

# The SDIN Global Partners



The SDIN Group, organising partner for the NGOs, has the pleasure of inviting participants from all Major Groups accredited to CSD 18 to the regular orientation course on CSD this year on **SUNDAY, MAY THE 2<sup>ND</sup>**

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#### **Where and when?**

The meeting will be held on **Sunday, May the 2<sup>nd</sup>** at the Hilton Manhattan East Hotel formerly Tudor Hotel New York, starting at 13:30.

Address: 304 E. 42nd St., New York, NY 10017, or more practically speaking, the hotel is a few yards down towards East River from the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street in Manhattan, just a 7 minute walk from the UN itself.

#### **Why the late invitation?**

Financial constraints have made it almost impossible for us to organise this event this year, and finding a place and match it to available funds became possible only yesterday. This explains the lateness in informing people participating at this year's CSD. But thanks to support from the Belgian Government, we are now able to organise the meeting. Nonetheless, we do hope you will have time and interest to come and participate.

Unfortunately we had no funds available for lunch this year. But we have lots of food for thought.

#### **The content:**

The meeting will be chaired by  
Rose Mwasa, ISS, Nairobi Kenya and  
Jan-Gustav Strandenaes, ANPED; Brussels, Belgium.

13:30 – Opening and welcome,  
by Jan-Gustav Strandenaes.

13:45 An outline of the challenges facing the Major Groups at CSD, entry points for speaking, participation in round tables, dialogues, access to the rooms and building etc,  
By Chantaline Line Carpentier, Major Groups Coordinator for UN CSD

14:15 Q and A

- 15:00 Rio + 20, the first prep com on this process, and how the re-started Rio process may influence our work at CSD. What should we look out for, think about, be challenged by etc.  
By the Director of Stakeholder Forum, Mr. Felix Dodds
- 15:20 Q and A
- 15:30 the CSD themes:  
We are in the process of securing speakers to introduce each topic. Each of the introductions will be made by people who have helped author the Major Groups papers. The introductions will not deal with the politics of the themes, but rather give a factual overview of what may be discussed during the coming two weeks. The content, analysis views etc of each of the themes will be subsequently dealt with within the premises of each major group.  
Each theme will have a small introduction giving an overview of which are the key issues within the themes, outline the difficult issues, the challenging issues, what should we be looking for, engage in etc.  
We have so far received agreement on the first theme, Mr. Flores from Consumers International. Thus, this session begins with
- 15:30 A – Sustainable Consumption and Production, SCP by Louis Flores, Consumers International, Santiago, Chile
- 15:45 B – Chemicals, speaker to be announced
- 16:00 C – Waste management, speaker to be announced
- 16:15 D – Transportation, speaker to be announced
- 16:30 E – Mining, speaker to be announced
- 16:45 Q and A
- 17:20 NGOs only.  
As each of the Major Groups is invited to make introductory remarks for the plenary during the opening session of CSD, Monday morning, the NGOs will decide among themselves, what to say, and who to make the statement.  
Louis Flores, of CI, Latin America will chair this session.
- 18:00 The meeting is over

See you all very soon