
CSD-16 Partnerships Fair Programme and Participants' Guide



PARTNERSHIPS
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DEVELOPMENT

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Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-16)
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Featuring

- ◆ 5 “Partnerships in Practice” interactive discussion sessions in Conference Room 6
 - ◆ 15 Partnerships presentations in Conference Room 6
 - ◆ 2 Training sessions in Conference Room 6
 - ◆ 1 Plenary session in Room 2
 - ◆ 18 Partnerships Information Desks in the Neck Area
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ABOUT THE CSD PARTNERSHIPS FAIR

The Partnerships Fair at the Commission for Sustainable Development (CSD) provides a venue for registered Partnerships for Sustainable Development to showcase progress, launch new partnerships, network with existing and potential partners, create synergies between partnerships and learn from each other's experiences. The Partnerships Fair gives CSD participants an opportunity to gather information, and discuss the important contribution of these innovative initiatives towards supporting the implementation of inter-governmentally agreed sustainable development goals and objectives.

The Partnerships Fair will take place at the UN Headquarters (UNHQ) in New York from 5 to 13 May 2008, with discussion sessions running from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm, partnerships presentations taking place from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, training courses offered from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm and information desks available from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Partnership activities will not be organized during the CSD 16 High Level Segment.

All CSD Partnerships Fair discussion sessions, partnerships presentations and training courses will take place in Conference Room 6, located near the Vienna café in the first basement of the conference building at UNHQ. The Partnerships Fair information desks will be located in the 'neck area' (the corridor between the Vienna café and the elevators in the first basement of the conference building at UNHQ). The CSD Partnerships Fair is an official part of CSD and a summary of its activities will be included in the CSD 16 Chairman's Summary. A Secretary-General's Report on Partnerships for Sustainable Development and a Background Paper with summaries of 98 registered partnerships within the CSD 16-17 implementation cycle are available for consideration/information by CSD-16.

On-line copies can be accessed at www.un.org/esa/sustdev/documents/docs_csd16.htm. The Partnerships WIRE, a daily publication highlighting key news and photos from the Partnerships Fair activities, will also be available on-line and in hard copies during CSD 16.

*The CSD-16 Partnerships Fair Programme and Participants' guide is completed as of 1 May 2008 and may change without advance notice. Kindly refer to the CSD Today for up-to-date information on the Partnerships Fair activities.

Who can register a partnership with the CSD Secretariat?

While all CSD participants, including representatives of Governments, UN system organizations, other intergovernmental organizations and accredited major groups, are welcome to attend the Partnerships Fair, only those partnerships that are registered with the CSD Secretariat can showcase their initiatives through partnership presentations, information desks and as invited speakers at CSD interactive thematic discussion sessions.

Partnership registration has numerous benefits. In addition to being able to attend the CSD Partnerships Fairs, information on registered partnerships is featured in the online CSD Partnerships database and Website, and this information forms the basis for summary reports prepared for consideration by the CSD, containing synthesized information; statistics on trends; and progress in partnership implementation (see E/CN.17/2008/10 Report of the Secretary-General on Partnerships for Sustainable Development and DESA/DSD/2008/1 Background Paper with summaries of CSD registered partnerships for sustainable development – CSD 16-17 implementation cycle).

Additional CSD Secretariat publications, such as the “Partnership Wire” and the “CSD Partnerships Fair Overview”, are offered on-line to publicize and disseminate to interested audiences around the world, information on the activities and contributions of CSD registered Partnerships to the implementation of sustainable development goals and objectives.

The CSD Secretariat continues to work on improving its on-line services such as the CSD Partnerships website features and the database functions to facilitate the consideration of partnerships in CSD discussions as well as highlighting the innovative contributions of CSD partnerships through different publications and activities. We welcome your feedback in order to improve the quality of our services on disseminating information on CSD Partnerships, as mandated by the CSD. We would appreciate receiving your comments at beyondwssd@un.org

If you are part of a partnership working in sustainable development areas, you are encouraged to register your initiative with the CSD and take advantage of these and other services offered by the CSD Secretariat. There is no deadline, no registration fee and registration is an ongoing process.

