



## CSD-18 Guidelines

New York, 14 September 2009

**Dear Friends and Colleagues,**

The CSD Secretariat invites your organization to contribute to the eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-18), which will take place from 3-14 May 2010 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-18 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-18 meeting itself. The two-year cycle of CSD-18 and CSD-19 will focus on fostering the implementation of sustainable development in the areas of transport, chemicals, waste management, mining, and the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns.

Also, in September 2010, the United Nations will hold a High-Level Review session on progress in the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy of Implementation (MSI) for Small Island Developing States (SIDS), five years after its adoption. National, sub-regional and regional preparations will precede the two-day High-Level Special Session of the General Assembly in New York, and major groups are invited to participate. We have included in these *Guidelines* some information on how your organization can contribute.

Since the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development, major groups have played an important role in the CSD as it focuses on implementation of agreed commitments. CSD-18 and CSD-19 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 active engagement in the work of the Commission enriches the debate and influences the outcomes.** We therefore invite you to begin preparing for CSD-18, 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-18

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**1. INTRODUCTION TO CSD-18**

**1.1. Themes and Cross-cutting Issues**

The eighteenth session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-18) will meet at UN Headquarters in New York from 3-14 May 2010.

As the first year of the CSD-18/CSD-19 implementation cycle, CSD-18 will review progress in the following areas:

<b>Cycle</b>	<b>Thematic Cluster</b>	<b>Cross-cutting Issues</b>
2010/2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport</li> <li>• Chemicals</li> <li>• Waste Management</li> <li>• Mining</li> <li>• 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poverty eradication</li> <li>• Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production</li> <li>• Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development</li> <li>• Sustainable development in a globalizing world</li> <li>• Health and sustainable development</li> <li>• Sustainable development of SIDS</li> <li>• Sustainable development for Africa</li> <li>• Other regional initiatives</li> <li>• of implementation</li> <li>• Institutional framework for sustainable development</li> <li>• Gender equality</li> <li>• Education</li> </ul>



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### 1.2. Timeline of Important Milestone Dates and Deadlines

August	Sept.	October	November	Dec.	January	Feb.	March	April	May
<b>17:</b> Deadline for submission of major groups' inputs to Secretary-General's Reports	<b>8-9:</b> Marrakesh Process Task Force leaders (Helsinki) <b>12:</b> SCP Expert Group Meeting (Manila) <b>17-18:</b> Latin American 5 <sup>th</sup> regional meeting on SCP (Cartagena) <b>25:</b> First CSD-18 Bureau meeting <b>28-29:</b> Arab countries Regional SCP meeting (venue tbd)	<b>4-6:</b> Western Asia RIM <b>15:</b> Deadline for submission of major groups' inputs to Secretary-General's Report on MSI+5 <b>26-30:</b> Africa RIM	<b>17-18:</b> Latin America and the Caribbean RIM <b>30:</b> Deadline for submission of Major Groups' Discussion Papers and inputs to SIDS review papers <b>30-1 December:</b> Asia and the Pacific RIM <b>Date tbd:</b> European and North America Expert Group Meeting on SCP	<b>1-2:</b> Europe and North America RIM	<b>30:</b> Finalization of SG Reports <b>Date: tbc</b> MSI+5 Regional meeting: Caribbean Region (Grenada)	<b>8-10:</b> MSI+5 Regional meeting : Pacific region (Vanuatu)	<b>9-12:</b> MSI+5 Regional meeting : AIMS Region (Maldives)		<b>3-14:</b> CSD-18

### 1.3. Framework for the Organization of Work (forthcoming)

#### 1.4 CSD-18 Bureau

Chair: H.E. Dr. Luis Alberto Ferraté Felice, (Guatemala)  
 Vice-Chairs: H.E. Hilario G. Davide, Jr., (Philippines)  
 H.E. Mohamed A. A. Alahraf, (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)  
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For biographical information on the Bureau, please visit the DSD website at:  
[http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/csd/csd\\_csd18\\_bureau.shtml](http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/csd/csd_csd18_bureau.shtml)



### 2. THE CSD-18 REPORTING PROCESS AND INPUTS FROM MAJOR GROUPS

CSD-18 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, the major groups' discussion papers and other background documentation prepared by the UN system and other relevant stakeholders. The Secretary-General's state of implementation reports will contain a detailed review of progress of implementation in the thematic areas of transport, chemicals, waste management, mining, and the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns. An additional report 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. There will also be a separate report on the thematic cluster in relation to Small Island Developing States (SIDS), and one on the status of implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for SIDS. The Secretary-General's reports are limited to 8,500 words each and are produced in the six official languages of the United Nations.

