



Guidelines for participation in CSD-11 New York, 8 April - 9 May 2003

The CSD-11 Major Group registration desk will be set up at the Visitors' Entrance of the United Nations Headquarters. Entry is located between 45th and 46th streets on First Avenue.

The registration desk schedule is as follows:

Sunday	27 April	10 am to 5 pm
Monday	28 April	8 am to 5 pm
Tuesday	29 April	9 am to 5pm
Wednesday	30 April	9 am to 5 pm
Thursday	1 May	9 am to 5 pm
Friday	2 May	10 am to 1 pm
Monday	5 May	9 am tp 5 pm
Tuesday	6 May	9 am to 5 pm
Wednesday	7 May	10 am to 1 pm
Thursday	8 May	10 am to 1 pm

Those Major Groups representatives who have pre-registered should come to the registration desk with the letter from the UN confirming their pre-registration and a valid picture identification.

At the registration desk you will find copies of the tentative program of CSD11, which includes all the meetings and their assigned rooms so far as this is known at the moment. Please note that this tentative program is 'tentative' until CSD11 agenda is formally adopted. Many events on this program are also subject to last minute changes. During CSD11, there will be a daily leaflet titled "CSD Today" that will provide the most up-to-date schedule of the day's events. Participants are strongly advised to use this leaflet to plan their day's activities.

General Information

The next session of the Commission on Sustainable Development is scheduled from 28 April - 9 May 2003, at United Nations Headquarters in New York. This is the first meeting of the Commission following the World Summit on Sustainable Development, which took place in Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August - 4 September 2002.

The focus of CSD-11 is the next work programme of the Commission and the modalities with which it would monitor the success of activities taken in response to the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and the WSSD Political Declaration, as well as Agenda 21. It is expected that the main outcome of this session will be a long-term work programme for the Commission and decisions related to the modalities it would use to monitor implementation activities.



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A Secretary-General's report will be available on the CSD Secretariat's Web site by mid-February for review by all interested parties. This report will provide suggestions and recommendations on the possible work programme of the Commission, as well as the modalities it could use for an effective monitoring of actions taken in response to the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation.

On 27 January 2003, the following **Bureau** was elected to lead CSD-11:

Chair: Minister Valli Moosa, South Africa
Vice-Chairs: Ms. Nadine Gouzée, Belgium
H. E. Mr. Bruno Stagno Ugarte, Costa Rica
Ms. Irena Zubcevic, Croatia
Mr. Hossein Moeini Meybodi, Iran

The programme for the two-week meeting of CSD-11 is currently being considered by the Bureau and will be announced as soon as it is decided.

Participation

Major Group organizations accredited with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC) or part of the 'CSD List' can send representatives to CSD-11 by submitting their list of participants by no later than one week before the start of the session to the NGO Section of ECOSOC Affairs Division in DESA (this Section handles registration of ECOSOC accredited organizations).

Please send these lists by fax to: **+1-212-963-9248** or **+1-212-963-4116**.

The general email address of the NGO Section is desangosection@un.org.

Normally, major group organizations accredited only to the WSSD process would not be able to attend a regular CSD meeting, as these meetings require non-governmental participants to be representatives of organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC. However, the Bureau of CSD-11 recently decided to grant WSSD-accredited NGOs and other major groups a one-time opportunity to participate in this upcoming session. This is a special arrangement and is applicable only to CSD-11. A decision or recommendation on how WSSD-accredited NGOs and other major groups can participate in subsequent CSD meetings is expected from CSD-11.

WSSD-accredited organizations may pre-register for CSD-11 by faxing a request on organizational letterhead to the CSD Secretariat at **+1-917-367-2341**. This letter should indicate that your organization was accredited with WSSD and provide a list of names of the representatives your organization would like to send to CSD-11. The deadline to send



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this letter is 14 April. Please note that the CSD Secretariat does not have any funds to support travel costs to participate in this session.

CSD-11 will continue the participatory and interactive traditions of the past sessions as well as those from the WSSD. As a result the session will include multi-stakeholder dialogues, panel discussions, and side events, as well as a learning center and a partnership market place. Details on these are below.

Multi-stakeholder Dialogues

Several multi-stakeholder events are being considered as part of the session. Further detail on the focus, topic(s) and format of these events will be available after the February meeting of the Bureau. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Major Groups Programme (see below for contact details).

Side Events

Governments, non-governmental actors and international organizations can submit a request for rooms to organize side events to share experiences, views and other information that adds value to the CSD session. Non-governmental actors who organize side events must be accredited with ECOSOC (or be on the CSD List). The deadline to request a room is 28 March 2003.

Learning Centre

For the duration of CSD-11, it is planned to arrange an appropriate space within UN Headquarters to function as a learning and training space. The Learning Center would feature training sessions on a range of topics such as effective negotiations, sustainable development issues and history, or fundraising. The Center would use trainers provided by various governmental and non-governmental partners. A more detailed schedule for the Learning Center will be released in late March.

If your organization would like to suggest topics for the training sessions or provide trainers free of charge please contact the Major Groups Programme.

Partnerships Fair

Also for the duration of CSD-11, it is planned to make available an appropriate space with UN Headquarters to accommodate partners of Sustainable Development Partnerships to network with each other, organize small planning or consultation meetings and disseminate information about their partnerships. For further details, please click [here](#).