For further information on the registration process, please refer to:
http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/partnerships/partnerships_registration.htm

To access the CSD Secretariat database, please refer to:
<http://webapps01.un.org/dsd/partnerships/public/browse.do>

“Partnerships in Practice” interactive discussions - Conference Room 6

<p>Monday, MAY 5 2008 3pm - 5.30pm ◇ Promoting and supporting the role of women in partnerships for Rural Development</p>	<p>Chair: Patricia Chaves, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, Head of the Partnerships Team, Division on Sustainable Development/ UN-DESA</p> <p>Lead Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Sabina Mensah, GRATIS Foundation and Ghana Gender and Energy Network◆ Rebecca Pearl, Board Member, WOCAN◆ Lesha (B.M.) Witmer, Women for Water Partnership
<p>Tuesday, MAY 6 2008 3pm - 5.30pm ◇ Why partnerships are critical in addressing desertification and drought?</p>	<p>Chair: Dirk Pilari, Division on Sustainable Development/ UNDESA</p> <p>Lead Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Marc Paquin, Senior Advisor, Médiaterre and Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie and the Institut de l'Énergie et de l'Environnement de la Francophonie (IEPF)◆ Michael Madjera, Federation of Evangelical Churches in Central Germany, representing Competence Platform on Energy Crop and Agroforestry Systems for Arid and Semi-arid Ecosystems (COMPETE)◆ Elisabeth Barsk-Rundquist, Director of Strategic Programmes - The Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)◆ Friederike Knabe, Senior Research Associate, UNISFÉRA
<p>Wednesday, MAY 7 2008 3pm - 5.30pm ◇ Partnership solutions to Africa's development challenges: what types of partnerships and partners may Africa need?</p>	<p>Chair: Melanie Santizo, Guatemala, Bureau Member from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean Countries (GRULAC) (tbc)</p> <p>Lead Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Cosmas Gitta, Chief, Division for Policy, Special United for South-South Cooperation, UNDP◆ Kaddu K. Sebunya, Director of Program for Technical Design, African Wildlife Foundation (AWF), Congo Basin Forest Partnership◆ Dr. Abdallah Rattal, Chief of the Division for Planning, Ministry of Water and the Environment, Government of Morocco

“Partnerships in Practice” interactive discussions - Conference Room 6

Thursday, MAY 8 2008

3pm - 5.30pm



Developing partnerships
for agricultural
innovation: the
challenges

Chair: **Ralph Wahnschafft**, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Energy and Transport Branch, UNDESA

Lead Discussants:

- ◆ **Howarth Bouis**, Program Director of HarvestPlus – representing CGIAR Challenge Program: Biofortified Crops for Improved Human Nutrition
- ◆ **Sally Bunning**, Land Conservation and Management Officer - FAO, representing Globally Important Ingenious Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) partnership
- ◆ **Dr. Sara Scherr**, President, CEO, ECOAGRICULTURE
- ◆ **Jennifer Vogel Bass**, Communications Manager – Rainforest Alliance/ Raising Smallholder Farmer Income in the Developing World

Tuesday, MAY 13 2008

3pm - 5.30pm



Creative partnering to
enhance sustainable
development and
conservation in SIDS

Chair: **Diane Quarless**, Chief of DSD SIDS Unit

Lead Discussants:

- ◆ **Dr. Tom Goreau**, SIDS Partnership: Implementation of New Technologies for Sustainable Development
- ◆ **Dr. Rolph Payet** Global Island Partnership (GLISPA)
- ◆ **Erik Hagberg**, SIDS Partnership: Implementation of New Technologies for Sustainable Development

Plenary Session - Conference Room 2

Friday, MAY 9 2008

4.30 pm - 6.00pm



Dialogue with major
groups and
representatives of
partnerships initiatives

Chair: **Sasa Ojdanic** (Serbia), Bureau Member

Lead Discussants from CSD registered partnerships:

- ◆ **Loren Finnell**, President and CEO—Executive Director, The Resource Foundation, Latin American Clean Water Initiative
- ◆ **Dr. Helen Marquard**, Executive Director, The SEED Initiative
- ◆ **Kaddu Sebunya**, Director of Program for Technical Design, African Wildlife Foundation (AWF), Congo Basin Forest Partnership
- ◆ **Amanda Luxande**, REEEP Regional Manager for Southern Africa, Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP)
- ◆ **Claire Servini**, Italian Trade Commission, Global Bioenergy Partnership (GBEP)
- ◆ Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development (SARD) Initiative: People Shaping their Sustainable Futures (tbc)

Partnership Presentations/ Training Sessions - Conference Room 6

Partnership Presentations

Tuesday, MAY 6

- ◆ 10.00 - 10.55: International Partnership for Sustainable Development in Mountain Regions
- ◆ 11.00 - 11.55: Farmer's Relief Project
- ◆ 12.00 - 12.55: Ecosystem Health and Sustainable Agriculture (EHSA)

Thursday, MAY 8

- ◆ 10.00 - 10.55: International Model Forest Network
- ◆ 11.00 - 11.55: EcoAgriculture Partners
- ◆ 12.00 - 12.55: Congo Basin Forest Partnership

Friday, MAY 9

- ◆ 10.00 - 10.55: Vinyl 2010
- ◆ 11.00 - 11.55: Marrakech Task Force "Cooperation with Africa"
- ◆ 12.00 - 12.55: Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development Initiative (SARD): Collaborations of Major Groups and Governments to advance SARD

Monday, MAY 12

- ◆ 10.00 - 10.55: Recovery of the circuit of four lakes
- ◆ 11.00 - 11.55: Network of European Alimentary Culture (NEAC)
- ◆ 12.00 - 12.55: LP Gas Rural Energy Challenge

Tuesday, MAY 13

- ◆ 10.00 - 10.55: SIDS Partnership: Implementation of New Technologies for Sustainable Development
- ◆ 11.00 - 11.55: Global Water Partnership
- ◆ 12.00 - 12.55: The SEED Initiative

Training Sessions

Wednesday, MAY 7, 10am - 1pm

◆ BUILDING EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Sponsor: Government of the USA

◆ *Training session: Fundamentals in Design & Operation of Effective Partnership Programs (10:00 – 11:30am)*

- Stephan D. Sylvan, Partnership Programs Coordinator, National Center for Environmental Innovation, U.S. EPA

◆ *Panel Dialogue – "Sustainable Development Partnerships, What Have We Learned?" (11:30am – 1:00pm)*

- Jay Benforado (Moderator), U.S. Department of State

- Geoffrey Hamilton, Chief, Cooperation and Partnerships Section, UNECE

- Patricia Solís, Director of Research and Outreach, Association of American Geographers, My Community, Our Earth: Geographic Learning for Sustainable Development (MyCOE)

- Stephan Sylvan, Partnership Programs Coordinator, National Center for Environmental Innovation, U.S. EPA

- Derek Vollmer, Associate Program Officer, Science and Technology for Sustainability Program, U.S. National Academy of Sciences

Monday, MAY 12, 3pm - 6pm

◆ AN INTRODUCTION TO EVALUATING CROSS-SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS

Sponsor: The Partnering Initiative, International Business Leaders Forum

Trainer: Dr. Darian Stibbe, Development Director

Information Desks - Neck Area, Basement 1

Information Desks

(Information desks are open from 10am - 6pm)

Tuesday, MAY 6

- ◆ International Partnership for Sustainable Development in Mountain Regions
- ◆ Farmer's Relief Project

Wednesday, MAY 7

- ◆ Mediaterra
- ◆ COMPETE

Thursday, MAY 8

- ◆ EcoAgriculture Partners
- ◆ Invasive Species Compendium Consortium
- ◆ My Community, Our Earth

Friday, MAY 9

- ◆ CGIAR Challenge Program: Biofortified Crops for Improved Human Nutrition
- ◆ Vinyl 2010
- ◆ Global Land Tool Network (GLTN)

Monday, MAY 12

- ◆ SIDS Partnership: Implementation of New Technologies for Sustainable Development
- ◆ Network of European Alimentary Culture (NEAC)
- ◆ Recovery of the Circuit of Four Lakes
- ◆ The SEED Initiative

Tuesday, MAY 13

- ◆ Global Water Partnership (GWP)
- ◆ Northern Water Network
- ◆ Partners for Water and Sanitation (Paws)
- ◆ Water Programme for Environmental Sustainability (WPA II)

Touch screen information stations

Following positive feedback from CSD-15, the CSD Secretariat has decided to bring back touch screen information stations for all participants to use during the 16th Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

Touch screen information stations will feature the latest news on the CSD-16 session, including Partnerships Fair information. Participants will also be able to download relevant documentation from the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Partnerships Web site.

