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Minutes of the Second Meeting of the Bureau of the
19th Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development
(16 November 2010, UN Headquarters, New York)

Introduction

1. The second meeting of the Bureau of the 19th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-19) took place on 16 November 2010 in New York.
2. The following attended the meeting:

Bureau Members

- H.E. Mr. László Borbély, Minister of Environment and Forests (Romania)
- H.E. Mr. Javier Arias Iriarte, Minister of Environment (Panama)
- Ambassador Andrew Goledzinowski, Deputy Permanent Representative (Australia)
- Mr. Eduardo Meñez, Minister Plenipotentiary (Philippines)
- Mr. Abdelghani Merabet, Third Secretary (Algeria)

Secretariat

- Mr. Tariq Banuri, Director, DSD/DESA
- Mr. Aslam Chaudhry, Chief, Global Policy Branch, DSD/DESA
- Mr. David O'Connor, Chief Policy Analysis and Networks Branch, DSD/DESA
- Mr. Nikhil Chandavarkar, Chief Communication and Outreach Branch, DSD/DESA
- Ms. Irena Zubcevic, Senior Sustainable Development Officer, DSD/DESA
- Ms. Chantal line Carpentier, Sustainable Development Officer, DSD/DESA
- Ms Vivian Pliner (DGACM), Secretary of the CSD

3. Proposed agenda was adopted. It is attached as Annex 1.

Agenda Item 1: Updates by the Bureau

4. Minister Borbély welcomed the participants to the second Bureau meeting. He invited the Bureau members to brief on the intersessional meetings they have attended, as well as about the consultations they have had with their respective regional groups.
5. Ambassador Goledzinowski mentioned that he had attended the 5th Intergovernmental Forum on Mining (IGF) that took place in Geneva from 24 – 26 October. He delivered a statement at the opening of the session highlighting the

importance of mining agenda during the forthcoming CSD-19 session. While appreciating the assistance received from the DSD, he noted that the presentation made by the DSD set a very positive tone for discussions at the Forum. The Forum discussed a paper on sustainable mining practices in the last five years which will soon be released by the IGF. The paper does not set an ambitious agenda; instead it documents sustainable practices in mining, necessity for capacity building, ways of dealing with downstream consequences of mining, as well as technical aspects such as abandoned and orphaned mines. Malawi being the current Chair of IGF will submit this paper to CSD-19. Regarding consultations with his regional group, Amb. Goledzinowski mentioned that he had shared all necessary documentation with the group but received very little feedback implying that the group is satisfied with the preparations for CSD-19.

6. Mr. Meñez briefed about the Senior Expert Group Meeting on Sustainable Development of Lithium Resources in Latin America: Emerging Issues and Opportunities which he attended from 10 – 11 November in Santiago, Chile. He delivered opening remarks outlining the activities of the Bureau. He stated that this meeting was not only relevant for transport where lithium is used in hybrid vehicles, but for other CSD-19 themes as well. Sustainable development of Lithium resources has implications for recycling, SCP and waste management. Outcome of the meeting will be in the form of a draft set of conclusions which will be released soon and presented at CSD-19. While he received relatively little feedback from his group on the preparations of CSD-19, he availed the opportunity to discuss CSD-19 agenda with the relevant national authorities of his country (Philippines) who are preparing for active participation in both IPM and CSD-19. In relation to the themes of the current cycle, he added the relevance of a number of resolutions currently being negotiated by the Second Committee under sustainable development agenda item.

7. Mr. Banuri informed about the 5th Meeting of the Regional EST (Environmentally Sustainable Transport) Forum in Asia, which was held from 23 – 25 August 2010 in Bangkok, Thailand organized jointly by the Ministry of Environment of Japan, United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Thailand, and United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP). The outcome – Bangkok Declaration for 2020 will be officially submitted to CSD-19 by the Government of Thailand.

8. Minister Borbély emphasized the importance of making all documentation related to intersessional and other relevant meetings available to the Member States in order for them to be fully informed and prepared as we move towards CSD-19.

