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Organization of Work for CSD-16

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General Introduction

By the decision of CSD-11, subsequently approved by the Economic and Social Council, the review session of the CSD in the two-year implementation cycle will focus on identifying barriers and constraints in implementation, as well as lessons learned and best practices in relation to its thematic cluster. CSD-16's thematic issues are *agriculture, rural development, land, drought, desertification and Africa*. It will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 5 to 16 May 2008.

Organization of Work

The proposed organization of work for **CSD-16** can be divided into four parts:

- Part 1 (5 May) includes the **Opening Session**, featuring, among other activities, **reports on inter-sessional events** and **General Statements**. General Statements will focus on overall review of progress in the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation.
- Part 2 (5-9 May) includes **Thematic discussions** and **Regional discussions**, which provide an opportunity to focus deliberations on identifying barriers and constraints, lessons learned and best practices in relation to the thematic cluster of issues. Discussions will take place in parallel in Room 4 and Room 2 and will have equal footing.
- Part 3 (12-13 May) consists of a **SIDS day** on the review of implementation of the Mauritius Strategy in relation to the thematic cluster of issues, and **review of CSD-13 decisions on water and sanitation**.
- Part 4 (14-16 May) is the **High-level Segment**, featuring: (i) Ministerial statements/interactive discussions entitled *The Way Forward* to address barriers and constraints and to provide guidance on areas to be focused on during the policy year; (ii) two Ministerial roundtables entitled, respectively, *Investing in Africa to Achieve MDGs and Sustainable Development*, and *Inter-linkages among the thematic issues, including adaptation to climate change in the context of sustainable development*; and (iii) Ministerial interactive discussions, including one dialogue session with Heads of UN agencies, funds and programmes, relevant international and regional organizations; and one dialogue session with representatives of Major Groups.

Major Groups

During the course of CSD-16 the **Major Groups** will be invited to participate as follows:

- A dedicated Major Groups' multi-stakeholder dialogue session, as well as a multi-stakeholder dialogue session with participation of partnerships representatives;
- A Ministerial dialogue session with Major Groups;
- Participation in Thematic and Regional discussions, the SIDS day, review of CSD-13 decisions on water and sanitation, the Partnerships Fair, and the Learning Centre;
- Closing remarks on how Major Groups will initiate action in implementation in relation to the thematic cluster of issues.

Partnerships Fair

CSD-16 official programme includes a Partnerships Fair. In keeping with the review session's focus on identifying barriers and constraints, lessons learned and best practices, the Partnerships Fair will highlight lessons learned from partnerships for sustainable development, especially those working on CSD-16 thematic

cluster of issues. The Fair will also provide registered “Partnerships for Sustainable Development” with the opportunity to showcase progress, network, identify partners, and create synergies between complementary initiatives.

The key components of the CSD-16 Partnerships Fair will include:

- **“Partnerships in Practice”**: Interactive discussions: Sessions organized by the Partnerships Team to generate open dialogue on practical issues in implementation for partnerships engaged in CSD-16/17 thematic issues and on issues common to all partnerships.
- **“Partnership Presentations”**: Registered partnerships will have the opportunity to make presentations about their initiatives and to engage in an open discussion with participants during Q&A sessions (40 -50 minute time slots).
- **Partnerships Information Desks**: A small number of desks will be available upon request to partnerships registered with the CSD Secretariat. Partnership representatives will be able to display and distribute information related to their partnerships and be available to discuss their work with CSD-16 delegates. The desks will be located in the ‘neck area’ (situated in the corridor between the Vienna Café and the elevators in the 1st basement of the Conference Building at UNHQ).

Learning Centre

A **Learning Centre** is an integral part of the official CSD-16 programme and will be scheduled from 5 to 16 May 2008. Courses will be given by experts with hands-on experience.

Side Events

Side events, sponsored by Governments, UN organizations, IGOs and Major Groups, will be organized as a complementary part of the programme to generate informal opportunities for exchange of experience and lessons learned.

