr, UN ASG; Minister Borge Brende, Norway (CSD-12 Chair); His Royal Highness, the Prince of Orange, Netherlands; Mr. Mikhail Gorbachev, Chairman, Green Cross International; Ms. Sunita Narain, 2005 Stockholm Water Prize winner.
- Two specific- topic interactive discussions: *Meeting the MDG targets related to water, sanitation and human settlements*; and the *Impact of natural disasters on water, sanitation and human settlements- prevention and response*; during these sessions, Ministers are expected to focus their comments on these particular aspects.

Note that the MDG-related discussion on 20 April has been changed slightly and will now be from 11:00am to 12:15 pm.

- In summary, the hope is that Ministers and heads of delegations will truly interact and that there will not be too many statements.

THIRTEENTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: ANNOTATIONS

To be read in conjunction with Table 1

Monday, 11 April 2005

The Purpose of Day 1 is to:

1. Elect the **CSD-13 Bureau** and adopt the agenda and organization of work for the meeting;
2. Present the **Chair's vision** for the meeting;
3. Introduce the **Chair's text** from the CSD-13 Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting; and
4. Provide **regional perspectives on practical measures and options** that are necessary to expedite implementation in relation to the identified policy options for **water, sanitation and human settlements**;

10:00am – 1:00pm

Conference Room 1 (Plenary)

1. CSD-13 will open in plenary on the morning of 11 April 2005. It will start with the election of officials and adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
2. The Chair of CSD-13 will outline his vision for the meeting. This will be followed by opening remarks by UNDESA.
3. The outcomes of events and activities organized during the intersessional period will be presented. The presentations will be a maximum of five minutes in duration, relate directly to practical measures and options, and include:
 - 20th session of the UN Habitat Governing Council, Kenya, April 2005
 - World Conference on Disaster Reduction, Japan, January 2005
 - The African Ministerial Meeting on Housing and Urban Development (AMCHUD), Durban, South Africa, Feb 2005
 - International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Mauritius, January 2005
 - 2nd International Forum on Partnerships for Sustainable Development, Morocco, March 2005
4. The Chair will introduce his text tabled at the conclusion of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting.

Monday, 11 April 2005

3:00pm – 6:00pm (Plenary Session)

Conference Room 1 - Plenary

Chair: CSD-13 Chair or Vice-Chair

This session provides **regional perspectives**, focusing on **water, sanitation** and **human settlements**. Representatives of regional bodies relevant to the session theme will be invited to respond to the following:

Of the policy options and possible actions emerging from the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting that you consider most applicable in your region, focus on the practical measures your region intends taking, including those that will require a concerted global or regional effort.

The session will be organized so that all regional perspectives will be provided followed by an interactive discussion.

Africa:

Mr. Josué Dioné, ECA

Mr. Shehu Yahaya, African Development Bank

Asia and the Pacific:

Mr. Kazi Rahman, NY Regional Commission Office on behalf of ESCAP

UNDP (tbc)

Western Asia:

Mr. Hosny Khordagui, ESCWA

UNDP (tbc)

Latin America and the Caribbean:

Mr. Joseluis Samaniego, ECLAC

Mrs. Maribel Rodriguez-Rios, UNDP Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean

Eastern and Western Europe, North America and others :

Mr. Kaj Barlund, ECE

UNDP (tbc)

Governments who were unable to intervene in the sessions on regional perspectives will be given an opportunity to provide their views before the commencement of subsequent sessions.

The Chair of the session will conclude by providing an oral summary and by inviting a response from delegates on this summary.

Tuesday, 12 April 2005

The Purpose of Day 2 is to:

Commence consideration of the policy decisions required to expedite implementation in the areas of **water, sanitation and human settlements** which require a global or regional effort, through interactive discussions, led by implementers, to provide a platform for policy decisions.

10:00am – 1:00pm (Parallel Sessions)

Conference Room 1

Conference Room 2

Chair: CSD-13 Bureau member

Chair: CSD-13 Bureau member

Water:

Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds or programmes and IGOs.

