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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The CSD Secretariat invites your organization to contribute to the sixteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-16), which will take place from 5-16 May 2008 at UN Headquarters in New York.

The CSD Secretariat has compiled these *Guidelines for Major Groups* to facilitate your contributions to the review process and participation in the CSD-16 review session, including its Regional Implementation Meetings (RIMs). We have included chapters that outline the reporting process for the review year, provide important deadlines for written submissions, and include essential information for your participation in the RIMs and in the CSD-16 meeting itself. The two-year cycle of CSD-16 and CSD-17 will focus on implementation in the areas of agriculture, rural development, land, drought, desertification and Africa.

Since the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development, major groups have played an important role in the successful completion of the first two CSD implementation cycles. CSD-16 and CSD-17 will again provide various opportunities for major groups to contribute case studies and best practices, provide data and information on your projects in the field, identify challenges and obstacles to implementation, and engage in interactive dialogues with government officials and other participants, including with Ministers during the high-level segment.

Maintaining and enhancing the established participatory tradition of the CSD requires continued commitment by all parties. Your involvement in the work of the Commission enriches the debates and influences outcomes. We therefore invite you to begin preparing for CSD-16, and stand ready to work with you in the preparatory process and to facilitate your organization's active participation in this year's meetings.

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GUIDELINES FOR MAJOR GROUPS' PARTICIPATION IN CSD-16

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1. INTRODUCTION TO CSD-16

1.1. Themes and Cross-cutting Issues

The sixteenth session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-16) will meet at UN Headquarters in New York from 5-16 May 2008.

As the first year of the CSD-16/CSD-17 implementation cycle, CSD-16 will review progress in the following areas:

Cycle	Thematic Cluster	Cross-cutting Issues
2008/2009	• Agriculture • Rural Development • Land • Drought • Desertification • Africa	Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development, Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education

1.2. Timeline of Important Milestone Dates and Deadlines

September	October	November	Dec.	January	Feb.	March	April	May
21: Deadline for submission of major groups' inputs to Secretary-General's Reports	**22-25:** Africa RIM	**4-6:** Western Asia RIM **26-27:** Asia and the Pacific RIM **28-29:** Latin America and the Caribbean RIM **30:** Deadline for submission of Major Groups' Discussion Papers		**28-29:** Europe and North America RIM **30:** Finalization of SG Reports				**5-16:** CSD-16

1.3. Framework for the Organization of Work
(forthcoming)

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1.4 CSD-16 Bureau

Chair: H.E. Mr. Francis Nhema, Minister of Environment and Tourism (Zimbabwe)
Vice-chairs: Mr. Juan Mario Dary (Guatemala)
                Mr. Daniel Carmon (Israel)
                (Asia and Eastern Europe Regions forthcoming)

For biographical information on the Bureau, please visit the DSD website at:
http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd/csd16/bureau.htm

2. THE CSD-16 REPORTING PROCESS AND INPUTS FROM MAJOR GROUPS

CSD-16 undertakes the review of implementation on the basis of Secretary-General's state of implementation reports, outcomes of the regional implementation meetings (RIMs), results of inter-sessional meetings, and major groups' discussion papers. The Secretary-General's state of implementation reports will contain a detailed review of progress of implementation in the thematic areas of agriculture, rural development, land, drought, desertification and Africa. One of these reports will reflect overall progress in the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, based on information provided in country reports and reports by UN organizations and bodies. The Secretary-General's reports are limited to 16 pages in length and are produced in the six official languages of the United Nations.

2.1. Tentative List of Reports and Supplementary Materials

(The number and symbols of the reports are subject to change)

Reports by the Secretary-General:
- Provisional agenda and organization of work (E/CN.17/2008/1)
- SG report on overall progress review (E/CN.17/2008/2)
- SG report on agriculture (E/CN.17/2008/3)
- SG report on rural development (E/CN.17/2008/4)
- SG report on land (E/CN.17/2008/5)
- SG report on drought (E/CN.17/2008/6)
- SG report on desertification (E/CN.17/2008/7)
- SG report on Africa (E/CN.17/2008/8)
- SG report on SIDS' follow-up to Mauritius Strategy in the thematic cluster for the implementation cycle 2008-2009 (E/CN.17/2008/9)
- SG report on partnership initiatives E/CN.17/2006/10)
- SG report on the review of CSD-13 decision on water and sanitation (E/CN.17/2008/11)