The outputs of CSD-16

The outputs of CSD-16 will include:

- An action-oriented Chairman’s summary based on discussions during the Opening session and the General Statements, the Thematic and Regional discussions, the SIDS day, the review of CSD-13 Water and Sanitation decisions, and the High-level Segment, to provide guidance on priority areas to be focused on during the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (IPM) and the policy session;
- Records of the Partnerships Fair, the Learning Centre, and Multi-stakeholder dialogue sessions.

Matrix

The Matrix is an information tool developed by the Secretariat at the request of the Bureau, based on case studies and lessons learned, made available by Governments, organizations of the UN system and other regional and international organizations, as well as Major Groups. The Matrix will be **a work in progress**, for use during the preparations for CSD-16 and during thematic discussions. The Matrix will be continuously refined and updated as information from national reports/case studies becomes available.

Organisation of Work for CSD-16: ANNOTATIONS

To be read in conjunction with Annex Table 1

Monday, 5 May 2008

The Purpose of Day 1 is to:

1. Elect the CSD-16 Bureau and adopt the agenda and organization of work;
2. Provide an opportunity for reporting on inter-sessional events;
3. Initiate (i) General Statements focused on overview of progress in the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, as well as the Mauritius Strategy; and (ii) Regional and Thematic discussions.

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Conference Room 4 (Plenary)

CSD-16 will open in plenary on the morning of 5 May 2008. It will start with the election of officials and adoption of the agenda and organization of work. The Chair of CSD-16 will make an opening statement. This will be followed by opening remarks by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

The outcomes of events and activities organized during the inter-sessional period will be presented. The presentations will be a maximum of **five minutes** in duration, focusing on the outcomes of the events. They include:

- Panel discussions on water during WATEC Conference (Tel Aviv, Israel, , 31 October 2007);
- 7th Global Forum on Sustainable Energy (Vienna, Austria, 21-23 November 2007);
- International Conference on Combating Desertification (Beijing, China, 22-24 January 2008);
- The Oslo Policy Forum on Changing the Way We Develop: Dealing with Disasters and Climate Change (Oslo, Norway, 28-29 February 2008);
- High-level Roundtable on International Cooperation for Sustainable Development in Caribbean Small Island Developing States (Bridgetown, Barbados, 25-27 March 2008)

The **Opening** will be followed by **General Statements** focused on overview of progress in the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, as well as on the Mauritius Strategy, based on the Secretary-General's reports on overall progress and on SIDS.

The Secretariat will introduce the Secretary-General's overview report, to be followed by an expert presentation by **Mr. Christopher Flavin**, President of the Worldwatch Institute.

Delegations are invited to focus their interventions (**3 minutes each**) on selected issues of priority concern to them, as well as new challenges and opportunities, including those in relation to partnerships for sustainable development (*It is recommended that delegations in their general statements address one or two priority issues related to the overall progress in implementation or new and emerging challenges and opportunities*).

Delegations are invited to forward their statements by e-mail (dsd@un.org) for posting on the CSD Secretariat's website.

Monday, 5 May 2008 (cont.)

3:00 – 6:00pm (Parallel Sessions)

Conference Room 4

Chair: CSD-16 Bureau member

Thematic Discussions

Agriculture

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

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:

- **Hunger, poverty and food security**
- **Trends and prospects in agricultural production and consumption**
- **Production and supply challenges and impacts on prices**
- **Climate change, desertification and agriculture**

Panellists:

- Prof. Per **Pinstrup-Anderson**, former Director-General of IFPRI, Professor of Food, Nutrition and Public Policy, Cornell
- Dr. Gregory A. **Ruark**, Director USDA National Agroforestry Center
- Dr. Tianzhi **Ren**, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences
- Erick **Fernandes** (ARD), World Bank

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

Conference Room 2

Chair: CSD-16 Bureau member

Regional Discussions

**Africa
Western Asia**

Regional discussions will include:

- Presentations of the outcomes of regional implementation meetings
- Interactive discussions focusing, in particular, on region-specific barriers and constraints, as well as lessons learned and best practices, based on regional experiences and
- Next steps.

Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc, with hands-on experiences in the regions.

Panellists:

Africa

- **Mr. Luc Gnacadja**, Executive Secretary of UNCCD
- **Dr. Josué Dioné**, Director Food Security and Sustainable Development Division, ECA
- **Dr. Babagana Ahmadu**, Director Rural Economy and Agriculture, Africa Union Commission
- **Dr. Alioune Badiane**, Director Africa and Arab States, UN-Habitat
- **Ms. Sally Bunning**, Technical Officer, Land and Water Division, FAO

Western Asia

- **Mr. Djamel Echirk**, General Inspector for the Environment, Ministry of Land Habilitation, Environment and Tourism, Algeria
- **Mr. Khaled Abdul Aziz Al Charea**, Director, Land Safety, General Authority for Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Local Administration & Environment, Syria
- **Ms. Carol Chouchani Cherfane**, Acting Team Leader, Technology and Enterprise Development Team (TED)/ SDPD/UN-ESCWA

Tuesday, 6 May 2008

The Purpose of Day 2 is to:

1. Continue Regional and Thematic discussions on the thematic cluster; and
2. Hold a dialogue session with Major Groups.

10:00 am – 1:00pm (Parallel Sessions)

Conference Room 4

Chair: CSD-16 Bureau member

Thematic Discussions

Rural Development

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

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- **Rural poverty**
- **Access to social services: water sanitation, health care and energy, including alternative sources of energy in rural areas**
- **Targeted support to small-scale farmers, in particular women**
- **Building human capital: education and training, in particular for girls and women**

Panellists:

- H.E. Ambassador Olivier **Belle**, Belgium
- Dr M. Taghi **Farvar**, IUCN Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy (CEESP)
- Ms. Yacine **Diagne**, ENDA Tiers Monde
- Dr. Naresh **Singh**, Executive Director, Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor
- Mme Jeannette **Gurung**, Director of WOCAN and President of the Adelboden Group

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Regional Discussions

**Asia and the Pacific
Latin America and the Caribbean**

Regional discussions will include:

- Presentations of the outcomes of regional implementation meetings
- Interactive discussions focusing, in particular, on region-specific barriers and constraints, as well as lessons learned and best practices, based on regional experiences and
- Next steps.

Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc, with hands-on experiences in the regions.

Panellists:

Asia and the Pacific

- **Mr. Saeid Zahedi**, National CSD Focal Point, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Iran
- **Ms. Meena Bigli**, Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (WOCAN)
- **Ms. Elenita C. Dano**, Associate, Third World Network

Latin America and the Caribbean

- **Ms. Ana Bianchi**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Argentina
- **Mr. Sergio Zelaya**, UNCCD Secretariat, Focal point for LAC
- **Ms. Marianne Schaper**, Principal Officer, Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division, UN ECLAC

Tuesday, 6 May 2008 (cont.)

3:00pm – 6:00pm (Parallel Sessions)

Conference Room 4

Chair: CSD-16 Bureau member

Thematic Discussions

Agriculture and Rural Development

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

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- **Integrated planning of sustainable agriculture**
- **Water and agriculture**
- **Role of technology in agriculture and rural development**
- **International agricultural trade and access to markets**

Panellists:

- Prof. **He Maochun**, Agriculture Trade expert, Tsinghua University, China
- Dr. Christ **Leaver**, Emeritus Professor of Plant Science, Fellow of St John's College, University of Oxford
- **Senator Edgardo J. Angara**, the Senate of the Republic of the Philippines
- Dr. John **Pender**, Senior Research Fellow, in IFPRI's Environment and Production Technology Division

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Regional Discussions

UN ECE region

Regional discussions will include:

- Presentations of the outcomes of regional implementation meetings
- Interactive discussions focusing, in particular, on region-specific barriers and constraints, as well as lessons learned and best practices, based on regional experiences and
- Next steps.

Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc, with hands-on experiences in the regions.