Based on the policy options and practical measures contained in the Chair's IPM text, the morning session will focus on those that require a concerted global effort to implement and include consideration of all cross-cutting issues.

The session will be structured around the following topics:

Integrated Water Resources Management

Panellists:

- Mr. Robert Lenton, Global Water Partnership
- Mr. Joakim Harlin, UNDP

Access to safe drinking water in urban and rural areas

Panellists:

- Mr. Jamal Saghir, World Bank
- Mr. Ravi Narayan, WaterAid

An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.

Human Settlements:

Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds or programmes and IGOs.

Based on the policy options and practical measures contained in the Chair's IPM text, the morning session will focus on those that require a concerted global effort to implement and include consideration of all cross-cutting issues.

The session will be structured around the following topic:

Access to housing and public services

Panellist

- Mr. Dinesh Mehta, UN HABITAT
- Ms. Nefise Bazoglu, UN HABITAT

An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.

Tuesday, 12 April 2005

3:00pm – 6:00pm (Parallel Sessions)

Conference Room 1

Chair: CSD-13 Bureau member

Sanitation:

Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies and IGOs.

Based on the policy options and practical measures contained in the Chair's IPM text, the afternoon session will focus on those that require a concerted global effort to implement and include consideration of all cross-cutting issues.

The session will be structured around the following topics:

Access to basic sanitation and hygiene

Panellists:

- Mr. Ede Ijjasz, World Bank
- Mr. Gouri Ghosh, WSSC
- Ms. Vanessa Tobin, UNICEF

Wastewater treatment, recycling and reuse

Panellists:

- Ms. Veerle Vanderwerd, UNEP
- Mr. Jamie Bartram, WHO

An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.

Conference Room 2

Chair: CSD-13 Bureau member

Human Settlements

Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies and IGOs.

Based on the policy options and practical measures contained in the Chair's IPM text, the afternoon session will focus on those that require a concerted global effort to implement and include consideration of all cross-cutting issues.

The session will be structured around the following topic:

Job creation and enterprise promotion

Panellist:

- Mr. Kees van der Ree, ILO

An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.

Wednesday, 13 April 2005

The Purpose of Day 3 is to:

1. **Conclude** consideration of the policy decisions required to expedite implementation in the areas of **water and sanitation** which require a global or regional effort; and
2. **Consider** key inter-linkages between the three themes as well as all cross-cutting issues.

10:00am – 1:00pm

Conference Room 1 - Plenary

Chair: CSD-13 Bureau members

Water and Sanitation:

The Chair will invite delegates to continue discussions based on the policy options and practical measures contained in the Chair's IPM text and focus on those that require a concerted global effort to implement and include consideration of all cross-cutting issues.

The session will be structured around the following topics:

Strengthening the monitoring and evaluation of water and sanitation services

Panellists

- Mr. Jamie Bartram, UN Water/WHO
- Mr. Richard Roberts, UNEP-GEMS

Water and sanitation follow-up

Panellists:

- Mr. Al Duda, GEF
- Mr. Patrick Murphy, EU Water Initiative

An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.

3:00pm – 6:00pm

Conference Room 1 Plenary

Chair: CSD-13 Bureau members

Water, Sanitation and Human Settlements: Inter-linkages and cross-cutting issues:

Based on the policy options and practical measures contained in the Chair's IPM text, the Chair of the session will invite delegates to focus on the key inter-linkages between the three themes, as well as cross-cutting issues, highlighting those that are considered likely to maximize the impact and synergy in all three thematic areas.

The session will be structure around the following topics:

Inter-linkages among the three themes

Panellists:

- Ms. Katherine Sierra, World Bank
- Mr. Carlos Linares, UNDP

Inter-linkages among the three themes and all cross-cutting issues

Panellists:

- Ms. Yasmin Von Schirnding, WHO
- Ms. Ethne Davey, Chairperson, Gender and Water Alliance

An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session

Thursday, 14 April 2005

The Purpose of Day 4 is to:

Distribute **Chair's draft elements for decision** for delegations to study and consult.

There is no plenary meeting.