Touch screen information stations will be available from 10am - 6pm during the CSD-16, and will be located in the neck area, near the Vienna café in Basement 1, of the United Nations.

We encourage you to give them a try and remain up-to-date with the latest information on CSD activities.

Registered partnerships participating in the CSD-16 Partnerships Fair

CGIAR Challenge Program: Biofortified Crops for Improved Human Nutrition

The Biofortification Challenge Program seeks to bring the full potential of agricultural and nutrition science and research to bear on the persistent problem of micronutrient malnutrition by breeding staple food crops that are rich in micronutrients, a process referred to as "biofortification". The program focuses on three micronutrients that are widely recognized by the World Health Organization (WHO) as limiting: iron, zinc, and vitamin.

At the CSD-16 Partnerships Fair

Thematic discussion: Agriculture

◆ 8 May, 3pm - 5.30pm

Information desks:

◆ 9 May, 10am - 6pm

Competence Platform on Energy and Agroforestry Systems for Arid and Semi-Arid Ecosystems Africa (COMPETE)

COMPETE aims to stimulate bioenergy implementation in Africa by establishing a platform for policy dialogue and capacity building in the major multi-lateral and bi-lateral funding organizations and key stakeholders throughout the bioenergy provision and supply chains. Since its start in 2007, studies on current and improved land use are under way for several African countries focusing on the sustainable provision of bioenergy. COMPETE is currently engaged in overview studies on national and regional policies and strategies for Sub-Saharan Africa in the field of energy crops, agro-forestry systems and biofuels.

At the CSD-16 Partnerships Fair

Thematic discussion:
Desertification and Drought

◆ 6 May, 3pm - 5.30pm

Information desks:

◆ 7 May, 10am - 6pm

Congo Basin Forest Partnership

The Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP) aims to promote the sustainable management of the Congo Basins' forests and wildlife by improving communication, cooperation, and collaboration among all the partners. Through the partnership, it aims to promote transparency and information sharing to assist partners and their associates to work better. Principal objectives include, the preservation of the biodiversity and ecology of the forest and wildlife, placing their protection and use on a sustainable basis for the long-term benefit of the region's inhabitants.

At the CSD-16 Partnerships Fair

Presentation:

◆ 8 May, 12:00 - 12:55 pm

EcoAgriculture Partners

In order to increase food production, reduce rural poverty and conserve biodiversity and ecosystem services, the ECOAGRICULTURE partnership aims to promote science, practice and policy for land use systems. ECOAGRICULTURE produces catalyzing research and land-use innovation with farmers and conservationists; capacity building; education and public awareness; enabling policies; and resource mobilization. Some of the expected results include support for on-going ecoagriculture field projects and community based initiatives; identification and publication of communities managing successful ecoagriculture systems; and, promotion of ecoagriculture education, training and capacity building.

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Thematic discussion: Agriculture

◆ 8 May, 3pm - 5.30pm

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◆ 8 May, 11:00 - 11:55 am

Information Desk:

◆ 8 May, 10am - 6pm

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Ecosystem Health and Sustainable Agriculture (EHSA)

The aim of the partnership is to develop a new educational package on Ecosystem Health and Sustainable Agriculture and transfer knowledge on sustainable agriculture, land use, rural development, ecosystem health and management to teachers, students and professionals in the Baltic Sea Region in Europe, and in the Great Lakes Region in the USA and Canada. This partnership also represents a cooperation between agronomists, veterinarians, nature geographers, biologists, chemists, animal scientists, wildlife biologists, public health professionals, economists, business and policy experts.