Panellists:

- **Ms. Elisabeth Gauffin**, Vice President, IFAP Development Cooperation Committee, Chair, Swedish Farmers' Federation
- **Mr. Peter Creuzer**, Head, Agency for Geoinformation, Land Development and Real Estate, Hannover, Germany
- Dr. Colien **Hefferan**, CSREES, USDA
- **Mr. Jiri Hlavacek**, Director of Department, Ministry of Environment, Czech Republic
- **Ms. Nadine GOUZEE**, Task Force, Sustainable Development, Federal Planning Bureau, Belgium

4:30 – 6:00 pm: Dialogue with Major Groups

This dialogue session provides an opportunity for a focused discussion on the role of Major Groups in promoting action in implementation in relation to the thematic cluster, including in the area of education, raising public awareness, disseminating information and knowledge, including technical know-how, and fostering partnership initiatives.

Wednesday, 7 May 2008

The Purpose of Day 3 is to continue thematic discussions on the thematic cluster

10:00am – 1:00pm (Parallel Sessions)

Conference Room 4

Chair: CSD-16 Bureau member

Thematic Discussions

Agriculture and Rural Development

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

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:

- **Non-farm activities, including agribusiness**
- **Rural enterprise development**
- **Micro-finance, including micro-credit**
- **Investment in agriculture and rural infrastructure**

Panellists:

- Mr. Sergio **Miranda da Cruz**, Director, Agro-Business Development, UNIDO
- Prof. Puneetha **S Palakurthi**, Asst. Professor, School of CED, Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester
- Dr. Colien **Hefferan**, CSREES, USDA
- Mr. Arne **Cartridge**, Senior Vice President at Yara International ASA

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Conference Room 2

Chair: CSD-16 Bureau member

Thematic Discussions

Drought

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

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- **Drought and impacts on hunger and poverty**
- **Climate change, water scarcity and drought**
- **Building resilience**
- **Drought preparedness and response measures to drought**
- **Monitoring and early warning**

Panellists:

- Dr. Anada **TIEGA**, Secretary General, The Convention on Wetlands, Ramsar Secretariat
- Dr. Scott **Christiansen**, Executive Assistant to DG, ICARDA
- Mr. Enos **Esikuri**, Environment Department, World Bank
- Estanbacios **Castro**, International Indian Treaty Council

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Wednesday, 7 May 2008 (cont.)

3:00pm – 6:00pm (Parallel Sessions)

Conference Room 4

Chair: CSD-16 Bureau member

Thematic Discussions

Land

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

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:

- **Land and livelihoods**
- **Climate change and land use change**
- **Integrated land use planning and management**
- **Information systems and tools for land use planning**

Panellists:

- Mr **Omara Amuko**, Global Health and Safety Officer, IUFANA
- Dr. Jolyn **Sanjak**, Senior Director, MCC
- Dr. Erick **Fernandes** (ARD), World Bank
- Ms. Clarissa **Augustinus**, Chief, Land, Tenure and Property Administration Section, UN-HABITAT
- Mr. Michael **Taylor**, International Land Coalition

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Conference Room 2

Chair: Bureau member

Thematic Discussions

Desertification

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

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:

- **Global dimensions of desertification**
- **Desertification and poverty**
- **Relationships between agricultural and pastoral practices and desertification**
- **Land degradation and desertification**
- **Monitoring and early warning of desertification**
- **Impact of desertification on climate change**

Panellists:

- Prof. Uriel **Safriel**, Lead author of Millennium Ecosystem Assessment /Synthesis on Desertification, Hebrew University
- Dr. Jeff **Herrick**, Research Scientist, USDA-ARS
- Dr. Sanjay **Kumar**, Deputy Inspector General, Indian Ministry of Natural Resources
- Ms. Nancy **Kgengwenyane**, Chief of Party/Programme Manager, Okavango Integrated River Basin Management Projects, Botswana

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Thursday, 8 May 2008

The Purpose of Day 4 is to continue thematic discussions on the thematic cluster.