Agenda item 2: Updates by the Secretariat

9. *Status of preparation of Secretary-General's reports:* Mr. Chaudhry reported that drafting of the SG reports for all themes is progressing satisfactorily and in accordance with the schedule. Advanced unedited versions will be available on the CSD-19 website at the end of December 2010 or the first week of January 2011. Bureau's attention was drawn to important issues emerging from the analysis of SG reports, especially those

which will be subject to extensive negotiations at CSD-19. Mr. Chaudhry suggested that Bureau may consider sharing the list of these issues with their regional groups to gain a better understanding of groups' positions on various issues. Minister Borbély concurred with this idea and requested the Secretariat to prepare in due course an "Issue Paper" highlighting the important, as well as the potentially sensitive issues. The Bureau members will then share it with their respective constituencies.

10. **Revised organization of work for the IPM (See Annex 2):** Mr Chaudhry pointed out the only one change that was made in the organization of work. This change refers to organizing an additional multistakeholder dialogue on the first half of last day on "expectations from CSD-19 within the context of Rio+20" given the apparent linkages between the themes of current cycle and green economy. After some discussion, the revised organization of work was adopted.

11. **Short-list of panellists being contacted for the IPM:** The Bureau was informed that all panellists on the list have been contacted to determine their availability, and that more than half of them have already indicated their acceptance. In response to a suggestion for ensuring balance in regional representation and in between North-South experts, the Secretariat mentioned that proposed panellists were chosen using these criteria, and invited the Bureau members to provide additional names of experts, if they wish so. Minister Borbély proposed not to invite more than 3 panellists for each thematic session so that sufficient time could be allocated for discussion among the Member States. Bearing the above in mind, the list of panellists was approved.

Agenda item 3: Presentation on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns- SCP (See Annexes 3, 4 and 5)

12. Ms. Carpentier made a presentation (Annex 5) that was divided into two parts. The first part of the presentation was on SCP and its importance, including evolution of SCP agenda and major challenges to consider in the context of CSD-19. The second part of the presentation dealt with the High-Level intersessional meeting on SCP in Panama. She framed the discussion on SCP in line with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities. The meeting was reminded about previous intergovernmental decisions on SCP, namely in CSD-2 in 1994, and that SCP has been subject to discussion in each session as a cross-cutting issue since the adoption of the multi-year work programme in CSD-11.

13. Reporting on the progress achieved in advancing the SCP agenda, Ms. Carpentier enumerated efforts made to reduce energy and material intensities; expansion of guidelines for consumer protection to include SCP; establishment of National Cleaner Production Centers; better and shared knowledge on buildings and construction, product standards, procurement, sustainable tourism, and education; broadly identified regional priorities; as well as identification of some programs that could be scaled up. The list of continuing challenges included producing adequate supply of goods and services for everyone while putting less pressure on ecosystems; delinking economic and social well-

being from environmental degradation; and making possible upward convergence of living standards together with downward convergence of ecological footprints.

14. The High-Level intersessional meeting in Panama will target to achieve the following objectives: broad understanding of the main features of and main functions to be served by a 10YFP on SCP; enhanced understanding of the usefulness and relevance of different organizational models for the design of a 10YFP; emerging consensus on the key structural elements of a 10YFP; concrete suggestions on the means of implementation to ensure adequate and sustainable resources for programme implementation under the 10YFP. The meeting will also contribute towards strengthening the technical capacity of participants for providing inputs to the formulation of a coherent and effective 10YFP at the CSD-19.

15. DSD/DESA in cooperation with UNEP is preparing two background documents for the meeting. These documents will be ready by mid-December and will be made available on the CSD-19 website. One paper evaluates the six potential institutional arrangements for the 10YFP against a pre-established criterion, while the other aims to present a compilation of programs with potential for scaling up. Member States, UN system and Major Groups have been invited to submit such programs; and a template for this purpose has already been placed on the CSD-19 website.