#### 2.1. Tentative List of Reports and Supplementary Materials

Reports by the Secretary-General:

1. Provisional agenda and organisation of work for CSD-18 (E/CN.17/2010/1)
2. List of Participants at the CSD-18 (E/CN.17/2010/2)
3. Overview of progress towards sustainable development  
Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.17/2010/3)
4. Review of implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI): Transport  
Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.17/2010/4)
5. Review of implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI): Chemicals  
Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.17/2010/5)
6. Review of implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI): Waste management  
Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.17/2010/6)
7. Review of implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI):  
Mining  
Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.17/2010/7)
8. Review of implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI):  
10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption & Production Patterns



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- Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.17/2010/8)
9. Review of the Mauritius Strategy  
Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.17/2010/9)
  10. Outcomes of the regional implementation meetings for the eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development  
Note by the Secretariat (E/CN.17/2010/10)
  11. Report of the Regional Implementation Meeting for Africa for the eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (E/CN.17/2010/10/Add.1))
  12. Report of the Regional Implementation Meeting for Asia-Pacific for the eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (E/CN.17/2010/10/Add.2)
  13. Report of the Regional Implementation Meeting for Europe for the eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (E/CN.17/2010/10/Add.3)
  14. Report of the Regional Implementation Meeting for Latin America and the Caribbean for the eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (E/CN.17/2010/10/Add.4)
  15. Report of the Regional Implementation Meeting for Western Asia for the eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (E/CN.17/2010/10/Add.5)
  16. Major Groups Discussion Papers on Transport, Chemicals, Waste Management, Mining and 10 Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption & Production Patterns: Transmittal Note by the Secretariat (E/CN.17/2010/11)
  17. Discussion papers submitted by major groups: Contributions by women  
Note by the Secretariat (E/CN.17/2010/11/Add.1)
  18. Discussion papers submitted by major groups: Contributions by children and youth  
Note by the Secretariat (E/CN.17/2010/11/Add.2)
  19. Discussion papers submitted by major groups: Contributions by indigenous people  
Note by the Secretariat (E/CN.17/2010/11/Add.3)
  20. Discussion papers submitted by major groups: Contributions by non-governmental organizations  
Note by the Secretariat (E/CN.17/2010/11/Add.4)
  21. Discussion papers submitted by major groups: Contributions by local authorities  
Note by the Secretariat (E/CN.17/2010/11/Add.5)
  22. Discussion papers submitted by major groups: Contributions by workers and trade unions  
Note by the Secretariat (E/CN.17/2010/11/Add.6)
  23. Discussion papers submitted by major groups: Contributions by business and industry  
Note by the Secretariat (E/CN.17/2010/11/Add.7)
  24. Discussion papers submitted by major groups: Contributions by scientific and technological community  
Note by the Secretariat (E/CN.17/2010/11/Add.8)
  25. Discussion papers submitted by major groups: Contributions by farmers  
Note by the Secretariat (E/CN.17/2010/11/Add.9)
  26. Partnerships for Sustainable Development (E/CN.17/2010/13)



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27. Draft programme of work for the 2012-2013 biennium for the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs  
Note by the Secretariat (E/CN.17/2009/12)

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

### **Background papers/publications:**

- Trends Report 1
- Trends Report 2
- Partnerships Report

## **2.2. Written Inputs from Major Groups**

The CSD Secretariat welcomes written contributions from major group organizations towards the CSD-18 review process 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: 17 August 2009;**
- 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 major groups organizing partners and used in interactive discussions. **Deadline for submission: 30 November 2009;**
- Case studies and examples of best practices, which can be submitted through the [CSD Secretariat's website](#) (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-18 will be a Report including:

- A **Chair's summary** aimed at identifying constraints, obstacles and challenges, based on the interactive thematic discussions of Governments with major groups, UN system and other relevant stakeholders





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- **Summary of the High-level segment**, including the multi-stakeholder dialogue discussion with major groups
- **Record of regional discussions**
- **Record of the Partnership Fair**
- **Record of the Learning Centre**
- **SIDS Preparatory Committee Meeting Report**



### 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 five thematic areas will be organized throughout the review year in preparation for CSD-18. These meetings may be sponsored and hosted by Governments, as well as by various UN agencies, and often include representatives from major groups' organizations. In addition, major groups are encouraged to organize activities relevant to the current CSD implementation cycle.

#### 3.1. Calendar of Intersessional Meetings

The Calendar of Intersessional Meetings can be found on the website at:

<http://esango.un.org/event/dsd.html?page=calendarList&year=2009>

#### 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 collaboration with the CSD Secretariat and other regional UN entities, and will feed into the work of CSD-18 through:

- Focusing on a regional perspective in reviewing progress of implementation in the five thematic areas, and identifying constraints and challenges to 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 organizations interested in participating in the RIMs are encouraged to coordinate their activities in collaboration with the CSD Secretariat and the CSD-18 Major Groups' Organizing Partners (full list at: [http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/mgroups/mg\\_op.htm](http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/mgroups/mg_op.htm)).



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

<b>Regional Commission</b>	<b>Proposed Date and Venue</b>	<b>Focal Point</b>
UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	West Asia Regional Implementation Meeting 4-6 October 2009 Cairo, Egypt	Ms. Anhar Hegazi Director, Sustainable Development and Productivity Division, UN-ESCWA P. O. Box 11-8575, Riad El-Solh Square, Beirut, Lebanon Tel.: (961-1) 978-502 - Fax no.: (961-1) 981-510 E-mail: <a href="mailto:hegazi@un.org">hegazi@un.org</a>
UN Economic Commission for Africa	Africa Regional Implementation Meeting 26-30 October 2009 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Mr. Charles Akol Environmental Affairs Officer Food Security and Sustainable Development Division (FSSD), UN-ECA P.O. Box 3005, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Tel: +251-11-5443349 - Fax: +251-11-5514416 E-mail: <a href="mailto:cakol@uneca.org">cakol@uneca.org</a>
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UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean	Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Implementation Meeting 17-18 November 2009 Guatemala City, Guatemala	Ms. Marianne Schaper Senior Sustainable Development Officer Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division, UN ECLAC P.O. Box 179 - D, Santiago, Chile Tel. (56 2) 210 2488 - Fax (56 2) 208 0484 E-mail: <a href="mailto:Marianne.schaper@cepal.org">Marianne.schaper@cepal.org</a>



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UN Economic Commission for Europe	Europe Regional Implementation Meeting 1-2 December 2009 Geneva, Switzerland	Ms. Monika Linn Team Leader Environment for Europe and Sustainable Development Environment , Housing and Land Management Division, UN ECE Palais des Nations, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland Tel.: (41-22) 917-1315 - Fax: (41-22) 917-0123 E-mail: <a href="mailto:monika.linn@unece.org">monika.linn@unece.org</a>
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### 4. MAJOR GROUPS' PARTICIPATION IN CSD-18

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

##### *Accreditation*

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 groups' organizations that are in consultative status with ECOSOC, including those on the CSD Roster, can send representatives to CSD-18. Major groups' organizations who were accredited to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (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](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](http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/mgroups/csd_roster.pdf)

If your organization is listed, it is accredited.

You can also:



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- Contact the NGO Branch. The NGO Branch 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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Tel: (1-212) 963-8652 Fax: (1-212) 963-9248

E-mail: [ngobranch@un.org](mailto:ngobranch@un.org)

- Contact the Major Groups Programme at the CSD Secretariat.