9:00 a.m. Distribution of Chair's draft elements for decision negotiating document.

Friday, 15 April 2005

The Purpose of Day 5 is to:

Introduce the Chair's draft elements for decision and commence negotiations.

10:00am – 1:00pm
Conference Room 1

Chair: CSD-13 Chair

At 10: 00 a.m. the Chair will introduce his draft elements for policy decisions on practical measures and options to expedite implementation (Chair's draft elements).

Chair: CSD-13 Bureau member

Delegates will be invited to begin negotiations with the objective of reaching agreement on policy decisions on practical measures and options.

3:00pm – 6:00pm
Conference Room 1

Chair: CSD-13 Bureau member

Delegates will continue negotiations with the objective of reaching agreement on policy decisions on practical measures and options.

Monday 18 April 2005

The Purpose of Day 6 is to:

1. **Advance negotiations** on the policy decisions; and
2. Convene a **Panel of Finance and Development Cooperation Ministers and Experts** in order to inform the Commission's deliberations.

10:00am – 1:00pm
Conference Room 1

Chair: CSD-13 Bureau Members

Delegates will continue negotiations with the objective of reaching agreement on policy decisions on practical measures and options.

3:00pm – 4:30pm
Conference Room 1

Chair: CSD-13 Bureau Member

Delegates will continue negotiations with the objective of reaching agreement on policy decisions on practical measures and options.

4:30 – 6:00pm
Conference Room 1

Chair: CSD-13 Chair

Finance and Development Cooperation Ministers and Experts Panel

Panel members will provide the context for, and inform the deliberations of, CSD-13 in relation to the economic benefits of implementing sound policies on water, sanitation and human settlements at all levels. The World Bank and UNCTAD have been invited to give short presentations on their perspectives. Both the World Bank and UNCTAD's background papers are available on the CSD website to facilitate preparations for the panel discussion.

Co-moderators: H.E. Mr. Trevor Manuel, Minister of Finance, South Africa, and H.E. Ms. Hilde Johnson, Minister of International Development, Norway

Panelists:

Mr. Ian Johnson, Vice President, Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development, World Bank

Mr. Carlos Fortin, OIC, UNCTAD

H.E. Ms. Carin Jämtin, Minister for International Development Cooperation, Sweden

H.E. Mr. Abdoulaye Diop, Minister of Finance, Senegal (*tbc*)

H.E. Mr. Michel Camdessus, Honourable Governor of the Bank of France

Mr. Len Good, Chairman and CEO, Global Environment Facility

H.E. Erol Cort, Minister of Finance, Antigua and Barbuda

Mr. Suma Chakrabarti, Permanent Secretary, Department for International Development, UK

Mr. Adolfo A. Franco, USAID Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean

Tuesday, 19 April 2005

The Purpose of Day 7 is to:

1. **Conclude negotiations** on the policy decisions; and
2. **Distribute draft** policy decisions on practical measures and options to expedite implementation.

10:00am – 1:00pm
Conference Room 1

Chair: CSD-13 Bureau Member

Negotiations, conducted with the objective of reaching agreement on policy decisions on practical measures and options, will conclude in the morning meeting.

3:00pm
Conference Room 1

Draft policy decisions will be distributed at 3pm

5:00pm – 6:00pm
Conference Room 1

Chair: CSD-13 Chair

The Chair will introduce the draft policy decisions and invite delegates to make any factual comments.

HIGH LEVEL SEGMENT: ANNOTATIONS

Wednesday 20 April 2005

8:30am – 10:00am

Conference Room 6

Early Morning Closed Ministerial Meeting: Introductory discussion

The closed Ministerial meeting will be chaired by the Chair of CSD-13 and is intended to allow for a frank exchange of views among Ministers. Attendance will be on the basis of Minister plus one. This first discussion will focus on introductory matters, including key issues arising from discussions at the officials' level.

10:00am – 1:00pm

Conference Room 1 (Plenary)

Ministerial Discussions/Official Statements

The High-level Segment will be officially opened.

