



# CSD TODAY

## Wednesday, 7 May 2008



### OFFICIAL SESSION

WEDNESDAY, 7 MAY 2008

A.M.	10:00 – 1:00	Conf. Room 4 Parallel	<p><b>Thematic Discussions: <u>Agriculture and Rural Development</u></b></p> <p><i>Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc.</i></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"> <li>- <b>Non-farm activities, including agribusiness</b></li> <li>- <b>Rural enterprise development</b></li> <li>- <b>Micro-finance, including micro-credit</b></li> <li>- <b>Investment in agriculture and rural infrastructure</b></li> </ul> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Sergio Miranda da Cruz</b>, Director, Agro-Business Development, UNIDO</li> <li>• <b>Prof. Puneetha S. Palakurthi</b>, Asst. Professor, School of CED, Southern New Hampshire, Manchester</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Colien Hefferan</b>, CSREES, USDA</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Arne Cartridge</b>, Senior Vice-President at Yara International ASA</li> </ul> <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>
	10:00 – 1:00	Conf. Room 2 Parallel	<p><b>Thematic Discussions: <u>Drought</u></b></p> <p><i>Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc.</i></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"> <li>- <b>Drought and impacts on hunger and poverty</b></li> <li>- <b>Climate change, water scarcity and drought</b></li> <li>- <b>Building resilience</b></li> <li>- <b>Drought preparedness and response measures to drought</b></li> <li>- <b>Monitoring and early warning</b></li> </ul> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Anada Tiega</b>, Secretary General, The Convention on Wetlands, Ramsar Secretariat</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Scott Christiansen</b>, Executive Assistant to DG, ICARDA</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Enos Esikuri</b>, Environment Department, World Bank</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Estanbacio Castro</b>, International Indian Treaty Council</li> </ul> <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>

P.M.	3:00 – 6:00	Conf. Room 4 Parallel	<p><b>Thematic Discussions: <u>Land</u></b></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"> <li>– <b>Land and livelihoods</b></li> <li>– <b>Climate change and land use change</b></li> <li>– <b>Integrated land use planning and management</b></li> <li>– <b>Information systems and tools for land use planning</b></li> </ul> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Omara Amuko</b>, Global Health and Safety Officer, IUFAWA</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Jolyn Sanjak</b>, Senior Director, MCC</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Erick Fernandes</b> (ARD), World Bank</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Clarissa Augustinus</b>, Chief, Land, Tenure and Property Administration Section, UN-HABITAT</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Michael Taylor</b>, International Land Coalition</li> </ul> <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 - 6:00	Conf. Room 2 Parallel	<p><b>Thematic Discussions: <u>Desertification</u></b></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"> <li>– <b>Global dimensions of desertification</b></li> <li>– <b>Desertification and poverty</b></li> <li>– <b>Relationships between agricultural and pastoral practices and desertification</b></li> <li>– <b>Land degradation and desertification</b></li> <li>– <b>Monitoring and early warning of desertification</b></li> <li>– <b>Impact of desertification on climate change</b></li> </ul> <p><u>Panellists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Prof. Uriel Safriel</b>, Lead author of Millennium Ecosystem Assessment /Synthesis on Desertification, Hebrew University</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Jeff Herrick</b>, Research Scientist, USDA-ARS</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Sanjay Kumar</b>, Deputy Inspector General, Indian Ministry of Natural Resources</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Nancy Kgengwenyane</b>, Chief of Party/Programme Manager, Okavango Integrated river basin Management projects, Botswana</li> </ul> <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>

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## PARTNERSHIPS FAIR

WEDNESDAY, 7 MAY 2008

All Day	<b>Neck Area (Partnerships Fair Information Desks)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mediaterre</li> <li>• COMPETE</li> </ul>		
	<b>Training Session: Building effective partnership programs for sustainability</b>		
A.M.	10:00 -11:30	Conf. Room 6	Fundamentals in Design & Operation of Effective Partnership Programs Sponsor: Government of the USA  <b>Stephan D. Sylvan</b> , Partnership Programs Coordinator, National Center for Environmental Innovation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
	11:30 – 1:00	Conf. Room 6	Panel Dialogue – Sustainable Development Partnerships, What Have We Learned? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jay Benforado</b> (Moderator), U.S. Department of State</li> <li>• <b>Geoffrey Hamilton</b>, Chief, Cooperation and Partnerships Section, UNECE</li> <li>• <b>Patricia Solís</b>, Director of Research and Outreach, Association of American Geographers, My Community, Our Earth: Geographic Learning for Sustainable Development (MyCOE)</li> <li>• <b>Stephan Sylvan</b>, Partnership Programs Coordinator, National Center for Environmental Innovation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</li> <li>• <b>Derek Vollmer</b>, Associate Program Officer, Science and Technology for Sustainability Program, U.S. National Academy of Sciences</li> </ul>
P.M.	<b>Partnerships Thematic Discussion Session</b>		
	3:00 – 5:30	Conf. Room 6	Partnership solutions to Africa's development challenges: what types of partnerships and partners may Africa need?  Lead Discussants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Cosmas Guitta</b>, Chief, Division for Policy, Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP</li> <li>▪ <b>Kaddu K. Sebunya</b>, Director of Program for Technical Design, African Wildlife Foundation (AWF), Congo Basin Forest Partnership</li> <li>▪ <b>Abdallah Rattal</b>, Chief of the Division for Planning, Ministry of Water and the Environment, Government of Morocco</li> </ul>

## LEARNING CENTRE

WEDNESDAY, 7 MAY 2008

A.M.	10:00 – 1:00	Conf. Room B	Designing Integrated Financing Strategies for Combating Desertification (DIFS) Sponsor: UNCCD
P.M.	3:00 – 6:00	Conf. Room B	La revue par les pairs de la Stratégie nationale de développement durable en Afrique Sponsor: Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie

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## SIDE EVENTS

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P.M.	1:15-2:45 PM	Conf. Room 4	EXPO Zaragoza 2008: Contributing Towards Sustainable Water Management Organized by: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Spain
	1:15-2:45 PM	Conf. Room 2	Reaching a Landmark? Ten years of Sub-Regional Cooperation in the Baltic Sea region and East Africa Organized by: Baltic 21
	1:15-2:45 PM	Conf. Room 6	Biomass production: social and economic sustainability and impact on other resources Organized by: Permanent Mission of the Netherlands & ANPED
	1:15-2:45 PM	DHLA	The Value of Livestock Based Livelihoods in Africa Organized by: Heifer International
	6:15-7:45 PM	Conf. Room 4	Hard Rain Organized by: UNDP & /UNEP
	6:15-7:45 PM	Conf. Room 6	Agricultural Productivity: Meeting the Sustainability Challenge Organized by: CropLife International, International Fertilizer Industry Association, International Federation of Agricultural Producers and the International Council for Science
	6:15-7:45 PM	DHLA	Renewable Energy & Pollution: Role of NGO's Organized by: Mission of Ukraine & World Information Transfer
	6:15-7:45 PM	Conf. Room B	Achieving Sustainable Development through Animal Welfare Organized by: World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA)

\*Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

## CSD RELATED EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, 7 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
A.M.	1:15 - 2:45	Church Center for the UN, 2nd floor	A Well-Prepared Society: Progress on Eco-Efficiency and Sustainability Organized by: Education Caucus
	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

WEDNESDAY, 7 MAY 2008

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	Conf. Room A	Scientific and Technological Community
P.M.	12.00 - 13.00	Conf. Room A	Local Authorities
	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	Intergenerational Partnerships for Sustainability, workshop by Earth Charter/IUCN/Youth Caucus
	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](mailto: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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