10:00 am – 1:00 pm (Parallel Sessions)

Conference Room 4

Chair: CSD-16 Bureau member
Thematic Discussions

Land (continued)

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

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:

- **Access to productive resources and eradication of poverty**
- **Land tenure**
- **Financing for integrated land management**

Panellists:

- Dr Joan **Kagwanja**, Economic Affairs Officer, ECA
- Ms. Rowshan **Jahan Moni**, Program Coordinator, Association for Land Reform and Development
- Mr Laureano Del Castillo **Pinto**, Presidente del IPROGA
- Dr Klaus **Deininger**, Lead Economist in the rural development group of the Development Economics Group
- Dr. Christian **Mersmann**, Managing Director, Global Mechanism
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Conference Room 2

Chair: CSD-16 Bureau member
Thematic Discussions

Drought and Desertification

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

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- **Drought and desertification: social, economic and environmental impacts**
- **Linkages among climate change, drought , desertification, biodiversity loss**
- **Strengthening synergies among the Rio Conventions, and other relevant environmental Conventions**
- **Impact of desertification on migration**

Panellists:

- **Dr. Zhang Kebin**, College of Soil & Water Conservation, Beijing Forestry University
- Dr. Joost **Brouwer**, Agricultural Scientist and Ecologist, IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management
- Dr. Sara **Scherr**, President, Ecoagriculture Partners
- D. Bakary **Kante**, Director, Division of Environmental Law and Conventions, UNEP
- Dr. Scott **Christiansen**, Executive Assistant to DG, ICARDA

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Thursday, 8 May 2008 (cont.)

3:00pm – 6:00pm (Parallel Sessions)

Conference Room 4

Chair: CSD-16 Bureau member

Thematic Discussions

Africa

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

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- **Sustainable development in Africa**
- **Globalization and Africa: international commodity trade; export diversification, including high-value agriculture; and the digital divide**
- **Industrial productivity and competitiveness**

Panellists:

- Dr Gerry **Noble**, CEO Microcare (Uganda).
- David **Tommy**, UNIDO Representative to the United Nations and Director, UNIDO, New York
- Dr. Nebiyeleul **Gessese**, Senior Industrial and Chemical Engineer, Environment Specialist, Global Development Solutions, LLC
- Ms. Marjatta **Eilitta**, Programme Leader, Agribusiness Programme, IFDC

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Thematic Discussions

Drought and Desertification

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- **Conservation and rehabilitation of dry-land ecosystems; Afforestation and reforestation**
- **Technology, traditional knowledge and practices**
- **Investment and resource mobilization**
- **Long-term monitoring and early warning**
- **National, regional and international strategies and action plans to combat drought and desertification**

Panellists:

- Dr. Nir **Atzmon**, National Forest Commissioner, Israel
- Prof. Pierpaolo **Faggi**, Professore ordinario di Geografia umana - Facoltà di Scienze della Formazione, Università di Padova
- Dr. Christian **Mersmann**, Managing Director, Global Mechanism
- Dr. Carlos E. Gonzalez **Vicente**, National Forest Commission, Mexico

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Friday, 9 May 2008

The Purpose of Day 5 is to continue thematic discussions on the four issues in the thematic cluster and to hold a dialogue with Major Groups and implementing Partners.

10:00 am – 1:00pm (Parallel Sessions)

Conference Room 4

Chair: CSD-16 Bureau member

Thematic Discussions

Africa (continued)

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

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- **Protecting and managing the natural resource base: forests, biodiversity, water, drought and desertification**
- **Climate change and Africa**
- **Sustainable tourism**
- **Infrastructure development: transportation links; energy infrastructure; IT**

Panellists:

- Dr. Ogunlade **Davidson**, Dean School of Engineering, Univ. Sierra Leone
- Mr. Alioune **Badiane**, Director, Regional Office for Africa & the Arab states, UN-HABITAT
- Luigi **Cabrini**, Head of the Sustainable Development Division at WTO
- Peter **Holmgren**, Director, Environment, Climate Change and Bioenergy Division, Natural Resources Management and Environment Department