- **Chair:** Ambassador John Ashe, Chairman of CSD-13
- **Opening remarks:** Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General
- **Live video link message from:** Ms. Wangari Maathai, Nobel Peace Laureate

At 10:30am, Ministers will be invited to commence their interactive discussions on the topic: ***Turning Political Commitments into Action.***

At 11:00am, Topic: ***Meeting the MDGs related to water, sanitation and human settlements' targets***

- Introductory remarks by invited speaker, Mr. Robert Orr, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Strategic Planning, to lead-off the interactive discussion.
- Interactive discussion.

[1:15pm – 2:30pm MDG Lunch Discussion (Sweden)]

3:00pm – 6:00pm

Conference Room 1 (Plenary)

The session will continue discussions on the topic: ***Turning Political Commitments into Action.***

- Introductory remarks by invited speaker, H. E. Borge Brende, Minister of Trade and Industry, Norway (Chair of CSD-12), to lead-off the interactive discussion.
- Interactive discussion among ministers/official statements

5:00pm – 6:00pm, Topic: ***The impact of natural disasters on water, sanitation and human settlements – prevention and response***

- Introductory remarks by invited speakers: Mr. Michel Jarraud, Secretary General, World Meteorological Organization and Mr. Salvano Briceno, Director, International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR) Secretariat, to lead-off the interactive discussion.
- Interactive discussion.

Thursday 21 April 2005

8:30am – 10:00am
Conference Room 6

Early Morning Closed Ministerial Meeting: UN System

The closed Ministerial meeting will be chaired by the Chair of CSD-13 and 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 relation to the policy decisions on practical measures and options to expedite implementation.

10:00am – 1:00pm
Conference Room 1 (Plenary)

Topic: ***Turning Political Commitments into Action: Interactive Discussions with UN organizations***

Ministers will be invited to engage in an interactive discussion on policy options and practical measures with the Heads of UN organizations, including the UN Regional Commissions, specialized agencies and Bretton Woods Institutions.

- This session will encompass three “blocks” of time, each comprised of three presentations from organizations of five minutes each followed by approximately ten minutes of interactive discussion.

11:30am, Invited speakers, His Royal Highness, Prince Willem-Alexander, Prince of Orange, Kingdom of the Netherlands; and Mr. Mikhail Gorbachev, Chairman, Green Cross International, to address water-related commitments to lead-off the interactive discussion.

- Interactive discussion among ministers/official statements

3:00pm – 4:30pm
Conference Room 1 (Plenary)

Ministers will be invited to continue their interactive discussions/official statements on the topic: ***Turning Political Commitments into Action.***

- Introductory remarks by invited speaker to lead-off the interactive discussion. (tbc)

4:30pm - 6:00pm
Conference Room 1 (Plenary)

Topic: ***Turning Political Commitments into Action: Interactive Discussions with Major Groups***

From 4:30pm – 6:00pm, Ministers will be invited to engage with **Major Groups** in an interactive discussion on the three themes of water, sanitation and human settlements.

- This session will encompass three “blocks” of time, each comprised of three Major Group presentations followed by approximately ten minutes of interactive discussion.

Friday 22 April 2005

8:30am – 10:00am
Conference Room 6

Closed Ministerial Meeting: Summing Up

The closed Ministerial meeting will be chaired by the Chair of CSD-13 and is intended to allow for a frank exchange of views on the outcomes of CSD-13. Attendance will be on the basis of Minister plus one.

10:00am – 12:00pm
Conference Room 1 (Plenary)

The session will continue discussions on the topic: *Turning Political Commitments into Action*

- Introductory remarks by invited speaker, Ms. Sunita Narain, Director, Centre for Science and Environment, Winner of the 2005 Stockholm Water Prize.
- Interactive discussions/official statements

3:00 – 6:00pm
Conference Room 1 (Plenary)

Closing Session

The Chair of CSD-13 will ask the meeting to consider Other Matters:

- adopt a draft decision on the term of office for future Bureaux

The Chair will ask the meeting to adopt the Report of the 13th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development

The Chair will then invite closing statements.

The meeting will adjourn and reconvene as CSD-14 to elect a Chair and Bureau for CSD-14.

