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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS
DIVISION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
(CSD SECRETARIAT)



Minutes of the First Meeting of the Bureau of the
19th Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development
(23 September 2010, UN Headquarters, New York)

Introduction

1. The first meeting of the Bureau of the 19th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-19) took place on 23 September 2010 in New York.
2. The following attended the meeting:

Bureau Members

- H.E. Mr. László Borbély, Minister of Environment and Forests (Romania)
- H.E. Mr. Javier Arias Inarte, Minister of Environment (Panama)
- Ambassador Andrew Goledzinowski, Deputy Permanent Representative (Australia)
- Mr. Eduardo Meñez, Minister Plenipotentiary (Philippines)
- Mr. Abdelghani Merabet, Third Secretary (Algeria)—*partially attended*

Secretariat

- Mr. Tariq Banuri, Director, DSD/DESA,
- Mr. Aslam Chaudhry, Chief, Global Policy Branch, DSD/DESA,
- Mr. David O'Connor, Chief Policy Analysis and Networks Branch, DSD/DESA
- Ms. Irena Zubcevic, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, DSD/DESA
- Ms. Chantal line Carpentier, Sustainable Development Officer, DSD/DESA
- Ms Vivian Pliner (DGACM), Secretary of the CSD

3. Proposed agenda was adopted. It is attached at Annex 1.

Agenda Item 1: Introduction of Bureau Members and Secretariat Staff

4. Minister Borbély welcomed the participants and mentioned that making progress on the themes of current cycle is extremely important for advancing the implementation of sustainable development. The CSD-19 should be viewed as an opportunity to move the SCP agenda further since progress has been made in terms of enhancing awareness, cooperation and implementing policies in selected areas. The 10YFP should provide incentives for all stakeholders to engage in and support concrete SCP-related initiatives. Minister Borbély expressed his commitment to work closely with all stakeholders, including Bureau members and the Secretariat, to ensure that expectations from CSD-19 are met. He emphasized the need for engaging all stakeholders in the preparatory process.

5. In his opening remarks, Mr. Banuri mentioned that all five themes of the current cycle are important in their own specific contexts, while CSD-19 could make an important contribution towards reaching an agreement on 10 YFP on SCP. He noted that SCP has been permanently on the CSD agenda, as a cross-cutting issue, and is very relevant to the two themes defined for the Rio+20 Conference. As such, this session's outcomes will make important contributions to the

preparatory process of Rio+20 conference. While briefing about key innovations introduced in the organization of work of CSD over the last two years, specific mention was made of the initiative aimed at establishing a Task Force for accelerating the implementation of CSD decisions. This initiative being developed in partnership with the Chair/Bureau of CSD-17 will ensure mainstreaming of CSD decisions in national development policies and plans.

6. At the invitation of the Chair, other members of the Bureau introduced themselves and made short remarks.

- Minister Arias mentioned three priorities for Panama in relation to the themes of the current cycle, namely mining, waste management and transport. He mentioned that recently large quantities of copper and gold were found in Panama and the Government is examining best possible ways for sustainable mining of these resources. The meeting was also informed about the actions being undertaken for management of waste, as well as about the status of building the first subway in Panama.
- Ambassador Goledzinowski stated that Australia has long been at the forefront of sustainable development. More recently, Australia's foreign minister Mr. Kevin Rudd has been nominated as a member of the Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Global Sustainability. Noting that mining is an important issue for Australia, it was mentioned that some big Australian mining companies are providing assistance to many African countries in the development and management of their mineral resources. Development assistance provided by Australia to developing countries has doubled in the last five years, and this trend is expected to continue.
- Mr. Meñez informed about the success achieved by the Philippines in the area of sustainable development by adopting good legislation that led to the establishment of a National Council for Sustainable Development. The legislation also provided framework for the Government and the civil society to work together on sustainable development issues. The need to share the results of Bureau meetings by Bureau members with their respective regional groups was underscored. The Asia-Pacific meeting to be held next week was noted to be yet another opportunity for the region to share their experiences in the area of sustainable development.
- Mr. Merabet said that chemicals and mining are two important issues for his country as well as for the region. In Algeria, the Ministry of Environment has the lead responsibility for sustainable development, but a Division within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs also deals with the sustainable development issues within the context of international relations. To make progress in themes of the current cycle, Africa being the poorest continent will need assistance from the global community.