16. The Bureau noted that SCP is an important cross-cutting issue. Progress on SCP agenda is an absolute necessity for advancing sustainable development, thus this session can provide important contributions to Rio+20 conference and its preparatory process. The Chair underlined the importance of the two background documents since these would provide the main ingredients to the 10YFP and basis for discussion at the intersessional meeting in Panama. The Chair encouraged the Bureau members to engage in consultations with their regional groups and reach out to other stakeholders to prepare grounds for meaningful negotiations during CSD-19. In this regard, he called for the preparation of a non-paper on 10YFP that could serve as basis for discussions with the regional groups. He requested the Secretariat to organize briefings for groups so that Member States are well informed about the contents of the two background documents and what we intend to achieve at the Panama meeting. He further underscored the importance of ensuring good preparation of documentation and the meetings ahead and counted on effective inter-agency cooperation in this regard.

Agenda item 4: Discussion on Intersessional Meetings

17. Mr. Chandavarkar informed the Bureau about two remaining intersessional meetings on waste management, one in Rabat, Morocco, that will take place from 25 – 26 November and the other one in Japan in mid-February 2011 with exact dates to be confirmed. The Morocco meeting will bring together 50 practitioners from African countries who will discuss ways and means to address waste management challenges with emphasis on e-waste and municipal waste, including the usefulness of 3R approach and looking upon waste as a resource. The outcome document will be in the form of a Chair's summary as well as a Rabat Declaration highlighting policy options and way

forward for sustainable waste management (See Annex 6) The meeting in Japan will particularly look at building partnerships with civil society and private sector in this area.

18. Given the importance of SCP meeting in the context of CSD-19, Minister Borbély encouraged all Bureau members to attend this meeting. To raise the profile and encourage attendance to the meeting, he proposed that a letter of invitation signed both by him as the Chair and Minister Arias Iriarte as the Vice-Chair and host of the meeting be sent to all participants, following the invitations already sent out by DSD/DESA and UNEP.

19. Minister Borbély informed that he will attend the intersessional meeting in Japan as well as the meeting of the UNEP Governing Council, both in February 2011.

Agenda item 5: Other Business

20. ***Proposal for division for work among the Bureau members (Annex 7):*** The Secretariat presented the proposal for the division of work among Bureau members. The proposal identified responsibilities for chairing different thematic sessions during the IPM as well as for activities pertaining to the Partnerships, Major Groups and the Learning Centre. The Bureau accepted the proposal. Ms. Pliner explained to the Bureau that her office will prepare speaking notes for each Bureau member in the UN language of his choice for the session(s) to be chaired by the respective member.

21. ***Next Bureau meeting:*** Minister Borbély proposed to hold a Bureau meeting on the margins of the SCP meeting in Panama. The meeting will be scheduled in two parts. The first part will take place prior to the start of the intersessional meeting, while the second part can be programmed after the formal closing of the intersessional meeting. This proposal was agreed in principle.

22. ***Other issues, if any:*** Mr. Chaudhry brought to the Bureau's attention that a briefing for IPM needs to be scheduled in January 2011 for all delegations. The briefing could be led by the most senior Bureau member present in New York. The Secretariat was asked to proceed with the necessary arrangements.

Summary of Key Decisions and Next Steps

- The organization of work and list of panellists for IPM were approved.
- The division of work among Bureau members was agreed.
- The Secretariat to prepare an "Issue Paper" highlighting important and contentious issues related to the themes of the current cycle.
- The Bureau members to share this "Issue Paper" with their respective regional groups to seek feedback on these issues.
- Letters of invitation for the Panama meeting to be sent jointly by the CSD-19 Chair and Vice-Chair Panama.
- The Bureau to prepare a non-paper on key elements of 10YFP and to use it for mobilizing political support for the 10YFP.