Diagram 1: Process for the 2004/2005 cycle of the CSD

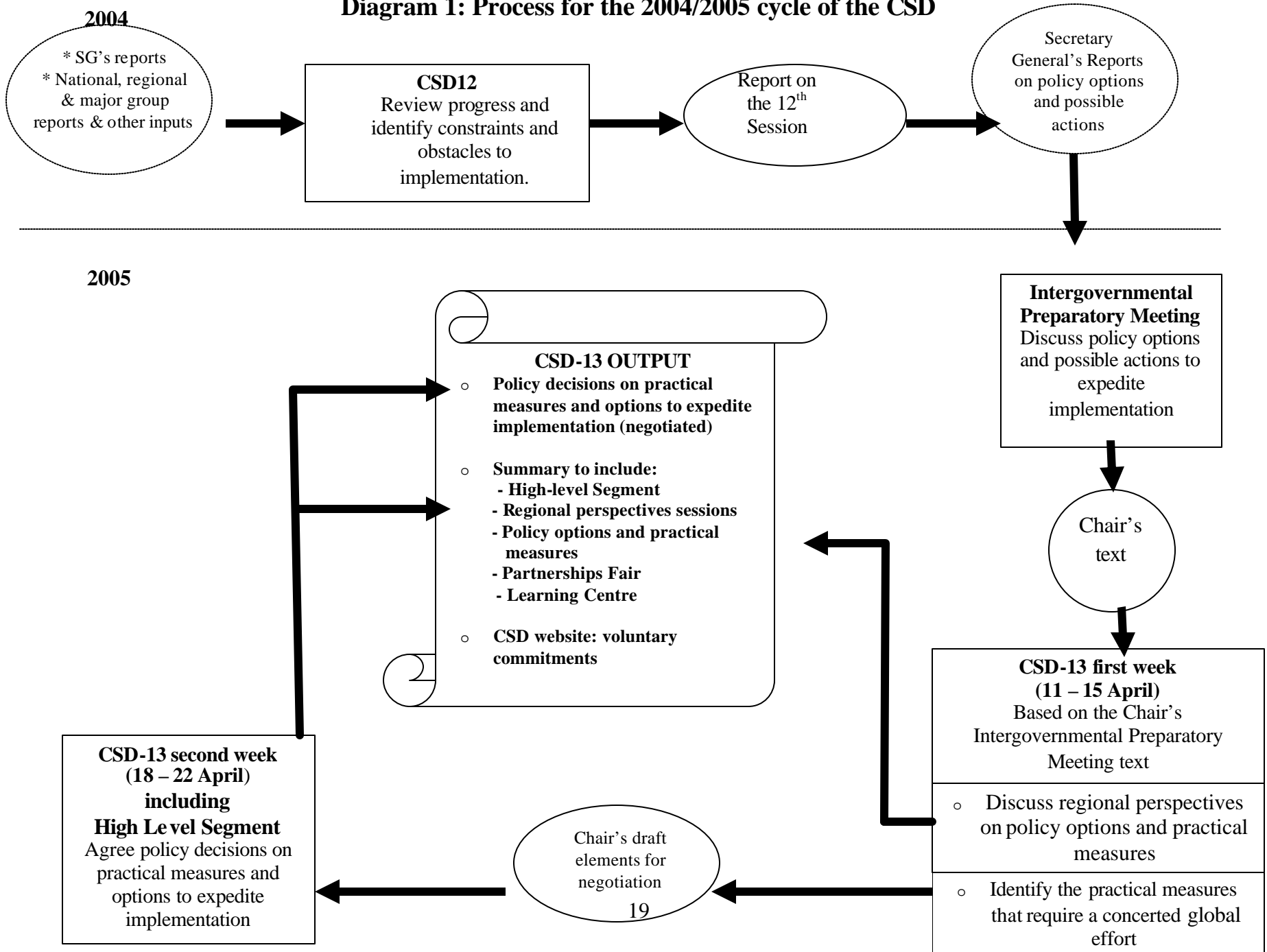


Table 1: CSD-13 Organization of Work

Monday 11 April 2005		Tuesday 12 April 2005		Wednesday 13 April 2005		Thursday 14 April 2005		Friday 15 April 2005	
Conf. Room 1		Conf. Room 1		Conf. Room 2		Conf. Room 1 Plenary		Conf. Room 1 Plenary	
10:00 am	Opening * Election of Officials * Adoption of the agenda and organization of work * Chair’s Opening statement * Inter-sessional meeting reports * Introduction of Chair’s text from Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting	Water: Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies and IGOs. 10:00 -11:30 Topic: IWRM 11:30 - 1: 00 pm Topic: Access to basic water services Based on the policy options and practical measures contained in the Chair’s IPM text: *focus your discussions on those that require a concerted global effort to implement, and * include consideration of all cross-cutting issues. Oral Summary	Human Settlements: Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies and IGO.s Topic: Access to housing and public services Based on the policy options and practical measures contained in the Chair’s IPM text: * focus your discussions on those that require a concerted global effort, and * include consideration of all cross-cutting issues. Oral Summary	Water and Sanitation: Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies and IGOs. 10:00 – 11:30: Topic: Strengthening the monitoring and evaluation of water and sanitation services Based on the policy options and practical measures contained in the Chair’s IPM text: * focus your discussions on those that require a concerted global effort, and * include consideration of all cross-cutting issues. 