7. Following the introduction of Bureau members, the Secretariat staff introduced themselves including their specific responsibilities with regard to CSD-19.

Agenda Item 2: Updates by the Secretariat

8. *General briefing about the CSD process:* Mr. Chaudhry briefed the meeting about the workflow leading to IPM and CSD-19 and presented an account of activities that will be undertaken. The CSD-19 being a policy session will result in two reports: (i) Report of IPM consisting of Chair's negotiating text, and (ii) Report of CSD-19 containing, *inter-alia*, policy options and practical measures for the thematic cycle adopted by the Commission. Several inputs will contribute to the discussions of IPM, namely: (i) Secretary-General's reports, (ii)

background papers to be provided by the UN system entities and Major groups as well as outcomes of expert group meetings, (iii) reports of intersessional meetings, (iv) national reports, and (v) reports of last year's regional implementation meetings.

9. *Preparation of the Secretary-General's reports: status and process:* Secretary General's reports serve as part of the official documentation prepared to support Commission's proceedings. The process for preparing these reports has already been started and progressing satisfactorily. The outlines were prepared and shared with the relevant UN agencies and Major Groups to solicit inputs. Member States were also requested to share experiences about case studies on best practices and lessons learned. Advanced copies of the reports will be posted on the CSD website towards the end of December 2010.

10. *Other documentation and background material:* In addition to the SG reports, documentation such as reports of expert group meetings, major groups and intersessional meetings will be made available to facilitate proceedings of the IPM. The Chair suggested that list of all documentation to be produced during the preparatory process be prepared.

11. *Programme of intersessional meetings:* The Bureau was informed about the calendar of intersessional meetings scheduled to take place as part of the preparatory process. In the area of waste management, three meetings will take place—one each in Malaysia (4-6 October 2010), Japan (January 2011), and Morocco (25-26 November 2010). An Expert Group Meeting to be held in, Santiago, Chile on 10 – 11 November 2010 will discuss policy options in the area of transport. The Bureau was informed about alternative options currently under consideration for the SCP intersessional meeting.

12. Given the importance of SCP theme for the current cycle and beyond and urgency to hold an intersessional meeting prior to the IPM, Minister Arias offered to host this meeting in Panama in mid-January 2011. This offer was accepted with gratitude by the Chair and other Bureau members. The Secretariat will follow up with Minister Arias's office to work out further logistical and organizational details. The Chair indicated his intention to attend the SCP meeting in Panama. Should schedule permit he also expressed willingness to attend the waste management meeting in Japan. The Chair encouraged Bureau members to attend the different intersessional meetings planned. Mr. Meñez expressed his interest in attending the transport meeting in Santiago, Chile.

Agenda item 3: Organization of Work for IPM and CSD-19

13. *Organization of work for IPM and CSD-19 (See Annexes 2 and 3):* While briefing about the main features of the organization of work for IPM, the meeting was informed that equal time has been allocated to each thematic session which will start with the introduction of the SG report, followed by a short documentary and panel discussion before moving on to an interactive dialogue. A preliminary list of panellists was shared with the Bureau. The Chair emphasized the importance of selecting a balanced panel of experts in terms of views expressed and geographic representation. He also noted that consideration should be given in terms of allocating sufficient time for interventions from the floor. . Also, a preliminary draft organization of work for CSD-19 main session was shared with the Bureau, and this was reported to be work in progress.

14. The Bureau members will share the draft organization of work with their respective regional groups and provide feedback in the next Bureau meeting. The present drafts may however be posted on the CSD website as *provisional* for purposes of general information.