- Secretariat to make arrangements for briefing of delegates by the Bureau on the preparations of IPM and CSD-19.
- Next Bureau meeting will take place at the margins of Panama intersessional meeting.

Annexes:

Annex 1: Agenda of the meeting

Annex 2: Adopted organization of work of IPM

Annex 3: Provisional agenda for High-level meeting on SCP in Panama

Annex 4: Concept note for High-level meeting on SCP in Panama

Annex 5: Sustainable production and consumption – power point presentation

Annex 6: Concept note on intersessional meeting in Morocco on waste management

Annex 7: Division of work among the Bureau members

ANNEX-1
AGENDA OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE
BUREAU OF THE 19TH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 16 November 2010
TIME: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
VENUE: Conference Room, 23rd Floor, Two United Nations Plaza
(DC-2 Building), New York

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1: **Updates by the Bureau Members**

Agenda item 2: **Updates by the Secretariat**

- (i) Status of preparation of Secretary-General's reports
- (ii) Revised organization of work for the IPM
- (iii) Short-list of panellists being contacted for the IPM

Agenda item 3: **Presentation on Sustainable Consumption and Production**
Patterns- SCP

Agenda item 4: **Discussion on Intersessional Meetings**

Agenda item 5: **Other Business**

- (i) The Chair will invite the Secretariat to present a proposal for division for work among the Bureau members
- (ii) Discussion on next Bureau meeting
- (iii) Other issues, if any

ANNEX-2
CSD-19 Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting
Provisional Organization of Work

	Monday 28 February 2011	Tuesday 01 March 2011	Wednesday 02 March 2011	Thursday 03 March 2011	Friday 04 March 2011
AM	Plenary	Plenary	Plenary	Plenary	Plenary
10:00 am to 1:00 pm CR-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opening of the IPM ▪ Adoption of the agenda and organization of work ▪ Reporting on intersessional meetings ▪ Group statements ▪ Statements by Regional Commissions ▪ Statements by Major Groups 	<u>Transport</u> Policy options to address barriers and constraints, taking into account lessons learned and best practices	<u>Waste Management</u> Policy options to address barriers and constraints, taking into account lessons learned and best practices	<u>SCP</u> Policy options to address barriers and constraints, taking into account lessons learned and best practices	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Multistakeholder Dialogue I</u> 10:00 – 11:30 am Advancing the Implementation of Sustainable Development (Themes of CSD-18/19 Cluster)</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Multistakeholder Dialogue II</u> 11:30 am – 1:00 pm Expectations from CSD-19 within the context of Rio+20</p>
PM	Plenary	Plenary	Plenary	Plenary	Plenary
3:00 to 6:00 pm CR-1	<u>SIDS</u> Policy options to address barriers and constraints, taking into account lessons learned and best practices	<u>Chemicals</u> Policy options to address barriers and constraints, taking into account lessons learned and best practices	<u>Mining</u> Policy options to address barriers and constraints, taking into account lessons learned and best practices	<u>Interlinkages and Cross-cutting Issues</u> Policy options to address barriers and constraints, taking into account lessons learned and best practices	<p style="text-align: center;">3:00 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Distribute Chair’s Draft Negotiating Text <p style="text-align: center;">5:00 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduce Chair’s Draft Negotiating Text and invite factual comments ▪ Adoption of the report of IPM

Notes:

1. Interactive discussions will be led off by panellists consisting of 2-3 experts with experience in implementation, focusing on policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation, taking into account lessons learned and best practices.
2. Interventions by delegations during interactive discussions should avoid restating problems and barriers and highlight solutions and the way fo

ANNEX-3

**High-Level CSD Intersessional Meeting on
a 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production**

**13-14 January 2011
Panama City, Panama**

Provisional Agenda

Wednesday, 12 January 2011 – unofficial part

Global Major groups and multistakeholder forum (TBC)