11:30 – 1:00 pm: Topic: Global water and sanitation follow-up Based on the policy options and practical measures contained in the Chair’s IPM text: * focus your discussions on those that require a concerted global effort, and * include consideration of all cross-cutting issues. Oral Summary	9:00 a.m. Distribution of Chair’s draft elements for decision Delegations study Chair’s draft – no plenary meeting	10:00 a.m . Introduction of Chair’s draft elements for decision Commence negotiations on the Chair’s draft elements for decision			
1:00 pm									
Conference Room 1 Plenary		Conference Room 1		Conference Room 2		Conference Room 1 Plenary		Conference Room 1	
3.00 pm	Regional Perspectives** Water , Sanitation, Human Settlements Introduction * Africa * Asia &Pacific * West Asia * Latin America & Caribbean * Europe, North America & others <u>Summary and Response</u>	Sanitation: Interactive discussions, led-off by a panel of UN agencies and IGOs. 3:00 – 4:30 Topic: Access to basic sanitation and hygiene 4:30 -6:00 Topic: Wastewater treatment, recycling and reuse Based on the policy options and practical measures contained in the Chair’s IPM text: * focus your discussions on those that require a concerted global effort, and * include consideration of all cross-cutting issues. Oral Summary	Human Settlements: Interactive discussions, led-off by a panel of UN agencies and IGOs. Topic: Job creation and enterprise promotion Based on the policy options and practical measures contained in the Chair’s IPM text: * focus your discussions on those that require a concerted global effort, and * include consideration of all cross-cutting issues. Oral Summary	Interactive discussions, led-off by a panel of UN agencies and IGOs. 3:00 – 4:30: Topic: Inter-linkages among the three themes 4:30 – 6:00 Topic: Inter-linkages among the three themes and all cross-cutting issues Based on the policy options and practical measures contained in the Chair’s IPM text: * highlight those that in your view are likely to maximize the impact and synergy in all three areas.	 				