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Conference Room 2

Chair: CSD-16 Bureau member

Thematic Discussions

Inter-linkages and all cross-cutting issues

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

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Addressing the social, economic and environmental dimensions of the thematic issues and their inter-linkages, as well as national, regional and global characteristics, with a view to enhancing coherence and consistence in implementation of all cross-cutting issues, including the means of implementation

Panellists:

- M. Peter **McPherson**, President of NASULGC, former President of Michigan State University, former Administrator of USAID
- Prof. Cleophas **Migiro**, Director, Cleaner Production Center of Tanzania
- Mona Elisabeth **Brøther**, Ambassador, MFA, Norway
- Nadine **Gouzée**, Head of the Task Force on Sustainable Development of the Belgian Federal Planning Bureau

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Friday, 9 May 2008 (cont.)

3:00pm – 6:00pm (Parallel Sessions)

Conference Room 4

Chair: CSD-16 Bureau member

Thematic Discussions

Africa (continued)

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

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- **Agricultural potential in Africa**
- **Role of agricultural R&D and extension services**
- **Land, rural credit availability and gender equality**
- **Regional integration**
- **Investing in Africa**
- **International development cooperation**

Panellists:

- Dr. Julie **Howard**, Executive Director, Partnership to cut hunger and poverty in Africa
- Dr. Akinwumi **Adesina**, Vice-President, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa
- Dr. Peter **Hartmann**, Director General, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)
- Prof. Robert **Richardson**, Asst. Prof., Dept of Community, Agriculture, Recreation, and Resource Studies (CARRS), MSU

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Thematic Discussions

Inter-linkages and all cross-cutting issues

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

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:

International cooperation in developing, deploying and disseminating new and innovative technologies and other issues that help achieve multiple impacts and objectives in the thematic cluster of issues including the means of implementation

Panellists:

- Dr. Mazlan **Othman**, Director, Office of Outer Space, United Nations
- Pedro A. **Sanchez**, Director of Tropical Agriculture, The Earth Institute at Columbia University

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

4:30-6:00 pm: Dialogue with Major Groups and Representatives of Partnerships Initiatives

This dialogue session provides an opportunity for a focused discussion on the role of Major Groups and the role of implementing Partners in promoting action in implementation in relation to the thematic cluster.

Monday, 12 May 2008

The Purpose of Day 6 is to organize the SIDS day and to review the implementation of CSD-13 decisions on Water and Sanitation.

10:00 am – 1:00pm (Parallel Sessions)

Conference Room 4

Chair: CSD-16 Bureau member
SIDS Day

9.00am – 9.45.am

Opening

- Statement by Chair **Nhema**
- Statement by USG **Sha Zukang**
- Statement by USG **Cheick Sidi Diarra**
- Statement by H.E. Dr. Angus **Friday**,
- Introduction of the SG's Report
- Video Presentation on the role of culture in promoting awareness, advocacy and a participatory approach to the sustainable management of the natural resources in this thematic cluster

9:45-10:30 am

General debate on review of Mauritius Strategy of Implementation

10.30am – 12.00pm

Panel I: Sustainable Land Management (SLM), Drought & Desertification

Following panel presentations, the presiding Chair/Vice-Chair will moderate an interactive dialogue. Interventions should be no longer than 2-3 minutes. Major Group representatives, regional organizations and relevant agencies of the UN system will be invited to participate to share specific information on success stories and best practices. The means of implementation, possibilities for donor support, investment and capacity building within the context of each thematic issue may be explored in exchanges with the donor community.

- **Sustainable Development and Land Management:** Dr. Chelston Brathwaite, IICA
- **Desertification, Drought & Invasive species in SIDS:** Dr. Rolph Payet, Seychelles
- **Land Policy, Administration and Management:** Ms. Jacqueline daCosta, Jamaica

Conference Room 2

Chair: CSD-16 Bureau member
Review of CSD-13 Decisions on Water and Sanitation

11:30 -1:00 pm

The morning session will begin with introductory remarks.