15. The Bureau was informed about two possible innovations that might be introduced in the organization of work of CSD-19. First, an intersessional meeting/seminar for the delegates of the 2nd committee in between the IPM and CSD-19 is being planned with the objective to enhance their understanding about the policy options and practical measures to be negotiated during the main session (Chair's summary of IPM will serve as the reference document). Second, to save time which otherwise will be consumed in the *first* reading of the Chair's draft negotiating text, possibility of seeking advanced comments prior to the start of main session will be examined. This will mean that the main session could start with the compilation text already in place.

16. The Bureau Members agreed to their division of work and responsibilities as follows: Panama (Rapporteur), Australia (Partnerships), Philippines (Major Groups), and Algeria (Learning Center). Thematic responsibilities will be discussed and agreed in the next meeting.

17. *Chair's negotiating text:* The Chair expressed his commitment to produce a balanced draft negotiating text, but fully reflecting the views of the Member States expressed during the meeting. To this end, he was assured of all necessary technical support by the Bureau members and the Secretariat.

Agenda item 4: Other Business

18. *Future schedule of Bureau meetings:* The Bureau of CSD-18 will be invited to the next Bureau meeting that will take place in November in New York. The Chair of CSD-18 will also be invited to the SCP intersessional meeting in Panama. The last two Bureau meetings will take place as follows: on 27 February 2011 just before the IPM, and on 1 May 2011 prior to the CSD-19 main session. If needed, an additional meeting could be scheduled sometimes in January/February 2011.

19. *Resource mobilization:* Mr. Banuri informed the Bureau that contributions to the CSD Trust Fund have almost been negligible. On the other hand, demand for resources is high during the policy session because Commission convenes twice—one time for the IPM and the second time for the main session. The CSD-19 being a policy year, and given the importance of themes to be covered under the current thematic cluster, he emphasized the importance of having broad based participation of stakeholders especially non-CSD Member States and Major groups. The Chair will reach out to his counterparts in donor countries to seek their contributions to the Trust Fund. Other Bureau members may as well raise this issue in their respective regional groups.

Summary of Key Decisions

- The Bureau members should discuss draft organization of work for the IPM with their respective regional groups and provide feedback in the next meeting.
- The provisional organization of work of both IPM and CSD-19 should be posted on the CSD website for the information of the participants.
- Intersessional meeting on SCP will take place in Panama in mid January 2011.
- The Bureau members agreed on the division of labor among themselves with regard to main CSD related activities.
- Plan for the next Bureau meetings was finalized.

Annexes:

Annex 1: Agenda of the meeting

Annex 2: Provisional organization of work of IPM

Annex 3: Provisional organization of work of CSD19



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FIRST MEETING OF THE
BUREAU OF THE 19TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON
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DATE: 23 September 2010

TIME: 9:30 to 11:30 am

VENUE: Conference Room, 22nd Floor, Two United Nations Plaza
(DC-2 Building), New York

PROPOSED AGENDA

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1: Introduction of Bureau members and Secretariat staff

- a. Welcome remarks (Chair of CSD-19)
- b. Introductory remarks (Director, DSD/DESA)
- c. Introduction of Vice-Chairs and Secretariat staff

Agenda item 2: Updates by the Secretariat

- a. General briefing about the CSD process
- b. Preparation of Secretary-General's reports: status and process
- c. Other documentation and background material
- d. Inter-sessional meetings

Agenda item 3: Organization of Work for IPM and CSD-19

- a. Main elements of the draft organization work for IPM
- b. Preliminary draft organization of work for CSD-19
- c. Chair's summary (preparation of draft negotiating text)

Agenda item 4: Other Business

- a. Resource mobilization
- b. Future schedule of Bureau meetings
- c. Any other business

Expected decisions

- *Agreement on the organization of work of IPM*
- *Agreement on the next steps towards IPM and CSD-19*
- *Agreement on future schedule of Bureau meetings*