Two UN Plaza, Room 2210 New York NY 10007

Tel: (1-212) 963-8497 or (1-212) 963-4704 Fax: (1-917) 367-2341

E-mail: [csdmregister@un.org](mailto:csdmregister@un.org)

**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 the CSD, you must be pre-registered through an accredited organization in order to register at the meeting and receive a UN grounds pass. This includes any major groups' representatives who participate in the Partnerships Fair, Learning Centre, and Side Events.

A new online system is now in place for pre-registration to CSD meetings (as well as to other functional commissions under DESA). The designated focal point for your organization will be provided with a username and password that can be shared and used by all representatives from that organization to pre-register. The login information for your organization will be provided to the focal point by the NGO Section. To request your username and password, please send an e-mail to: [ngobranch@un.org](mailto:ngobranch@un.org).

The [UN-DESA Event Management System](#) will allow you to log in and manage your organization's pre-registration request through the Internet, including adding or changing names of representatives and printing or saving confirmation letters for each representative.

The confirmation letter and a photo ID will need to be shown at the registration desk when your representative arrives at UN Headquarters for the CSD meeting. Details on the location and schedule for the registration desk will be posted on the [CSD-18 website](#) once it is available.



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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 organization at the time of their appointment with the US Consulate or Embassy. The organization letter should include detailed information on the visa applicant: e.g., position, number of years working for that organization, and number of applicants that the organization is sending to CSD- if applicable.

NGO and other major groups 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/dsd/dsd/dsd\\_faqs\\_mg.shtml](http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/dsd/dsd_faqs_mg.shtml)

### 4.2. Major Groups' Involvement in Official Sessions

#### *Structure and Modes of Participation*

Participation of major groups in the official CSD-18 session will be integrated throughout the various activities, consistent with the practice of recent CSD meetings. The following "entry points" for major groups will be recommended to the CSD-18 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-18 Bureau.

Thematic discussions on implementation: As per past practice, it is envisioned that major groups will be integrated in all sessions pertaining to the review exercise, which will include discussions on the five themes of transport, chemicals, waste management, mining, and the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns; regional discussions, and a segment addressing SIDS that will serve as the Preparatory Committee for the upcoming High-Level Review session in September 2010. 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 groups' experts and practitioners who are active and knowledgeable in the thematic areas may be invited to share their experiences and lessons learned.



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High-level segment: At least one segment should be allocated to an interactive dialogue on the state of implementation within the five 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-19 in 2011.

### **4.3. Meeting with the CSD-18 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-18 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 preparations and assists the Secretariat in generating and guiding the engagement of stakeholders for each major groups sector. The Secretariat chairs the facilitating group and supports its work throughout the preparatory process and the CSD session.

The organizations serving as Organizing Partners are **facilitators** working through and with large global constituencies. They are accountable to their constituents, to the CSD Bureau and to the CSD Secretariat.

*Criteria for eligibility include:*

- ❖ Organizations with expert knowledge and competency on the CSD cycle's cluster of issues
- ❖ Organizations that have demonstrated over time their competence and commitment to work in collaboration with the CSD Bureau and the Secretariat





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- ❖ Organizations that are recognized and well respected in their communities and by other organizations in the same sector, and have contacts reaching into different branches of their respective sectors
- ❖ Organizations that have a global or regional geographical scope and membership<sup>1</sup>
- ❖ Organizations with representative structures and appropriate mechanisms of accountability to members
- ❖ Organizations with a solid understanding of intergovernmental decision-making processes, and in particular of the CSD process
- ❖ Organizations with a knowledge of respective regional players and regional groupings
- ❖ Organizations with a commitment to remain engaged throughout the two-year CSD implementation cycle
- ❖ Organizations that have the organizational means and time to perform the required tasks and responsibilities, including participation in CSD meetings in New York
- ❖ Organizations that have members who shall exercise effective control over its policies and actions through the exercise of voting rights or other appropriate democratic and transparent decision-making processes
- ❖ Organizations that are preferably in consultative status with ECOSOC or are on the CSD Roster (although this is not necessary).

