



CSD TODAY

Tuesday, 6 May 2008



OFFICIAL SESSION

TUESDAY, 6 MAY 2008

A.M.	10:00– 1:00	Conf. Room 4 Parallel	<p>Thematic Discussions: <u>Rural Development</u></p> <p>Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 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 – <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p><i>(Note: the above-listed issues are intended to facilitate discussions only and are not meant to be an exhaustive list)</i> An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.</p>
	10:00– 11:30	Conf. Room 2 Parallel	<p>Regional Discussions</p> <p>Regional discussions will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc, with hands-on experiences in the regions.</p> <p><u>Asia and the Pacific</u></p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Deputy Inspector General, Indian Ministry of Natural Resources • Ms. Meena Bigli, Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (WOCAN) • Ms. Elenita C. Dano, Associate, Third World Network
	11:30 – 1:00		<p><u>Latin America and the Caribbean</u></p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ana Bianchi, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Argentina • Dr. Teresita Borges Hernández, Environment Directorate, CITMA, Cuba • Mr. Sergio Zelaya, UNCCD Secretariat, Focal point for LAC • Ms. Marianne Schaper, Principal Officer, Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division, UN ECLAC

P.M.	3:00 – 6:00	Conf. Room 4 Parallel	<p>Thematic Discussions: <u>Agriculture and Rural Development</u></p> <p>Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Integrated planning of sustainable agriculture – Water and agriculture – Role of technology in agriculture and rural development – International agricultural trade and access to markets <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Piragibe dos Santos Tarragô, Deputy Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations • 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 <p><i>(Note: the above-listed issues are intended to facilitate discussions only and are not meant to be an exhaustive list)</i></p> <p>An oral summary will be provided by the Chair of the session.</p>
	3:00 – 4:30	Conf. Room 2 Parallel	<p>Regional Discussions: <u>UN ECE region</u></p> <p>Regional discussions will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc, with hands-on experiences in the regions.</p> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Mr. Jiri Hlavacek, Director of Department, Ministry of Environment, Czech Republic • Ms. Nadine Gouzee, Task Force, Sustainable Development, Federal Planning Bureau, Belgium • Ms. Colien Hefferan, Administrator, CSREES, US Department of Agriculture
	4:30 – 6:00		<p>Dialogue with Major Groups</p> <p>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.</p>

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PARTNERSHIPS FAIR

TUESDAY, 6 MAY 2008

All Day	Neck Area (Partnerships Fair Information Desks) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mountain PartnershipFarmer's Relief Project		
A.M.	Partnerships Presentations		
	10:00 – 10:55	Conf. Room 6	International Partnership for Sustainable Development in Mountain Regions
	11:00 – 11:55		Farmer's Relief Project
	12:00 – 12:55		Ecosystem Health and Sustainable Agriculture (EHSA)
P.M.	Partnerships Thematic Discussion Session		
	3:00 – 5:30	Conf. Room 6	<p>Why partnerships are critical in addressing desertification and drought</p> <p>Lead Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Marc Paquin, Senior Advisor, Médiaterre, Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie and the Institut de l'Énergie et de l'Environnement de la Francophonie (IEPF)Michael Madjera, Federation of Evangelical Churches in Central Germany, Competence Platform on Energy Crop and Agroforestry Systems for Arid and Semi-arid Ecosystems (COMPETE)Elisabeth Barsk-Rundquist, Director of Strategic Programmes -The Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)Friederike Knabe, Senior Research Associate, UNISFÉRA

LEARNING CENTRE

TUESDAY, 6 MAY 2008

A.M.	10:00 – 1:00	Conf. Room B	<p>How to Efficiently Manage Food Production Systems under Water and Land Constraints</p> <p>Sponsor: Government of Israel</p>
P.M.	3:00 – 6:00	Conf. Room B	<p>Innovative Agricultural Financing in Africa</p> <p>Sponsor: USAID</p>
			<p>The Value Chain Approach for Economic Growth with Poverty Reduction</p> <p>Sponsor: USAID</p>

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SIDE EVENTS

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P.M.	1:15-2:45 PM	Conf. Room 6	From Arid Regions to Agricultural Oasis Organized by: Mission of Israel to UN
	1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 2	Sustainable Agriculture in Africa: Trends and Case Studies Organized by: PIA Branch/ DSD
	1:15-2:45	Conf. Room B	The Right to Food and Water Implies the Duty to Conserve the Land Organized by: United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification & Government of Italy
	1:15-2:45	Conf. Room 4	Use of LADA for Sustainable Land Management, Reducing Vulnerability and Adapting to Change Organized by: FAO
	1:15-2:45	DHLA*	When Should the ICT Sector be a Target for Private Sector Competitiveness Work? Organized by: United States Agency for International Development
	6:15-7:45	DHLA*	Secure Land Rights in Africa Grassroots and 'Legal Empowerment' Strategies Organized by: Centre on Housing Rights and Evictions
	6:15-7:45	Conf. Room 6	Main challenges for a sustainable agriculture and a rural development in mountain regions Organized by: Swiss Federal Office for Agriculture / Adelboden Group
	6:15-7:45	Conf. Room 4	Organic Farming Organized by: Slovenian EU Presidency and European Commission
	6:15-7:45	Conf. Room B	Mobilizing Communities for Reforestation and Water Protection: "Tree is life" Organized by: International Federation of Business and Professional Women

*Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

CSD RELATED EVENTS

TUESDAY, 6 MAY 2008

A.M.	10:00 - 5:00	UN Visitors Lobby	Natural World Museum International Art Exhibition: Art, Attitudes & Environment Organized by: UN DPI, UNEP, Natural World Museum
	10:00 - 5:00	North East Gallery, Visitors' Lobby, UNHQ	Hard Rain - Our Headlong Collision with Nature: Photographs illustrating climate change, poverty and the sixth great extinction Co-sponsored by Still Pictures, UNEP and UNDP
P.M.	1:15 - 2:45	UNEP Conf. Room 803 2 UN Plaza	Sustainable Systems: Environment, Education and Sustainable Development in Africa Organized by: UNEP
	2:00 - 3:00	Library Training Room (L-270C)	Library workshop for CSD Delegates Sustainable Development: How to Find UN information Organized by: DHLINK, the Dag Hammarskjöld Library and Knowledge Sharing Centre

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MAJOR GROUPS MEETINGS

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A.M.	8.00 - 9.00	Conf. Room A	Youth and Children
	9.00 - 10.00	Conf. Room A	NGOs informational meeting
	10.00 - 11.00	Conf. Room A	Women
	11.00 - 12.00	UNEP Conf. Room 803 2 UN Plaza	Education
		Conf. Room A	Scientific and Technological Community
P.M.	12.00 - 13.00	Conf. Room A	Local Authorities
		UN Cafeteria	Energy (raised area centre main cafeteria)
	13.00 - 14.00	Conf. Room A	Indigenous People
	14.00 - 15.00	Conf. Room A	Farmers
	15.00 - 16.00	Conf. Room A	Business and Industry
	16.00 - 17.00	Conf. Room A	Drylands
	17.00 - 18.00	Conf. Room A	Workers and Trade Unions
	18.00 - 19.00	Conf. Room A	NGOs review strategy meeting
	19.00 - 20.00		

To cancel Conference Room A for an NGO or Major Group caucus, please send an e-mail to: silverio-ruffing@un.org by 4:00 p.m. the preceding day. At this time, no additional time slots are available in Conference A for caucus meetings.

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