Notes by the Secretariat:
- Outcomes of the regional implementation meetings
  - Transmittal note by the secretariat (E/CN.17/2008/12 and Add. 1-5)
- Discussion papers by Major Groups
  - Transmittal note by the Secretariat (E/CN.17/2008/13 and Add. 1-9)

Background papers/publications:
- Trends in the Thematic Areas
- Trends in Africa

2.2. Written Inputs from Major Groups

The CSD Secretariat welcomes written contributions from major group organizations that will contribute to the CSD-16 review process. Major groups are encouraged to make substantive contributions to CSD-16 in the form of:

• Brief written inputs to the Secretary-General's state of implementation reports, focusing on best practices and lessons learned in implementation. **Deadline for submissions: 21 September 2007**;

• The Major Groups' Discussion Papers, one from each of the nine major groups summarizing their sector's progress in relation to the thematic areas, identifying obstacles and constraints to implementation and new challenges to be met by major groups to expedite implementation. These papers are compiled through a consultative process undertaken by the <u>major groups organizing partners</u> and used in interactive discussions. **Deadline for submission: 30 November 2007**;

• Case studies and examples of best practices, which can be submitted through the <u>CSD Secretariat's website</u> (**Ongoing**).

In submitting written inputs, please note that recommendations for policy action will not be considered in the review year.

For a list of useful contacts, please refer to **Annex 4**.

2.3. Expected Outcomes

The outcome of CSD-16 will be a Report including:

- A Chair's summary aimed at identifying constraints, obstacles and challenges, including inputs from major groups
- **Summary of the High-level segment**, including the interactive discussion with major groups
- **Record of regional discussions**
- **Record of the Partnership Fair**
- **Record of the Learning Centre**

3. MAJOR GROUPS' PARTICIPATION IN INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS

In addition to the five regional implementation meetings (RIMs), a number of expert group meetings, seminars, workshops and other consultation opportunities on the six thematic areas are being organized throughout the review year will be preceding CSD-16. These meetings may be sponsored and hosted by Governments as well as by various UN agencies, and often include representatives from major group organizations.

3.1. Calendar of Intersessional Meetings

The Calendar of Intersessional Meetings can be found on the website at:
http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/calendar/calendar.htm

3.2. Major Groups Participation at the Regional Level

Endorsing the future organization of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) adopted at CSD-11, ECOSOC decided "To invite the regional commissions, in collaboration with the secretariat of the Commission on Sustainable Development, to consider organizing regional implementation meetings in order to contribute to the work of the Commission, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation…" (E/CN.17/2003/6,#3.(a))

The regional implementation meetings should "Provide for contributions from major groups, taking into account paragraphs 139(g) and 149(c) and (d) of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation." (E/CN.17/2003/6,#3.(a)(iv))

The RIMs are being organized by the UN Regional Commissions, in consultation with other UN regional offices, and will feed into the work of CSD-16 through:

- Focusing on a regional perspective in reviewing progress of implementation in the six thematic areas and identifying constraints to, and new challenges for, expediting implementation;
- Providing regional inputs to the Secretary-General's state of implementation reports and the interactive discussions during official sessions;
- Providing opportunities for contributions from, and participation of, major groups active at the regional and sub-regional levels.

Relevant major groups organisations, interested in participating in the RIMs are encouraged to coordinate their activities in collaboration with the CSD-16 major groups' organising partners (full list at: http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/mgroups/mg_op.htm).

3.3. Dates, Venues and Focal Points for Regional Implementation Meetings (RIMs)

Regional Commission	Proposed Date and Venue	Focal Point
UN Economic Commission for Africa	Africa Regional Implementation Meeting 22-25 October 2007 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Mr. Ousmane Laye Senior Officer, Sustainable Development Division P.O. Box 3001, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Tel. no.: (251-1) 515-761 Fax no.: (251-1) 510-350 E-mail: laye@un.org
UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	West Asia Regional Implementation Meeting 4-6 November 2007 Cairo, Egypt	Ms. Anhar Hegazi Director, Energy, Natural Resources and Environment Division P. O. Box 11-8575, Riad El-Solh Square, Beirut, Lebanon Tel. no.: (961-1) 978-502 Fax no.: (961-1) 981-510 E-mail: hegazi@un.org
UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific	Asia and the Pacific Regional Implementation Meeting 26-27 November 2007 Jakarta, Indonesia	Mr. Rae Kwon Chung Environment and Sustainable Development United Nations Building, Rajdamnern Avenue, Bangkok, Thailand Tel. no.: (66-2) 288-1510 Fax no.: (66-2) 288-1000 E-mail: chung1@un.org
UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Implementation Meeting 28-29 November 2007 Santiago, Chile	Mr. Guillermo Acuña Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division Casilla 179-D, Santiago, Chile Tel. no.: (56-2) 210-2293 Fax no.: (56-2) 208-0484 E-mail: guillermo.acuna@cepal.org
UN Economic Commission for Europe	Europe Regional Implementation Meeting 28-29 January 2008 Geneva, Switzerland	Ms. Monika Linn Team Leader for ECE Regional Implementation Meeting Environment and Human Settlement Division Palais des Nations, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland Tel. no.: (41-22) 917-1315 Fax no.: (41-22) 917-0123 E-mail: monika.linn@unece.org