*The major groups organizing partners' main responsibilities include:*

- ❖ Consult with networks to prepare written inputs in the form of discussion papers and priorities for action papers addressing the specific themes of each CSD implementation cycle—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.
- ❖ Organize manage and disseminate data and information on major groups and the given CSD cycle.
- ❖ Consult with networks to identify participants to serve on their sector's delegation.
- ❖ Provide and develop logistics and process understanding so the major groups will be able to maximise their presence at CSD in accordance with the UN and CSD engagement practices and procedures
- ❖ Provide guidance and find expertise to develop policy positions representing the best from the major groups' constituencies relevant to the agenda points of the CSD implementation cycle/programme of work
- ❖ Coordinate and facilitate the participation of representatives of their respective sector throughout the CSD sessions, working in collaboration with other major groups' sectors' representatives present at the RIMs, the IPM and the CSD sessions.

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<sup>1</sup> Unless paired with complementary partners within the sector (e.g. an organization with a national focus may be partnered with others that are strong internationally).



**Major Groups' Organizing Partners for the 2009-2010 Implementation Cycle**

**Women**

[Women in Europe for a Common Future \(WECF\)](#)  
[Baha'i International Community \(BIC\)](#)  
[Voices of African Mothers \(VAM\)](#)

**Children and Youth**

[CSD Youth Caucus](#)

**Indigenous People**

[Tebtebba - Indigenous Peoples'](#)  
[International Centre for Policy Research and Education](#)  
[Indigenous Environmental Network](#)

**NGOs**

Sustainable Development Issues Network (SDIN) through:  
[Northern Alliance for Sustainable Development \(ANPED\)](#)  
[Consumers International \(CI\)](#)  
[Institute for Security Studies \(ISS\)](#)

**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 Council of Chemical Associations \(ICCA\)](#)

**Scientific and Technological Communities**

[International Council for Science \(ICSU\)](#)  
[World Federation of Engineering Organizations \(WFEO\)](#)

**Farmers**

[International Federation of Agricultural Producers \(IFAP\)](#)

To view the complete contact details for the list of CSD Organizing Partners, please click [here](#) or visit:

[http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/dsd\\_aofw\\_mg/mg\\_orgapart1011.shtml](http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/dsd_aofw_mg/mg_orgapart1011.shtml)



### 4.5. CSD-18 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 launching of new partnerships are particularly encouraged. 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-18 will focus on partnerships working in the thematic areas of transport, chemicals, waste management, mining, and the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns, as well as on SIDS.

### General Structure of the CSD-18 Partnerships Fair

Partnerships Working Sessions: these sessions are organized to generate a more interactive, candid and dynamic dialogue and exchanges of views among leading-edge thinkers, practitioners and experts on issues related to the use of partnerships to implement sustainable development more effectively. They are specifically designed to offer an opportunity to discuss latest developments and emerging issues in the international dialogue on partnerships; highlight experiences from "on the ground" partnerships practitioners; maximize opportunities to share information on lessons learned and experiences on best practices; find innovative solutions to challenges in implementing sustainable development as well as identify support for future initiatives; and build bridges between the policy recommendations and effective implementation.

Partnerships Training Sessions: These highly interactive and dynamic sessions aim at providing CSD participants with valuable tools, resources, examples and practical experiences on establishing, developing and maintaining effective partnerships; concrete benefits and incentives of using partnerships as collaborative mechanisms or models for more effective delivery of sustainable development goals and objectives; effective approaches to manage challenges, involving a diverse group of stakeholders; knowledge on useful ways to replicate and scale up success stories; and opportunities for CSD registered partnerships to impart knowledge and capacity in specific issues of their work.

Partnerships Information Desks: Depending on availability of the neck area, partnerships information desks will be available to representatives from CSD registered partnerships to 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?

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

Partners involved in a CSD registered Partnership will have the opportunity to request time slots for working or training sessions as well as an information desk during the CSD 18 Partnerships Fair. Partnerships related to the thematic areas of transport, chemicals, waste management, mining, and the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns and SIDS 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.