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Presentation:

- ◆ 6 May, 12:00 - 12:55 pm

Farmer's Relief Project

The Farmer Relief Project aims to help the poorest farmers and their families in India to gain economic security through sustainable practices and diversifying their means of support. Specifically, the project seeks to reduce the suicide rate among poor Indian farmers suffering from debt and crop failure in the states of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Karnataka through providing scholarships for educating children, vocational training for women and helping the farmers make the transition to more sustainable practices.

At the CSD-16 Partnerships Fair

Presentation:

- ◆ 6 May, 11.00 - 11.55 am

Information desk:

- ◆ 6 May, 10am - 6pm

Global Land Tool Network

The Global Land Tool Network's (GLTN) main objective is to contribute to poverty alleviation and the MDGs through land reform, improved land management and security of tenure. The GLTN originates from requests made by Member States and local communities world-wide to UN-HABITAT, who initiated the network in cooperation with the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the World Bank, in 2006. GLTN seeks to: (a) Increase global knowledge, awareness and tools to support pro-poor and gender sensitive land management; and, (b) Strengthen capacity in selected countries to apply pro-poor and gender sensitive tools to improve the security of tenure of the poor in line with the recommendations regarding UN Reform and the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness.

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Information desk:

- ◆ 9 May, 10 am – 6 pm

Global Water Partnership

The Global Water Partnership brings various organisations involved in water management together, including: government agencies, public institutions, private companies, professional organizations, multilateral development agencies and others committed to the Dublin-Rio principles. With a mission to "support countries in the sustainable management of their water resources", this partnership actively identifies critical knowledge needs at global, regional and national levels, helps design programs for meeting these needs, and serves as a mechanism for alliance building and information exchange on integrated water resources management.

At the CSD-16 Partnerships Fair

Presentation:

- ◆ 13 May, 11:00 - 11:55 am

Information desk:

- ◆ 13 May, 10am - 6pm

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International Model Forest Network

The International Model Forest Network (IMFN) is a voluntary association of partners from around the world working toward the common goal of sustainable management of forest landscapes and natural resources. The IMFN is based on an innovative approach that combines the social, cultural and economic needs of local communities with the long-term sustainability of forest landscapes. The more than 40 model forests operating around the world make up the international network. Model forests are primarily about people, the communities they live in and the sustainable management of the landscapes and resources they rely on.

At the CSD-16 Partnerships Fair

Presentation:

- ◆ 8 May, 10.00 - 10.55 am

International Partnership for Sustainable Development in Mountain Regions (Mountain Partnership)

The Mountain Partnership is an evolving, voluntary alliance of partners dedicated to improving the well-being, livelihoods and opportunities of mountain people and the protection and stewardship of mountain environments around the world. The Mountain Partnership taps the wealth and diversity of resources, knowledge, skills and expertise of its members to support positive change in mountain areas. Commitment to the Mountain Partnership has increased rapidly at the country, regional and international levels and concrete action is now underway to improve the lives of mountain people and protect mountain environments around the world.

At the CSD-16 Partnerships Fair

Presentation:

- ◆ 6 May, 10.00 - 10.55 am

Information desk:

- ◆ 6 May, 10am - 6pm

Invasive Species Compendium Consortium

The partnership develops a comprehensive and authoritative knowledge base that will be applied as a powerful reference source improving access to knowledge to assist in the identification of invasive species (IS), determine their impacts, help achieve rapid response to their effects, and deliver management and policy solutions. It also aims to enhance global knowledge of the threat of invasive species to native species and to native ecosystems; develop a global, web-based Invasive Species Compendium (ISC); and lastly, commission and compile comprehensive global knowledge on invasive species covering all taxa found in agroecosystems and natural ecosystems.

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Information desk:

- ◆ 8 May, 10am - 6pm

LP Gas Rural Energy Challenge

The LP Gas Rural Energy Challenge partnership addresses concrete barriers to meeting the thermal energy needs (heating, cooking, and heat using productive processes) of rural and peri-urban populations in developing countries through expanded use of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG). The key issue this initiative aims to address are market and technical barriers to the expanded use of LPG and to design local partnerships, business models and financing mechanisms to overcome these barriers. This will be accomplished through local dialogue processes and partnerships involving all relevant stakeholders.