4. MAJOR GROUPS' PARTICIPATION IN CSD-16

The CSD has traditionally provided a lively forum for interaction among government officials, major groups and international organizations, infusing the CSD inter-governmental process with new ideas. Major groups' representatives in the CSD process have participated in multi-stakeholder dialogues, interactive discussions, roundtables and panels. They have developed coordinated positions, launched several multi-stakeholder partnerships, organized dozens of side events to share experiences, successfully lobbied for particular initiatives that they felt the CSD should undertake or support, and agreed on joint implementation initiatives.

In recent years, major groups have been increasingly accepted within the official intergovernmental process as respected and essential partners in sustainable development, and their presence is now more integrated into the official sessions than ever before. The unique and innovative participatory traditions of the CSD have been widely acknowledged and are fully supported by the CSD. The CSD Bureau and the Secretariat continue to explore new ways to enhance major groups' participation in the CSD process.

4.1. Accreditation and Pre-Registration

Non-governmental participation in the CSD is subject to the rules of participation of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). These rules require that the non-governmental participants represent an NGO in consultative status with ECOSOC. Major group organizations that are in consultative status with ECOSOC, including those in the CSD Roster, can send representatives to CSD-16. Major group organizations who were accredited to the WSSD will be required to obtain consultative status with ECOSOC in order to participate in CSD meetings. ECOSOC rules do not permit participation of representatives from organizations that are not in consultative status.

If you are unsure of your organization's accreditation status, you can check with the following sources:

ECOSOC Roster: http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/pdf/INF_List.pdf
If your organization is listed in the database, then it is accredited.

CSD Roster: http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/mgroups/csd_roster.pdf

If your organization is listed, it is accredited.

You can also:

- Contact the NGO Section. The NGO Section maintains up-to-date lists of accredited organizations, including those that have recently been granted consultative status but have not yet been added to the lists available on the Internet.

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Please make sure that your organization has the necessary consultative status BEFORE sending representatives to New York or making travel arrangements for them.

Pre-registration

If you are planning to attend CSD-16, you must be pre-registered through an accredited organization in order to register at the meeting and receive a UN grounds pass.

Your organization should fax a letter to the ECOSOC NGO Section at least three weeks in advance of the meeting, and include a list containing the names and fax numbers of the people identified as representatives. The letter must be signed and printed on the organization's official letterhead.

A confirmation letter will be sent to each representative by fax. This letter and a photo ID will need to be shown at the registration desk when your representative arrives at UN Headquarters for the CSD-16 meeting. Details on the location and schedule for the registration desk will be posted on this website when the information becomes available.

Representatives requiring a visa to enter the United States are advised to apply as early as possible in case any time is needed for special clearances by the US authorities, and ensure that the visa is received in time for travel. Past practice shows that when applying for US visa, it is recommended that NGO and other major group sectors representatives bring copies of the UN confirmation letter as well as a letter prepared by their own NGO at the time of their appointment with the US Consulate/Embassy. The NGO letter should include detailed information on the visa applicant: e.g., position, number of years working for the NGO, and number of applicants that the NGO is sending to CSD- if applicable.

NGO representatives who have existing working relations with the US Mission in their respective Country may try and contact their counterpart(s) and obtain a referral letter to be presented at the time of the interview with the Consular Section (Note that the referring officer has no role in the visa decision process).