HIGH -LEVEL SEGMENT					
Monday 18 April 2005		Tuesday 19 April 2005		Wednesday 20 April 2005	
				Thursday 21 April 2005	Friday 22 April 2005
				Conference Room 6	Conference Room 6
8.30			Conference Room 6	Conference Room 6	Conference Room 6
			Closed Ministerial meeting Introductory session	Closed Ministerial meeting With UN System	Closed Ministerial meeting Summing Up
	Conference Room 1	Conference Room 1	CONFERENCE ROOM 1	CONFERENCE ROOM 1	CONFERENCE ROOM 1
10:00	<u>Negotiations</u> Negotiations on the Chair's draft elements for decision	<u>Negotiations</u> Negotiations on reaching agreement on the policy decisions will conclude	10:00 Official Opening Opening statement: Chair CSD-13 UN DSG Live video link: Ms. Wangari Maathai, Nobel Laureate 10:30 Topic: Turning Political Commitments into Action Interactive discussions/ Official Statements 11:00 Meeting the MDGs related to water, sanitation and human settlements' targets invited speaker Mr. Robert Orr Interactive discussions 12:15 Turning Political Commitments into Action Interactive discussions/ Official Statements	Turning Political Commitments into Action 10:00 : Interactive discussion with UN organizations, Regional Commissions, specialized agencies and Bretton Woods institutions 11:30 Turning Political Commitments into Action Invited speakers: Prince of Orange, Netherlands and Mr. Gorbachev, Green Cross International to address water- related implementation Interactive discussions / Official Statements continue	Turning Political Commitments into Action invited speaker: Ms. Sunita Narain, , 2005 Stockholm Water Prize winner Interactive discussions/ Official Statements
1:00			MDG lunch discussion (Sweden)		
3:00	<u>Negotiations</u> Negotiations on the Chair's draft elements for decision	Distribution of the draft policy decisions	Topic: Turning Political Commitments into Action Invited speaker: H.E. Mr. Borge Brende, Norway, (CSD-12 Chair) Interactive discussions/ Official statements 5:00 <i>Impact of natural disasters on water, sanitation and human settlements – prevention and response:</i> Invited speakers: Mr. Jarraud, WMO and Mr. Bricena, ISDR	Turning Political Commitments into Action invited speaker (tbc) Interactive discussions/ Official Statements	<u>Plenary</u> 3:00 pm <u>Closing</u> *Other Matters: - Terms for future Bureaux *Adoption of the report of the 13 th session * Final statements *Election of CSD-14 Bureau
4:30	<u>Panel of Finance & Development Cooperation Ministers and Experts</u>	<u>5pm</u> Introduce draft policy decisions and hear factual comments.	Interactive discussion	Turning Political Commitments into Action Interactive discussion with Major Groups	
6:00					

CSD-13 Partnerships Fair (Preliminary Schedule)

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		Neck Area**	Conference Room 6	Neck Area**	Conference Room 6	Neck Area**	Conference Room 6	Neck Area**	Conference Room 6
9:30 am	[No Partnerships Fair activities]	Partnerships Information Desks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recovery of the Circuit of Four Lakes 	[No Partnerships Fair activities]	Partnerships Information Desks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Partnership for sustainable development in the Mountain Region (Mountain Partnership) Sustainable Cities Initiative (SCI)/ World Urban Forum (tbc) Community Water Initiative, Shared Rivers Governance Project and Capacity Building in Integrated Water Resources Management (Cap-Net) 	[No Partnerships Fair activities]	Partnerships Information Desks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Network of European Alimentary Culture (NEAC) Partners for Water and Sanitation (PAWS) 	[No Partnerships Fair activities]	Partnerships Information Desks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development (NRG4SD) EcoSanRes - International Network for Communications, Research and Capacity Development in Ecological Sanitation 	[No Partnerships Fair activities]
1:30 pm									
	Neck Area**	Neck Area**	Conference Room 6	Neck Area**	Conference Room 6	Neck Area**	Conference Room 6	Neck Area**	Conference Room 6
2:00 pm	Partnerships Information Desks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainable Rural development and Ecovillage Training Program Earth Observation Education and Training 	Partnerships Information Desks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desks TBA 		Partnerships Information Desks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WSSD Integrated Global Observing Strategy Partnership (IGOS) Dams and Development Project Community Water Initiative, Shared Rivers Governance Project and Capacity Building in Integrated Water Resources Management (Cap-Net) 		Partnerships Information Desks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfer of know-how held by Japanese local governments in the field of addressing environmental problems Total Water Programme Partnership Children's Environmental Health Indicators (tbc) 		Partnerships Information Desks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water and Sanitation for the Urban Poor (WSUP) Silver Ceramic Systems (Activity to initiate partnership) Cleaner Fuels and Vehicle Partnership (tbc) 	
6:00 pm			3:30 – 5:30 pm “Partnerships in Practice” interactive discussions on: Water and Sanitation Partnerships-- <i>Raising awareness and delivering water and sanitation services</i>		3:30 – 5:30 pm “Partnerships in Practice” interactive discussions on: Human Settlements Partnerships-- <i>Developing local capacity for sustainable habitats</i>		3:30 – 5:30 pm “Partnerships in Practice” interactive discussions on: Mobilizing Resources-- <i>Financial and Non-financial contributions to partnerships</i>		3:30 – 5:30 pm Partnerships in Practice: Communication and Outreach: <i>Fostering creative exchange of partnership information</i>