Statement by Chair **Nhema**

Statement by USG **Sha Zukang**

Statement by USG **Cheick Sidi Diarra**

Statement by Chair of UN-Water **Pasquale Steduto**

Introduction of the SG's Report

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:

- **Providing access to safe drinking water and sanitation services**
- **Building partnerships for capacity building and technology transfer**
- **Improving sustainability of water utilities**
- **Engaging stakeholders in implementation process: limitations and constraints**
- **Strengthening monitoring and reporting**
- **Scaling up good practices**
- **Means of implementation**

Panellists:

- Catherine **Revels**, Acting Global Program Manager Water and Sanitation Program (WSP)
- Mr. **Piers Cross**, WSP, Africa
- Mr. Antonio **Miranda**—UNSGAB
- Mr. Bert **Diphoorn**, UN-HABITAT
- Mr. Roberto **Lenton**

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

Monday, 12 May 2008 (cont.)

3:00pm – 6:00pm (Parallel Sessions)

Conference Room 4

Chair: CSD-16 Bureau member

SIDS Day (continued)

The afternoon session will accommodate one panel discussion. Following panel presentations, the presiding Chair/Vice-Chair will moderate an interactive dialogue. Interventions will again be limited to 2-3 minutes, and Major Group representatives, regional organizations and relevant agencies of the UN system will be invited to participate to share specific information on success stories and best practices. The means of implementation, possibilities for donor support, investment and capacity building within the context of each thematic issue may be explored in exchanges with the donor community.

**Panel II: Agriculture, Rural Development
3.00pm – 6.00pm**

- **Agro-tourism; Revitalizing agriculture and rural development:** Ms. Ena Harvey, IICA
- **Food Security in SIDS:** Mr. Peter Holmgren, FAO
- **Rural livelihoods and community development:** Mr. Rex Horoi, Executive Director, Foundations of the People of the South Pacific

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

Conference Room 2

Chair: CSD-16 Bureau member

**Review of CSD-13 Decisions
on Water and Sanitation (continued)**

Interactive discussions will continue on the above-listed topics (*see morning session*), with participation of the above-listed morning-session panellists.

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

Tuesday, 13 May 2008

The Purpose of Day 7 is to:

1. Conclude review of CSD-13 decisions on water and sanitation; and
2. Distribute the Chair's summary – Part I.

10:00am – 1:00pm
Conference Room 4 (Plenary)

Chair: CSD-16 Bureau Member

Review of CSD-13 Decisions on Water and Sanitation (continued)

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

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:

- **Integrated water resource management: water efficiency plans**
- **Enhancing water productivity in different uses**
- **Strengthening water management and governance at all levels**
- **Enhancing international cooperation in water management**

Panellists:

- Ms. Margaret **Catley-Carlson**, Member, UNSGAB
- Mr. Mike **Muller**, Consultant, South Africa
- Mr David **Molden**, Deputy Director General, IWMI
- Mr. Loïc **FaUCHO**, World Water Council

(Note: the above-listed issues are intended to facilitate discussions only and are not meant to be an exhaustive list)

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

Tuesday, 13 May 2008 (cont.)

3:00 – 4:30pm

Review of CSD-13 Decisions on Water and Sanitation (continued)

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

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:

- **Financing water and sanitation services**
- **Integrating water and sanitation agenda into broader development framework to meet the internationally agreed development goals, including the MDGs**
- **The way forward**

Panellists:

- Mr. Abel **Mejia**, World Bank
- Ms. Margaret **Batty**, WaterAid
- Mr. Ferdnand **Gama**, Evensen Dodge International

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

Conference Room 4

The Chair's summary – Part I will be distributed at 4:30 pm.

5:30pm – 6:00pm

Conference Room 4 (Plenary)

Chair: CSD-16 Chair

The Chair will introduce his summary – Part I and invite delegates to make any factual comments.

HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT: ANNOTATIONS

Wednesday, 14 May 2008

The Purpose of Day 8 is to:

1. Report to Ministers the outcomes of the Thematic and Regional discussions, the SIDS Day, the Partnerships Fair, the Learning Centre, the Multi-stakeholder dialogue session, and the Review of CSD-13 decisions on water and sanitation;
2. Start the High-level Segment and initiate Ministerial discussions on selected topics; and
3. Organize two Ministerial Roundtables.

8:30 – 10:00 am

Conference Room 6

Early-Morning, Closed Ministerial Meeting/Straight Talk: Introductory session

The closed Ministerial meeting/Straight Talk will be moderated by CSD-16 Chair. It 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.

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Conference Room 4 (Plenary)

Opening of the High-level Segment

The High-level Segment will be officially opened (at the GA Hall if available)

Chair: CSD-16 Chair

Opening remarks: Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon (confirmed)

Topic: *The Way Forward*

At 10:30am, Ministers will be invited to commence their interactive discussions and statements, providing guidance on the priority areas to be focused on during the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (IPM) and the policy session, under the topic of *The Way Forward*.

Interventions and statements are limited to **3 minutes** each; delegations are invited to forward copies of their interventions and statements to dsd@un.org for posting on the website.

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Conference Room 4 (Plenary)

Topic: *The Way Forward (continued)*

Ministerial interactive discussion and official statements continue.

Wednesday, 14 May 2008 (cont.)

Ministerial Roundtables (*Parallel*)

Roundtable 1 (Conference Room 4):

Investing in Africa to achieve Millennium Development Goals and Sustainable Development

(Background note on Roundtable 1 available on the CSD-16 web page)

Roundtable 2 (Conference Room 2):

Inter-linkages among the thematic issues, including adaptation to climate change)

(Background note on Roundtable 2 available on the CSD-16 web page)

Thursday, 15 May 2008

The Purpose of Day 9 is to:

1. Ministerial dialogue with UN organizations and Major Groups; and
2. Continue Ministerial discussions on *The Way Forward*.

8:30 – 10:00 am
Conference Room 6

Early-Morning, Closed Ministerial Meeting/Straight Talk: UN System

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.

10:00am – 11:30 am

Conference Room 4 (Plenary)

Topic: *Making a Difference: Interactive Discussions with UN organizations*

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.

The dialogue session will begin with presentations from organizations of **three minutes each** followed by interactive discussions.

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Conference Room 4 (Plenary)

Topic: *Making a Difference: Interactive Discussions with Major Groups*

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.

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.

3:00 - 6:00 pm

Conference Room 4 (Plenary)

Topic: *The Way Forward (continued)*

Ministerial interactive discussion and official statements continue.

Friday, 16 May 2008

The Purpose of Day 10 is to:

1. Continue Ministerial discussions on *The Way Forward*;
2. Comment on the Chair's Summary – Part II, which will provide guidance on Next Steps as well as on preparations for the policy year;
 1. Adopt the report of CSD-16; and
 2. Elect the Bureau for the 17th session.

8:30 – 10:00 am

Conference Room 6

Early-Morning, Closed Ministerial Meeting/Straight Talk: Summing Up

The closed Ministerial meeting will be moderated by CSD-16 Chair. It is intended to allow for a frank exchange of views on the outcomes of CSD-16. Attendance will be on the basis of Minister plus one.

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Conference Room 4 (Plenary)

Topic: *The Way Forward* (continued)

Ministerial interactive discussion and official statements continue.

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Conference Room 4 (Plenary)

Closing Session

The Chair's Summary – Part II will be distributed at 3:00 pm.

4:30 – 6:00 pm

Conference Room 4 (Plenary)

Chair: CSD-16 Chair

The Chair will invite delegates to make brief factual comments on Chair's Summary – Part II. The Chair will ask the meeting to adopt the Report of the 16th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development. The Chair will then invite closing statements. The meeting will adjourn and reconvene as CSD-17 to elect a Chair and Bureau for CSD-17.