To learn more about UN rules and regulations for major groups' participation, please visit:
http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/help_faq.htm#MG

4.2. Major Groups' Involvement in Official Sessions

Structure and Modes of Participation

Participation of major groups in the official CSD-16 session will be integrated throughout the various activities of CSD-16, consistent with the practice of recent CSD sessions. The

following "entry points" for major groups will be recommended to the CSD-16 Bureau for its consideration:

Opening statements: Major groups will be included in the list of speakers of the general debate.

Interactive discussion with major groups: specific formats will be considered by the CSD-16 Bureau.

Thematic discussions on implementation: As per past practice, it is envisioned that major groups will be integrated in all other sessions pertaining to the review exercise, which will include discussions on the six themes of agriculture, rural development, land, drought, desertification, and Africa; regional discussions, a segment addressing SIDS, and a review of the CSD-13 decision on water and sanitation. Major groups could be called upon during such discussions to make comments on presentations, pose questions, participate in panels, and serve as resource persons. Furthermore, major group experts and practitioners who are active and knowledgeable in the thematic areas may be invited to share their experiences and lessons learned.

High-level segment: One segment will be allocated to an interactive dialogue on the state of implementation within the six thematic areas between Ministers and high-level representatives of major groups.

Closing session: Overall comments by all major groups on the outcome of the Review Session may be invited during the closing Plenary.

Outcome

Interactive discussions with major groups will be captured in the Chairman's summary, which will identify constraints and obstacles and possible approaches and best practices for the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and the Mauritius Strategy for the sustainable development of SIDS. The Chair's summary will inform policy discussions in the policy year leading up to CSD-17 in 2009.

4.3. Meeting with the CSD-16 Bureau and Major Groups

It is customary for the CSD Chair and other members of the Bureau to meet with major groups' representatives in the course of the preparatory process and during the CSD Session. Information on the exact time and venue will be disseminated through our list server and posted on our website as it becomes available. As per past practice, a Co-chair will be designated to serve as a contact person for the major groups during the CSD-16 session.

4.4. Major Groups' Organizing Partners

The preparation of multi-stakeholder participation within the CSD is itself a multi-stakeholder process. Key major group networks are invited by the CSD Bureau to form a facilitating group called "organising partners", which coordinates the preparations and assists the Secretariat in

generating and guiding the engagement of stakeholders for each major group sector. The Secretariat chairs the facilitating group and supports its work throughout the preparatory process and the CSD session.

The major groups organizing partners' main responsibilities include:

- Consulting with networks to prepare written inputs in the form of discussion papers addressing agriculture, rural development, land, drought, desertification, and Africa — including the cross-sectoral themes—that reflect their group's views on progress made, outline obstacles and constraints to implementation, and identify new challenges to be met by major groups to expedite implementation.
- Organizing, managing and disseminating data and information on Major Groups and the CSD-16.
- Consulting with networks to identify participants to serve on their sector's delegation.
- Coordinating and facilitating the participation of representatives of their respective sector throughout the CSD-16 session, working in collaboration with other major group sectors' representatives present at CSD-16 and in the RIMs.

Major Groups' Organizing Partners for the 2008-2009 Implementation Cycle

Women
Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (WOCAN)
African Women Leaders in Agriculture and the Environment (AWLAE)
The GRATIS Foundation

Children and Youth
Young Water Action Team
Youth Action for Change

Indigenous People
Tebtebba - Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education
Indigenous Environmental Network

NGOs
Sustainable Development Issues Network through:
Northern Alliance for Sustainable Development (ANPED)
Third World Network
Environment Liaison Centre International

Local Authorities
ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability

Workers and Trade Unions
International Trade Unions Confederation (ITUC) & Trade Union Advisory Council to the OECD (TUAC)

Business and Industry
International Chamber of Commerce
International Fertilizer Industry Association
World Business Council for Sustainable Development

Scientific and Technological Communities
International Council for Science (ICSU)
World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO)

Farmers
International Federation of Agricultural Producers

To view the contact details for the list of CSD Organizing Partners, please click here.

4.5. CSD-16 Partnerships Fair

The Partnerships Fair at CSD sessions provides a venue for CSD registered partnerships to network, identify new partners, create synergies between partnerships, learn from each other's experiences and explore possibilities for replicability and scaling up. The Partnerships Fair is part of the official programme of the CSD, and aims at facilitating the consideration of partnerships by CSD participants and enriching the debate on practical tools for implementation of sustainable development commitments. CSD registered Partnerships will also have the opportunity to update CSD participants on progress made and to engage in an open dialogue on issues of mutual concern to partnerships.