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9:30 am	[No Partnerships Information desks]	[No Partnerships Fair activities]	Partnerships Information Desks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water program for Africa and Arid and Water Scarce Zones • Northern Water Network (tbc) 	[No Partnerships Fair activities]					[No Partnerships Fair activities]
1:30 pm									
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2:00 pm	[No Partnerships Information desks]	3:30 – 5:30 pm “Partnerships in Practice” interactive discussions on: Partnerships- related meetings – <i>Outcomes of the Marrakech Forum and Euro Sustainability, conference.</i>	Partnerships Information Desks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Seed Initiative • International Law on Sustainable development partnership 	3:00 – 5:00 pm “Partnerships in Practice” interactive discussions on: <i>Exploring the Role of the Private Sector in Partnerships for Sustainable development</i>					[No Partnerships Fair activities]
6:00 pm									

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Venue: Conference Room C

WEEK 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
TIME	11.04	12.04	13 .04	14.04	15.04
10:00-13:00	<No activities>	<i>“Institutional Aspects of Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development”</i> from <i>Harvard University</i>	<i>“Programming for Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion: How to do it”</i> by WSSCC – Water supply and Sanitation and Collaborative Council, Geneva	<i>“How to focus Integrated Water Resources Management on Poverty Reduction”</i> from <i>The Institute@ managed by UNDP & Smithsonian Cap-Net</i>	<i>“Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis and Strategic Action Programme & National IWRM Planning”</i> by Marine & Coastal Policy Research Group, Uni Plymouth Cap-Net UNDP
15:00-18:00	<i>“Water pricing in Australia: how to achieve water conservation objectives and sustainable use”</i> by <i>Victorian Department of Sustainability and Environment</i>	<i>“Strengthening Governance of Water Resources: Environmental Laws, Enforcement, and Indicators”</i> from <i>US-Environmental Protection Agenc/INECE</i>	<i>“How to Apply for GEF projects”</i> from <i>UNDP/GEF</i>	<i>“UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development - Engaging Teacher Education Institutions”</i> by UNESCO/UNU	<i>“Creating a Home in the city – Achieving the MDGs in Urban Centers”</i> by Uni. Rome ‘La Sapienza’ Columbia University

WEEK 2 TIME		Monday 18.04	Tuesday 19.04	Wednesday 20.04	Thurs day 21.04	Friday 22.04
10:00-13:00	<p><i>“Managing water resources through the Ramsar Convention – Negotiation Simulation”</i></p> <p>by the Ramsar Convention Wetland training service of the Dutch Institute for Inland Water management and Waste Water Treatment</p>	<p><i>“Sustainable Sanitation – Innovative Approaches for Urban and Peri-Urban Sanitation”</i></p> <p>from <i>The Institute@ managed by UNDP & Smithsonian SIDA SEI</i></p>	<p><i>“Sustainable Development Law: Access to water, and water tenure systems”</i></p> <p>from <i>Centre for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL)</i></p>	<No activities>		
	<p><i>“The way forward towards sustainable wastewater management – Problem Identification for Project Formulation”</i></p> <p>by UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education</p>	<p><i>“Attracting Private Finance for Water, Sanitation and Energy”</i></p> <p>by <i>USAID</i></p>	<p><i>“Women and Sanitation - A growing problem - Ecosan, a sustainable solution”</i></p> <p>from <i>Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB)</i></p>			