More detailed information on the CSD 18 Partnerships Fair will become available in early 2010 and can be accessed at the CSD Partnerships Website. For further information on partnerships for sustainable development, please refer

to: [http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/dsd\\_aofw\\_par/par\\_index.shtml](http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/dsd_aofw_par/par_index.shtml)

### 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-18 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-18 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-18 which will be posted in January 2010 on the [CSD-18 main page](#).



### 5. MAURITIUS STRATEGY OF IMPLEMENTATION+5: HIGH-LEVEL REVIEW SESSION

#### 5.1 High-Level Review Session

In September 2010, the United Nations will hold a High-Level Review session on progress in the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy of Implementation (MSI) for Small Island Developing States (SIDS), five years after its adoption.

National, sub-regional and regional preparations will precede the two-day High-Level Special Session of the General Assembly in New York.

Broad public participation is envisioned in the preparatory phase as well as in the Special Session. Major groups' are invited to consider the following opportunities for their involvement and contribution:

- ❖ Contribute to the reports of the Secretary General being prepared for CSD-18 (serving as a Preparatory Committee during its SIDS day in May 2010) – **Deadline 15 October 2009**
- ❖ Contribute to the **National Assessment Reports (NARs)** being prepared by the Member States on a voluntary basis, as a vital preparatory step. The guidelines for these written inputs can found on the internet at: [http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/dsd\\_aofw\\_sids/sids\\_pdfs/msi\\_plus5/GUIDELINES\\_FOR\\_AGENCIES\\_and\\_NON-SIDS\\_MSplus5.pdf](http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/dsd_aofw_sids/sids_pdfs/msi_plus5/GUIDELINES_FOR_AGENCIES_and_NON-SIDS_MSplus5.pdf). Your submission can be sent to the Sustainable Development National Focal Points (a full list is available on the Internet at: [http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/dsd\\_aofw\\_ni/ni\\_index.shtml](http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/dsd_aofw_ni/ni_index.shtml)). Please submit your inputs **before 30 November 2009** to ensure the inclusion of your report in the documentation being prepared for the review meetings.
- ❖ Participate in the three regional preparatory meetings in early 2010 in the Caribbean, Pacific and AIMS.<sup>2</sup> The outcomes of the regional meetings will form the basis of the preparatory meeting at CSD-18. **See provisional timeline in Annex 3**
- ❖ Participate in the SIDS Day during CSD-18 in May 2010 in New York, which will serve as a preparatory committee meeting for the High-Level Review.

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<sup>2</sup> The title AIMS derives from the initial letters of the marine areas in which the islands in the original group are located; Atlantic (Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau, Sao Tome and Principe); Indian Ocean (Bahrain, Comoros, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles); Mediterranean (Cyprus, Malta); South China Seas (Singapore).



**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: \***

<b>Cycle</b>	<b>Thematic cluster</b>	<b>Cross-cutting issues</b>
2004/2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water</li> <li>• Sanitation</li> <li>• Human Settlements</li> </ul>	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy for Sustainable Development</li> <li>• Industrial Development</li> <li>• Air Pollution /</li> </ul>	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,

\* E/CN.17/2003/6



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Atmosphere</li> <li>Climate Change</li> </ul>	Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education
2008/2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agriculture</li> <li>Rural Development</li> <li>Land</li> <li>Drought</li> <li>Desertification</li> <li>Africa</li> </ul>	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*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transport</li> <li>Chemicals</li> <li>Waste Management</li> <li>Mining</li> <li>A Ten Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns</li> </ul>	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*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forests</li> <li>Biodiversity</li> <li>Biotechnology</li> <li>Tourism</li> <li>Mountains</li> </ul>	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*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oceans and Seas</li> </ul>	Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marine Resources</li> <li>• Small Island Developing States</li> <li>• Disaster Management and Vulnerability</li> </ul>	<p>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</p>
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 2010  
(53 members; three-year term)**

**African States (13):**

Cape Verde, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Guinea, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa

**Asian States (11):**

Bahrain, Bangladesh, China, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates

**Eastern European States (6):**

Croatia, Estonia, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Ukraine

**Latin America and Caribbean States (10):**

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Guatemala, Haiti, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