Thursday, 13th January 2011

Opening Session

Introduction and stage setting

- 09:00-09:20 - Welcome Remarks by H.E. Mr. Javier Arias Iriarte, Administrator General of the National Environmental Authority of Panama and Vice-Chair of CSD19
- Opening Remarks by H.E. Mr. Lászlo Borbély, Minister of Environment and Forestry of Romania and Chair of CSD19
- 09:20-09:30 Objectives of the intersessional meeting and roadmap to CSD 19 by Mr. Tariq Banuri, Director of the Division for Sustainable Development, DESA, United Nations
- 09:30-09:40 Follow-up from the Marrakech Process: Opportunities for CSD 19 by Sylvie Lemmet, Director, Division of Technology, Industry and Economics, UNEP
- 09:40-9:55 Vision, Goals and Objectives of the 10YFP by H.E. Mr. Lászlo Borbély, Chair of CSD-19
- 9:55-11:00 Plenary discussion regarding the Vision, goals and objectives of the 10YFP

11:00-11:15: Coffee Break

Session 1

Potential structure of the 10YFP: Reviewing existing models (e.g. SAICM, Marrakech, MDGs) against identified criteria

Co-chairs: Country a, country b

- 11:15 -11:35: Presentation of comparative assessment based on the models against identified criteria,
by UNDESA and UNEP (Background documents 1 and 2)
- 11:35 -12:55: Parallel roundtables on models and best fit for the 10YFP
- 12:55 -13:25: Reporting from roundtables

13:25-14:45: Lunch

14:45-15:45: Plenary discussion on the structure of 10YFP

Session 2

Potential structure of the 10YFP: Reviewing existing models against identified criteria

Co-chairs: Country c, country d

15:45 -16:00: Presentation of comparative assessment based on the models against identified criteria, by UNDESA and UNEP (Background documents 1 and 2)

16:00 -17:15: Parallel roundtables on models and best fit for the 10YFP

17:15-17:30: Coffee Break

17:30-18:00: Reporting from roundtables

Conclusion of day one

18:00-19:15 Optional side events

19:30 - Reception hosted by Panama

Friday, 14th January 2011

Session 3

Potential programmes to be included in the 10YFP

Co-chairs: Country e, country f

09:00-09:20 Presentation of thematic programmes based on programmes received from Member States, UN Agencies, and Major Groups, by one representative each from regional organizations and Member States (Background document 3)

09:20-10:45 Parallel roundtables on potential programmes to be included in the 10YFP

10:45-11:00: Coffee Break

Session 4

Potential programs to be included in the 10YFP - continued

Co-chairs: Country g, country h

11:00-11:20 Presentation of thematic programmes based on programmes received from Member States, UN Agencies, and Major Groups, by UNEP and one Major Group representative (Background document 3)

11:20-13:00 Parallel roundtables on potential programmes to be included in the 10YFP

13:00-14:15: Lunch - Keynote speaker

14:15-15:15: Reporting from roundtables

Session 5

Putting the pieces together

Co-chairs: Country i, country j

15:15–15:30 Summary of discussion: bringing the structure of the 10YFP and the programmes together

15:30–17:00 Plenary discussion on an effective 10YFP: means of implementation and of monitoring progress

17:00-17:15: Coffee Break

Concluding session

17:15-17:30 Progress so far: can do, might do, and to do, by H.E. Mr. Javier Arias Iriarte

17:30-18:00 Way forward and concluding remarks, by H.E. Mr. Láslo Borbély

ANNEX--4

CSD Intersessional Meeting on a 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production

Panama City, Panama, 13 – 14 January 2010

1. Background

The 19th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD)¹ will deliberate, inter alia, on a ten-year framework of programmes (10YFP) on sustainable consumption and production (SCP). This responds to the mandate contained in the intergovernmentally agreed Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI) to “encourage and promote the development of a 10-year framework of programmes in support of regional and national initiatives to accelerate the shift towards sustainable consumption and production ...” (JPOI, III, 14).

The Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (IPM), from 28 February to 4 March 2011, will result in a Chair’s text that will serve as basis for negotiation of a 10YFP at CSD-19. In order that the groundwork is laid for fruitful discussions at the IPM, it is proposed to hold a high-level Intersessional Meeting on a 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production, on 13-14 January 2011, in Panama City, Panama.

The meeting will be organized by the United Nations Division for Sustainable Development (DSD) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Government of Panama. H.E. Mr. Javier Arias Iriarte, Administrator General National Authority on the Environment of the Republic of Panama, is currently Vice-Chair of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

The Intersessional Meeting will provide an opportunity for Member States, Major Groups and other stakeholders to elaborate on the ideas presented at CSD-18 for developing a **10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production** (10YFP) and to consider options for structuring the 10YFP. It will also build technical capacity of participants in order to enable them to successfully and meaningfully participate in the negotiating policy session of CSD19.

The Government of Panama has graciously offered to host this important Intersessional Meeting, and a draft Host Country Agreement is currently being discussed with the relevant authorities.

2. Objectives

The two-day meeting aims to foster a productive dialogue on potential key structural elements as well as key programmes of a 10YFP, as well as the means of implementation necessary to ensure sustainability of such a framework and its programmes. It will also increase technical capacity of participants in the area of SCP. This Intersessional Meeting should result in the following outcomes:

- Broad understanding of the main features of and main functions to be served by a 10YFP on SCP

¹ Three previous ones having been organized under the Marrakech Process, in Marrakech, Morocco, San Jose, Costa Rica and Stockholm, Sweden, respectively.

- Enhanced understanding of the usefulness and relevance of different organizational models for the design of a 10YFP Emerging consensus on the key structural elements of a 10YFP and the key programmes for inclusion at launch
- Concrete suggestions on the means of implementation to ensure adequate and sustainable resources for programme implementation under a 10YFP
- Strengthened technical capacity of participants to contribute to the formulation of a coherent and effective 10YFP at the IPM and CSD-19.

3. Format

The meeting is to be organized into plenary sessions and parallel working group discussions (see Provisional Agenda in annex). The meeting begins with opening remarks of the host and the Chair of CSD-19 followed by presentations from DESA and UNEP. Following this, the CSD-19 Chair will present his vision of what might be achieved at CSD-19 in the domain of sustainable consumption and production.

Following the opening plenary, there will be a discussion regarding the vision, goals and objectives of the 10YFP. The plenary will then break-out to parallel group discussions of possible models for a 10YFP, evaluated against the key functions which such a framework is meant to perform, viz., knowledge and information sharing, inter-organizational coordination, technical cooperation and financing. Another set of plenary and break-out group sessions will consider possible programmes for inclusion in a 10YFP. A final plenary will consider the means of implementation and monitoring of progress, to ensure both sustainability and effectiveness.

The report of the Intersessional Meeting will be transmitted by the Panamanian Vice-Chair of CSD-19 to the IPM and will also become an official document of CSD-19

4. Participants

Invitations will be issued to a group of approximately 220 participants. The list of participants will be determined by the United Nations in consultation with the Government prior to the holding of the Meeting.

Three staff members of DSD/DESA are expected to participate to provide substantive support for the Ministerial Dialogue. The following provides an estimation of the breakdown of the broad number of participants that the Department of Economic and Social Affairs will be supporting: (i) up to 100 developing countries and countries with economies in transition (30 participants from Africa, 25 participants from Asia, 16 participants from Latin America and Caribbean, and 10 participants from Eastern Europe.); (ii) up to 15 resource persons selected by the United Nations; (iii) up to 20 local government officials selected by the Government (iv) up to 8 major group participants (excluding business); and (v) up to 15 officials from the United Nations and other participants invited by the United Nations and the Government, including representatives of regional and international organizations and the United Nations system. Their travel costs include transportation and DSA based on a three day stay plus terminal expenses. For each country sponsorship would be for one representative. This is to enable the full and constructive engagement of the selected

countries in the Ministerial Dialogue, and so that developing country invitees are represented in a manner comparable to developed countries.