**CSD-19 Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting
Provisional Organization of Work***

	Monday 28 February 2011	Tuesday 01 March 2011	Wednesday 02 March 2011	Thursday 03 March 2011	Friday 04 March 2011
AM	Plenary	Plenary	Plenary	Plenary	Plenary
10:00 am to 1:00 pm CR-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opening of the IPM ▪ Adoption of the agenda and organization of work ▪ Reporting on intersessional meetings ▪ Group statements ▪ Statements by Regional Commissions ▪ Statements by Major Groups 	<u>Transport</u> Policy options to address barriers and constraints, taking into account lessons learned and best practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction of SG report ▪ Panel discussion ▪ Interactive discussions 	<u>Waste Management</u> Policy options to address barriers and constraints, taking into account lessons learned and best practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction of SG report ▪ Panel discussion ▪ Interactive discussions 	<u>SCP</u> Policy options to address barriers and constraints, taking into account lessons learned and best practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction of SG report ▪ Panel discussion ▪ Interactive discussions 	<u>Multistakeholder Dialogue</u> Advancing the Implementation of Sustainable Development (Themes of CSD-18/19 Cluster)
PM	Plenary	Plenary	Plenary	Plenary	Plenary
3:00 to 6:00 pm CR-1	<u>SIDS</u> Policy options to address barriers and constraints, taking into account lessons learned and best practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction of SG report ▪ Panel discussion ▪ Interactive discussions 	<u>Chemicals</u> Policy options to address barriers and constraints, taking into account lessons learned and best practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction of SG report ▪ Panel discussion ▪ Interactive discussions 	<u>Mining</u> Policy options to address barriers and constraints, taking into account lessons learned and best practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction of SG report ▪ Panel discussion ▪ Interactive discussions 	<u>Interlinkages and Cross-cutting Issues</u> Policy options to address barriers and constraints, taking into account lessons learned and best practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction of SG report ▪ Panel discussion ▪ Interactive discussions 	3:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Distribute Chair's Draft Negotiating Text 5:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduce Chair's Draft Negotiating Text and invite factual comments ▪ Adoption of the report of IPM

* Under the discussion by the Bureau

Notes:

1. Interactive discussions will be led off by panellists consisting of 2-3 experts with experience in implementation, focusing on policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation, taking into account lessons learned and best practices.

2. Interventions by delegations during interactive discussions should avoid restating problems and barriers and should highlight solutions and the way forward. 4

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	Monday, 2 May 2011	Tuesday, 3 May 2011	Wednesday, 4 May 2011	Thursday, 5 May 2011	Friday, 6 May 2011
	Conf. Room 4	Conf. Rooms 4 and 2	Conf. Rooms 4 and 2	Conf. Rooms 4 and 2	Conf. Rooms 4 and 2
10:00 am	Opening Session - Welcoming remarks by the Chair of CSD-19 - Election of officials - Opening remarks by the Deputy-Secretary-General - Adoption of the agenda and organization of work - Introduction of the Chairperson's draft negotiating document - Group Statements	Parallel negotiations <u>Working Group 1 (Room 4)</u> - Transport - Chemicals - Waste Management - IL, CCI, and MoI <u>Working Group 2 (Room 2)</u> - Mining - 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption & Production Patterns	Parallel negotiations <u>Working Group 1 (Room 4)</u> - Transport - Chemicals - Waste Management - IL, CCI, and MoI <u>Working Group 2 (Room 2)</u> - Mining - 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption & Production Patterns	Parallel negotiations <u>Working Group 1 (Room 4)</u> - Transport - Chemicals - Waste Management - IL, CCI, and MoI <u>Working Group 2 (Room 2)</u> - Mining - 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption & Production Patterns	Parallel negotiations <u>Working Group 1 (Room 4)</u> - Transport - Chemicals - Waste Management - IL, CCI, and MoI <u>Working Group 2 (Room 2)</u> - Mining - 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption & Production Patterns
1:00 pm					
	Conf. Room 4: Plenary	Conf. Rooms 4 and 2	Conf. Rooms 4 and 2	Conf. Rooms 4 and 2	Conf. Rooms 4 and 2
3.00 pm	General Comments on the Chairperson's draft negotiating document - Member States - UN Agencies, including Regional Commissions - Major Groups	Parallel negotiations <u>Working Group 1 (Room 4)</u> - Transport - Chemicals - Waste Management - IL, CCI, and MoI <u>Working Group 2 (Room 2)</u> - Mining - 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption & Production Patterns	Parallel negotiations <u>Working Group 1 (Room 4)</u> - Transport - Chemicals - Waste Management - IL, CCI, and MoI <u>Working Group 2 (Room 2)</u> - Mining - 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption & Production Patterns	Parallel negotiations <u>Working Group 1 (Room 4)</u> - Transport - Chemicals - Waste Management - IL, CCI, and MoI <u>Working Group 2 (Room 2)</u> - Mining - 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption & Production Patterns	Parallel negotiations <u>Working Group 1 (Room 4)</u> - Transport - Chemicals - Waste Management - IL, CCI, and MoI <u>Working Group 2 (Room 2)</u> - Mining - 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption & Production Patterns
6:00 Pm					Plenary (Room 4) 5:30-6:00 pm Working Groups reporting on progress in negotiations