The Partnerships Fair at CSD-16 will focus on partnerships working in the thematic areas of agriculture, rural development, land, drought, desertification, Africa and SIDS.

General Structure of the CSD-16 Partnerships Fair

"Partnerships in Practice" Interactive Discussions: These sessions are organized by the CSD Partnerships Team to generate open dialogue on practical issues related to partnerships. These sessions will focus on lessons learned based on concrete experiences of CSD registered partnerships working in the thematic areas.
Partnerships Information Desks: Representatives from CSD registered partnerships will also have the opportunity to showcase their activities, display and distribute information related to their partnerships and directly interact with CSD participants.

Who can participate at the Partnerships Fair?

Partners involved in a CSD registered Partnership will have the opportunity to request a time slot and an information desk at the Partnerships Information Desks location. Partnerships related to the thematic areas of agriculture, rural development, land, drought, desertification, and Africa are particularly encouraged to participate. Representatives of CSD registered Partnerships must ensure that they are accredited to the Commission on Sustainable Development (through a major group, Government or intergovernmental organization) to be able to participate in the Partnerships Fair.

All CSD participants, including representatives of Governments, UN system organizations, intergovernmental organizations and accredited major groups are welcome to attend the Partnerships Fair.

For more information on partnerships for sustainable development, please refer to
http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/partnerships/partnerships.htm

4.6. The Learning Center

The Learning Centre is part of the official programme of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) and runs parallel to the CSD plenary sessions. Its purpose is to provide teaching and training at a practical level on topics of relevance to the specific themes being considered by the CSD, as well as selective cross-cutting themes of sustainable development to further implementation of Agenda 21, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI) and

the Mauritius Strategy for the sustainable development of SIDS. If you wish to propose an activity in the Learning Centre, please follow the guidelines which will be posted in the near future on the CSD-16 main page.

4.7. Side Events

Side events, sponsored by major groups, governments and UN agencies, will be organized as a complementary part of the CSD-16 programme of work in order to generate informal opportunities for exchange of information, experience and non-standard views. If you wish to organize a side event, please follow the guidelines for side events organizers at CSD-16 which will be posted in the near future on the CSD-16 main page.

Annex 1:

Multi-Year Programme of Work for CSD: 2004 to 2017

At its eleventh session, the Commission on Sustainable Development decided that its multi-year programme of work beyond 2003 would be organized on the basis of seven two-year cycles, with each cycle focusing on selected thematic clusters of issues, as set out in the table below.

In each cycle, the thematic clusters of issues will be addressed in an integrated manner, taking into account economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. The Commission agreed that the implementation process should cover all these issues equally and noted that the selection of some issues for a given cycle did not diminish the importance of the commitments undertaken with respect to the issues to be considered in future cycles.

The Commission further agreed that means of implementation should be addressed in every cycle and for every relevant issue, action and commitment. Linkages to other cross-cutting issues are also to be addressed in every cycle, as shown below.

MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE
COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: *

Cycle	Thematic cluster	Cross-cutting issues
2004/2005	• Water • Sanitation • Human Settlements	Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development, Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education
2006/2007	• Energy for Sustainable Development • Industrial Development • Air Pollution / Atmosphere • Climate Change	Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development, Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable

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* E/CN.17/2003/6

		development, Gender equality, and Education
2008/2009	• Agriculture • Rural Development • Land • Drought • Desertification • Africa	Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development, Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education
2010/2011*	• Transport • Chemicals • Waste Management • Mining • A Ten Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns	Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development, Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education
2012/2013*	• Forests • Biodiversity • Biotechnology • Tourism • Mountains	Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development, Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education
2014/2015*	• Oceans and Seas • Marine Resources • Small Island Developing States • Disaster Management and Vulnerability	Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development, Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education

2016/2017	Overall appraisal of implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme of Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation	

These thematic clusters will remain as part of the Multi-Year Programme of Work as scheduled unless otherwise agreed by the Commission.

Annex 2:

Member States of the CSD in 2008
(53 members; three-year term)

African States (13):
Cameroon, Cape Verde, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Gambia, Guinea, Senegal, South Africa, Sudan, Tunisia, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Asian States (11):
Bahrain, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Kuwait, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Thailand

Eastern European States (6):
Belarus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Poland, Russian Federation, Serbia

Latin America and Caribbean States (10):
Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, Peru

Western European and other States (13):
Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Monaco, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

Annex 3:

List of Useful Contacts

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