**Western European and other States (13)\*:**

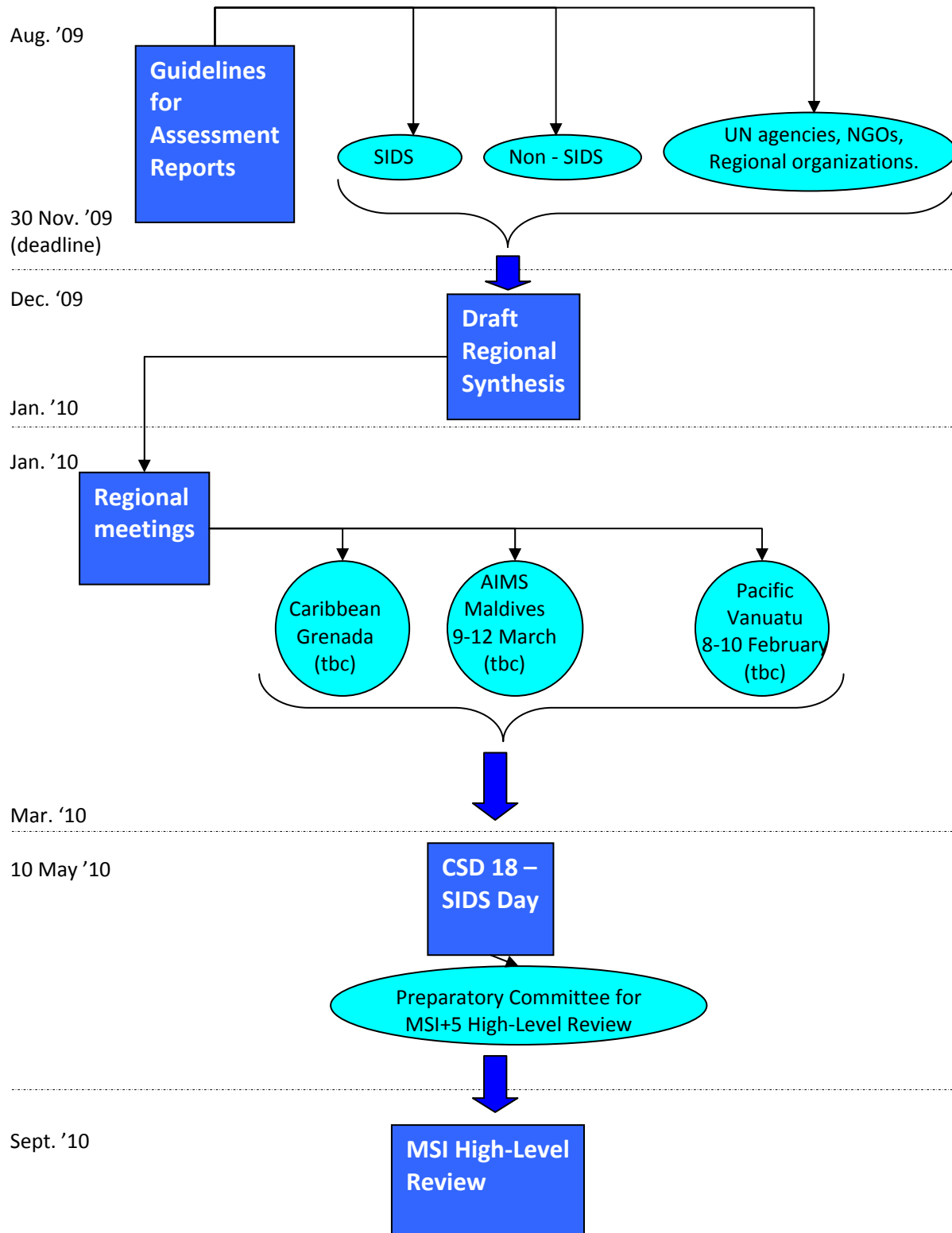
Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Israel, Monaco, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, United States of America

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\* There were two vacancies in this group for members whose terms were to begin at the first meeting (held in 2009) of CSD-18 and expire at the close of CSD-20 in 2012.



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### Annex 4:

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