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Presentation:

- ◆ 12 May, 12:00 - 12:55 pm

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Marrakech Task Force on Cooperation with Africa

The Marrakech Task Force on Cooperation with Africa aims to strengthen existing organizational structures and establish new ones to promote sustainable consumption and production (SCP) in all African countries (e.g. supporting the development of national action plans on SCP). In addition, the partnership seeks to also support projects for implementing sustainable consumption and production methods and the integration and mainstreaming of environmental education in African schools and universities; and promote sustainable procurement by governmental organizations through training courses and awareness-raising.

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Presentation:

- ◆ 9 May, 11:00 to 11:55 am

Mediaterre

This partnership aims to create an information and discussion platform for sustainable development that is accessible to the various groups concerned with facilitating exchanges, and integration of the available data on a network of internet sites, distributed throughout the French-speaking world. It also seeks to develop the use of the French language regarding these topics, for the sake of linguistic plurality at the international level, thereby helping to reinforce the capacities of French-speaking participants, especially in the organization of preliminary debates for major conferences.

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Thematic discussion:

Desertification and Drought

- ◆ 6 May, 3pm - 5.30pm

Information Desk:

- ◆ 7 May, 10am - 6pm

My Community, Our Earth (MyCOE)

The general goal of My Community, Our Earth - Geographic Learning for Sustainable Development is to build geographically literate generations able to use this knowledge in their everyday lives to bring about true sustainable development. In particular, the Program seeks to provide students and international leaders with the opportunity to discover and address real issues in their communities and their regions with respect to sustainable development issues, particularly Agenda 21, WSSD topics, CSD themes, and the Millennium Development Goals.

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Information Desk:

- ◆ 8 May, 10am - 6pm

Network of European Alimentary Culture (NEAC)

The Network of European Alimentary Culture (NEAC) focuses on promoting a strong European identity which is viewed as essential and complementary to a strong local/regional identity. Activities being carried out in relation to this partnership include: thematic conferences, contact seminars, youth meetings, and study visits for education specialists. This project is highly supportive of equal opportunities for all marginalized groups, including those with disabilities, women, and different races.

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Presentation:

- ◆ 12 May, 11:00 - 11:55 am

Information Desk:

- ◆ 12 May, 10am - 6pm

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Northern Water Network

The Northern Water Network is a network of country level water partnerships in the global North, which aims to encourage the creation of national partnerships in industrialized countries to deal with unresolved and emerging water issues within the countries. It also facilitates the development of networks among industrialized countries to exchange experiences and good practices of water resources, and services management and interact with partnerships in developing countries, and lastly; brings water issues in industrialized countries to the World Water Forums, and other global events to be discussed in multi-stakeholder sessions and to be presented to politicians and decision-makers.

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Information Desk:

- ◆ 13 May, 10am - 6pm

Partners for Water and Sanitation (PAWS)

Partners for Water and Sanitation (PAWS) is a not-for-profit partnership whose members come from government, the private sector and civil society. It aims to help improve access to safe water and sanitation for people in four African countries, using expertise from the UK water industry. By using the wide range of skills from these partners to provide advice and support to projects on the request of our partner countries, PAWS works to build capacity through knowledge transfer in the water and sanitation sector to help to provide a sustainable solution.

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Information Desk:

- ◆ 13 May, 10am - 6pm

Raising Smallholder Farmer Income in the Development World: New Business Models for Sustainable Trading Relationships

This partnership aims to develop and implement new trading relationships that will reduce rural poverty and improve environmental quality by creating higher income market opportunities for small producers that also reward environmental stewardship. More specific objectives include: to develop a set of business models that support sustainable smallholder and rural labourer inclusion in high-value, formal export and domestic markets; to apply these new business models; to expand these validated business models through existing and new supply chain partnerships.

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Thematic discussion: Agriculture

- ◆ 8 May, 3pm - 5.30pm

Recovery of the Circuit of Four Lakes

This partnership aims to investigate the extent of contamination of the lakes and of the impact on the environment in the area, and evaluate the various geographic spaces near the lakes to determine the areas most contaminated. In completing this task, the partnership performed seven laboratory tests on the waters of Lake Acopia (near banks and center of lake). So far, the partnership has concluded that there is a need to clean the lakes waters and banks of existing solid trash, and to prevent further chemical contamination from detergents and pharmaceutical discards.

