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A weekend of activities outside the UN, highlighting New York's remarkable work in sustainable agriculture, urban food systems, market development, and other important issues of CSD 16-17. The Showcase is hosted by a multi-stakeholder group, including New York, US, and international civil society organizations, along with local and national government agencies whose support demonstrates a commitment to partnership for sustainable development in agriculture and food systems.

Friday,
9 May
18:30 - 20:30
Near UN

Showcase Welcome Reception: Friday, 9 May, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, near the UN. A welcome reception will be hosted for both Government and Civil Society delegates to the CSD by a consortium of New York City food system partners, state and national agencies and Mercy Corps, an international humanitarian relief agency that has provided generous support for this event. The reception will include a short program featuring civic and community leaders, farmers and organizations who will preview other elements of the showcase over the next two days. Locally available foods will be prepared by Cleaver Company, a celebrated New York caterer.

Saturday,
10 May
In NYC

City Farms Showcase Tour: Spend the day discovering the remarkable urban food system of New York City. This bus tour will highlight the large and small urban agriculture sites, youth and farmers' markets, and community nutrition education programs that together increase access to healthy foods for all New Yorkers. A lunch prepared by community chefs will be served. Tour guides will include grassroots community leaders, city farmers, local NGO representatives, and Cooperative Extension agents. Generous support provided by WHY (World Hunger Year).

Saturday,
10 May
Meet in NYC,
Travel to
Upstate NY

Hudson Valley Farms Showcase Tour: Travel up the Hudson River to visit farms near beautiful Pine Island, New York. This bus tour, which will travel 65+/- miles outside of NYC, will highlight successful examples of sustainable farming production linked to urban markets; land stewardship; immigrant farming initiatives and policy. A local farm lunch will be provided. Farmers, rural elected officials and staff of Cornell Cooperative Extension will be your guides.

Saturday,
10 May
At Union
Square
in NYC

Union Square Greenmarket Tours: Guided walking tours will be available, upon reservation, of the celebrated open-air Union Square farmers' market. Since 1976, the NYC Greenmarket system has provided city residents with a wide variety of fresh local produce, direct from the farmer. Greenmarket ensures the sustainability of 200 small farms and over 20,000 acres of working farmland. Tours will provide the opportunity to speak with a variety of local farmers, including those who are part of Greenmarket's New Farmer Development Project.

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Showcase Learning Event - Sunday, 11 May, at Teachers College, Columbia will be a full day of symposia and workshops hosted by New York, US and international organizations to review themes and initiatives related to issues under consideration at the CSD meetings. The conference will include plenary panels and discussion, workshops and briefings. Sessions will feature New York City and State representatives, local, national and international Civil Society organizations and representatives of Governments at CSD. **French and Spanish translation provided for Plenary.**

The provisional agenda includes issues such as:

- Climate change, food prices, food security and the changing structure of food systems
- The role of cities in agriculture and food systems: A dialogue on emerging trends in developed and developing countries
- Food & agro-fuels: What are the stakes?
- Knowledge & extension systems for sustainable agriculture and rural development (SARD)
- Development with identity: Cultural approaches to food system development
- Soil and water conservation and nutrient management for sustainable farming systems
- Civil Society Major Group CSD: Briefings and discussion of common findings
- Sustainability indicators
- Women's role in agriculture: networking and advocacy for change
- Youth movements: connecting the Global North and South
- Livestock, land, and livelihoods: addressing critical links for sustainable development

The Showcase Conference will also include displays of organizational literature from agencies and community organizations. A healthy local lunch will be provided.

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9:00 Plenary One: Looking at the Big Picture

Welcome and Opening by local organizing groups and sponsors

Roundtable On CSD Delegate Priorities For CSD 16/17: An Overview of Progress, Challenges and Opportunities

10:00 - 17:00 **Showcase Networking Fair: Including Displays of Local, National, and International Projects and Programmes Featured in the Tours and Learning Event.**

10:30 Workshop Session One: Sharing Practices

- Workshop 1: Case Studies for the Way Forward
- Workshop 2: Networking and Advocacy for Change: The Role of Women in Agriculture Development and Policy
- Workshop 3: The Future of Food: Biodiversity, Sovereignty, and Technology

11:00 - 12:30 **Networking Lunch**

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12:30 Workshop Session Two: Sharing Challenges

- Workshop 4: Agrofuels and Food: What are the Stakes?
- Workshop 5: Development with Identity: Culturally Appropriate Approaches to Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development (SARD)
- Workshop 6: Collaboration Models for SARD: Political Will, Resources, and Governance Policy
- Workshop 7: Working Session on Livestock, Land and Livelihoods: A Review and Look ahead to CSD 17

14:00 Break

14:30 Plenary Two: Sharing Strategies for Scaling Up SARD

Cities as 21st Century Centres for Regional Food Systems

15:00 Workshop Session Three: Good Practices for SARD

- Workshop 8: Indicators for Sustainable Development in the Food and Agriculture Sector
- Workshop 9: Agroecological Approaches to Soil and Water Management
- Workshop 10: Knowledge and Extension Systems for Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development

16:30 Plenary Three: Sharing Messages and Opportunities

Open Dialogue and Response from Participants for CSD Outcomes

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