5. Venue and dates

CSD Intersessional Meeting on a 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production is to be held at “Hotel El Panamá, Vía España No.111”, Panama, Republic of Panama, from 13 to 14 January 2011.

The meeting is to be organized as a cooperative undertaking of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, UNEP and the Government of Panama.

6. Expected Accomplishments and Outputs

The Government of Panama, as host of the High-Level Intersessional Meeting on a 10YFP on SCP, is expected to present a report of the meeting to the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting, scheduled for late February 2011 and it will also become an official document of CSD-19.

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See power point presentation in a separate file

ANNEX- 6

Intersessional Meeting on Waste Management in Morocco Regional Capacity Building Meeting on Expanding Waste Management Services in African Countries

1. Background

Management of solid wastes and sewage was the subject of Chapter 21 of Agenda 21, which recognized that “environmentally sound management of wastes was among the environmental issues of major concern in maintaining the quality of the Earth’s environment and especially in achieving environmentally sound and sustainable development in all countries. Solid wastes, as referred to in Chapter 21, included all domestic refuse and non-hazardous wastes such as commercial and institutional waste, street sweepings and construction debris and in some countries, human waste. Hazardous waste is frequently intermixed with other waste, posing particular management challenges.

At the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002, Governments reaffirmed the importance of solid waste management by calling for priority attention to be given to waste prevention and minimization, reuse, recycling, and the use of environmentally friendly alternative materials. They also called for the development of environmentally sound disposal facilities, including technology to convert waste into energy.

The issue of waste management, among others, will be considered by the Commission on Sustainable Development in its fourth implementation cycle, which will take place in 2011 (CSD 19).

This regional event will bring together relevant stakeholders (i.e. mayors of cities, heads of municipalities, representatives of the private sector, international institutions, local communities, key research and policy institutes, and civil society, among others) to discuss waste management challenges in the Africa region and potential solutions and opportunities to address these challenges within the context of sustainable development.

2. Rationale and Objectives

The rapid increase in volume and diversification of solid wastes generated mainly as a result of economic growth, urbanization, industrialization, unsustainable production and consumption patterns has had severe impacts on the global and local environment, natural resources, public health, local economy, and living conditions, and threatens the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals.

Thus, development of appropriate policy frameworks and institutional arrangements are essential for providing efficient waste management services to the local communities, as well as to overcome health and environment related challenges resulting from poor service provision and facilities.

Solid waste management is conventionally thought as being the sole responsibility of municipalities (public utilities) to ensure that collection and disposal services are available across all communities, while ensuring the sustainability of these services. According to the

World Bank, it is common for municipalities in developing countries to spend 20 per cent to 50 per cent of their available budget on solid waste management. In some developing countries, collection alone drains up 80 per cent to 90 per cent of municipal solid waste management budgets.

The complexity and daunting nature of waste management challenges require a deeper collaboration among different stakeholders, governments, civil society, private sector, local communities, and the UN system. Governments and public utilities facing enormous resource challenges in providing quality public services are increasingly looking towards collaboration with the private sector to help deliver their public service mandate. However, in practice, the policy environment in developing countries had not been very conducive to private sector participation in provision of waste management services and investing in waste management infrastructure.

In practice, such collaboration or partnerships could create win-win solutions for both the public utilities and private sector, if duly supported by appropriate policy frameworks. For example, such partnerships could lead to savings in municipal budgets, of which a large portion is often used for waste management. The private sector, on the other hand, may use this opportunity to convert waste into valuable resources and environmentally friendly products that would not only contribute towards achieving resource efficiency, but could also provide income-generating opportunities.

It is therefore important for African countries to institute appropriate policy frameworks and governance mechanisms leading to waste prevention and minimization along with improving waste collection, processing, treatment, disposal, and recycling. Experience shows that integrating private, formal, and informal systems of solid waste management can significantly increase the efficiency and effectiveness of municipalities in delivering required services, and enable to municipalities to save valuable resources while also providing health and environment benefits, including co-benefits.