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Presentation:

- ◆ 12 May, 10:00 - 10:55am

Information desk:

- ◆ 12 May, 10am - 6pm

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The SEED Initiative

The Seed Initiative (Supporting Entrepreneurs in Environment and Development) aims to inspire, support and build the capacity of locally-driven entrepreneurial partnerships to contribute to the delivery of the Millennium Development Goals and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation. The initiative focuses on 'business as unusual' - innovative action delivering real solutions through project cooperation among small and large businesses, local and international NGOs, women's groups, labour organizations, public authorities and UN agencies, and others working in the field of sustainable development.

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Presentation:

- ◆ 13 May, 12:00 - 12:55pm

Information desk:

- ◆ 12 May, 10am - 6pm

SIDS Partnership: Implementation of New Technologies for Sustainable Development

The SIDS Partnership for Implementation of New Technologies for Sustainable Development, brings together United Nations Agencies with a focus on Small Island Developing States (SIDS), SIDS governments, non governmental organizations, and the private sector to raise awareness and funding for the implementation of new, underutilized, but proven technologies for climate change adaptation and mitigation, renewable energy production, restoration of coral reefs and fisheries habitat, restoration of soil fertility, aquaculture, and waste recycling for SIDS.

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Presentation:

- ◆ 13 May, 10:00 - 10:55 am

Information Desk:

- ◆ 12 May, 10am - 6pm

Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development Initiative (SARD)

The SARD Initiative is a multi-stakeholder umbrella framework that engages civil society, governments and intergovernmental organizations to achieve concrete and measurable improvements in the livelihoods and living conditions of the rural poor and the sustainability of their environments. The initiative is facilitated by FAO but led by civil society. Since its launched in 2002, SARD has aimed to improve access of the poor to critical resources for SARD; improve agro-ecological and ecosystem approaches, and; promoted fairer and more decent conditions of employment in agriculture among other things.

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Plenary discussion: Major groups and Partnerships initiatives

- ◆ 9 May, 4.30pm - 6pm

Presentation:

- ◆ 9 May, 12:00 - 12:55 pm

Vinyl 2010

This partnership was set up to provide the organizational and financial infrastructure to manage and monitor the actions undertaken as part of the Voluntary Commitment of the European PVC industry's 10-year plan. The initiative's main objectives include:

- ◆ To manage initiatives that put European PVC industry commitments into practice;
- ◆ Bring the whole industry together: resin manufacturers, plastic converters, and producers of stabilizers and plasticizers; and,
- ◆ Pursue recycling and other ways to dispose of industrial and post-consumer waste.

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Presentation:

- ◆ 9 May, 10:00 - 10:55 am

Information Desk:

- ◆ 9 May, 10 am - 6pm

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Water Programme for Environmental Sustainability (WPA II)

The objectives of the partnership are to:

- ◆ Set up best practices in remediation of climate variability and change impacts on water resources;
- ◆ Enhance capacity in managing water resources and protect groundwater resources;
- ◆ Develop methodologies that contribute to the management of surface and groundwater dependent ecosystems in coastal zones;
- ◆ Develop North-South cooperation taking benefits from the experience gained by Italian experts.

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Information Desk:

- ◆ 13 May, 10am - 6pm

Women for Water

The Women for Water Initiative brings existing national and international women's organizations working on sustainable development, water, poverty eradication and gender, and aims to:

- ◆ Give an impulse to Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) through ownership and partnership for sustainable development;
- ◆ Provide the missing link between bottom-up initiatives and top-down policy and decision-making ;
- ◆ Provide a means for the implementation of Dublin Principles 2 and 3, especially women's equal participation in IRM at all levels, including the local level, and;
- ◆ Implement Rio Principle 10.

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Thematic discussion: Rural Development

- ◆ 5 May, 3pm - 5.30pm

Partnerships WIRE

The Partnerships Team will be publishing a redesigned daily **Partnerships WIRE** containing key news, reports and pictures from the Partnerships Fair Activities. On-line copies will be available at www.un.org/esa/sustdev/partnerships/partnerships_fair.ht

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