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HIGH -LEVEL SEGMENT (HLS)						
Monday 9 May 2011		Tuesday 10 May 2011		Wednesday 11 May 2011	Thursday 12 May 2011	Friday 13 May 2011
					Straight Talk (8:30 am) Ministerial Interactive Discussions on Strengthening Country Level Implementation (Closed Meeting)	
10:00 am	<p><i>Parallel negotiations</i> <u>Working Group 1 (Room 4)</u> - Transport - Chemicals - Waste Management - IL, CCI, and MoI</p> <p><u>Working Group 2 (Room 2)</u> - Mining - 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption & Production Patterns</p>	<p><i>Parallel negotiations</i> <u>Working Group 1 (Room 4)</u> - Transport - Chemicals - Waste Management - IL, CCI, and MoI</p> <p><u>Working Group 2 (Room 2)</u> - Mining - 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption & Production Patterns</p>	<p><u>Official Opening (GA Hall)</u></p> <p>Statements by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson of CSD-17 • UN Secretary-General • Keynote Speakers • Political Groups: on policy options, practical measures and the way forward 		<p><u>Ministerial Roundtable 3</u></p> <p>Topic to be decided</p> <p><u>Ministerial Roundtable 4</u></p> <p>Topic to be decided</p>	<p><u>The Way Forward</u></p> <p>Multistakeholder Dialogue on Moving Forward with CSD-19 Decisions</p>
1:00 pm			<p><i>Ministerial lunch-on discussions</i> <i>Lunch hosted by (by invitation)</i></p>		<p><i>Ministerial lunch-on discussions</i> <i>Lunch hosted by..... (by invitation)</i></p>	
3:00 pm	<p><i>Parallel negotiations</i> <u>Working Group 1 (Room 4)</u> - Transport - Chemicals - Waste Management - IL, CCI, and MoI</p> <p><u>Working Group 2 (Room 2)</u> - Mining - 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption & Production Patterns</p>	<p><i>Parallel negotiations</i> <u>Working Group 1 (Room 4)</u> - Transport - Chemicals - Waste Management - IL, CCI, and MoI</p> <p><u>Working Group 2 (Room 2)</u> - Mining - 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption & Production Patterns</p>	<p><u>Ministerial Roundtable 1</u></p> <p>Topic to be decided</p> <p><u>Ministerial Roundtable 2</u></p> <p>Topic to be decided</p>		<p><u>Ministerial Roundtable 5</u></p> <p>Topic to be decided</p>	<p>Closing Plenary Conference Room 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the final decision text of CSD-19 - Adoption of the CSD-19 decisions - Other Matters - Adoption of the report of the 19th session
6:00 pm		<p><i>Plenary (Room 4)</i> <i>5:30-6:00 pm</i> Working Groups reporting on progress in negotiations</p>				<p>First Session of CSD-20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Election of CSD-20 Bureau

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