The Regional Capacity Building Meeting will focus on the recognition of trends in waste management and the emerging problems of electronic waste. There are also high expectations that this meeting will encourage documented case studies in the local, national and the private sector and generate good practices and innovative approaches in waste management.

3. Expected Outputs and Accomplishments

The Regional Capacity Building Meeting will make contributions to identify waste management policy options and concrete measures for municipalities and local authorities in African countries. Its deliberations will be captured in a meeting report.

The report will contribute to the preparation of the Secretary-General's report for the follow-up session of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting of CSD-19, also to other related processes inside and outside the UN system scheduled for 2011. The report will in particular serve as a contribution to CSD-19 in identifying practical actions and options by all implementation actors to overcome obstacles, constraints and to address new challenges and opportunities as well as share lessons learned.

The meeting is also expected to lead in the development of communities of practice for scaling up of best practices on waste management;

It is expected that the meeting will contribute to the following:

- Enhanced participants' awareness about technology, policy and finance options to address waste management challenges;
- Enhanced capacity to identify opportunities for building partnerships for expanding waste management services;
- Empowered local governments in addressing economics of solid waste management and a better understanding of policy frameworks and economic instruments available

4. Participants

Participation in the meeting will be by invitation only. It is expected that some 80 managers/experts/participants from developing and developed countries from around the world and from the host country will attend the event, including: Senior managers of public waste management utilities (municipalities), private service providers, community-managed waste management programmes, mayors of selected cities, selected national government officials and policymakers, representatives of UN and international institutions, including international financial institutions/donors, waste management experts.

DESA will cover the cost of 24 participants from developing African countries and UN-Habitat and UNEP will cover the cost of the remaining 25 participants. The cost of participation of the remaining participants, from developed countries, resource persons representing regional and sub-regional organizations, international agencies both, within and outside the UN system, will be covered by their organizations.

5. Venue and Dates

The meeting will be held in Rabat, Morocco from 25 to 26 November 2010 at the Institut International de l'Eau et de l'Assainissement in Rabat.

6. Budget

The proposed DSD project budget from Section 22 funds is US\$ 50,362 to cover travel expenses, DSA and terminal expenses for 24 participants from developing African countries and one staff servicing the meeting. UN-Habitat and UNEP will cover the remainder \$50,000 and \$20,000 respectively.

ANNEX- 7

Proposal for Division of Work among Bureau Members
IPM of CSD-19, 28 Feb to 4 Mar 2011

Session/Activity/Event	Date/Time*	Chair/Responsibility
Opening of the CSD Session	28 Feb – am.	H.E Minister Laszlo Borbely
SIDS	28 Feb – pm.	H.E. Minister Laszlo Borbely
Transport	01 Mar – am.	Mr. Eduardo R. Meñez
Chemicals	01 Mar – pm.	Mr. Andelghani Merabet
Waste Management	02 Mar – am.	H.E. Minister Javier Arias Iriarte
Mining	02 Mar – pm.	H.E. Mr. Andrew Goledzinowski,
SCP	03 Mar – am.	H.E Minister Laszlo Borbely
Interlinkages/Cross-cutting Issues	03 Mar – pm.	H.E. Mr. Andrew Goledzinowski
Multistakeholder Dialogue-1	04 Mar – am.	H.E Minister Laszlo Borbely
Multistakeholder Dialogue -2	04 Mar – am.	H.E Minister Javier Arias Iriarte
Closing Session	04 Mar – am.	H.E Minister Laszlo Borbely
Rapporteur of CSD-19		H.E Minister Javier Arias Iriarte
Partnerships		H.E. Mr. Andrew Goledzinowski,
Major Groups		Mr. Eduardo R. Meñez
Learning Center		Mr. Abdelghani Merabet

* Date and time reflected herein are those mentioned in the organization of Work for IPM.