

Note on the organization of work of the high-level segment

Opening session

The high-level segment of CSD-19 comprises an opening session, a multistakeholder dialogue, a ministerial dialogue, 4 round tables, 2 informal straight talk sessions and a closing session, as indicated in the organization of work

The opening of the high-level segment will take place on Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. After opening remarks by the Chair and a statement by Under-Secretary-General Sha Zukang on behalf of the Secretary-General, there will be addresses by three keynote speakers. There will then be an opportunity for statements by the major political groupings, followed by individual delegations. Inscription on the list of speakers is on a first-come first-served basis arranged in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly, that is, in order of precedence. The time limits to be observed for statements are 5 minutes for political groupings and 3 minutes for individual delegations.

There will be only one meeting devoted to such general statements. There will be no spill-over to the afternoon meeting.

Ministerial round tables

There two parallel round tables in the morning and two in the afternoon of Thursday, 12 May, with the following modalities:

- The round tables are open to all delegations and there is no limit on the number of round tables that delegations can participate in. Seating will be a one-plus-one arrangement.
- Each round table will be co-chaired by ministerial-level representatives from a developed and a developing country.
- The discussion in each round table will opened with presentations from invited panellists, who are expected to set the stage for the interactive dialogue.
- No advanced list of speakers will be maintained. However, preference will be given, at the discretion of the Co-Chairs, to high-level representatives.

- **Interventions by delegations on behalf of interest groups should be limited to 5 minutes and individual interventions to 3 minutes.**
- **A short summary of the discussions will be presented by the Co-Chairs before the conclusion of each round table.**

Straight talk sessions

There will be two informal straight talks organized, one with Ministers including heads of governing bodies of the UN system on implementation of CSD decisions (Thursday, 12 May 2011) and the other of ministers with Major groups on how to enhance Major groups' involvement in implementation (Friday, 13 May 2011) as indicated in the Organization of Work. Both meetings are closed. The format is Minister +1. Since these are informal meetings there will be no advanced speaker's list.

Multistakeholder and ministerial dialogues

On the first day of the High-Level Segment, there will be a multi-stakeholder dialogue between governments, UN system organizations, heads of governing bodies of the UN system and major groups. This dialogue session provides an opportunity for a focused, yet informal, discussion on the implementation role of major groups, how they address the challenges in implementation, and how they envision the way forward in their activities relevant to the five thematic issues of CSD-19.

The dialogue session is meant to be informal and interactive. Representatives intervening on behalf of Major groups are coordinated by the organizing partners in collaboration with the Secretariat, based on their involvement and activities relevant to the themes and cross-sectoral issues. It will also be important to ensure that regional and gender balance be reflected among the speakers.

The dialogue will be guided and moderated by the Chair, including responses from Ministers and Heads of governing bodies of UN entities as well as major political groupings. Interventions should be strictly limited to 3 minutes.

The ministerial dialogue on Friday, 13 May 2011 will follow the same format as that of the multistakeholder dialogue. The Ministerial dialogue will discuss moving towards sustainable development expectations from Rio+20. Secretary-General will deliver opening remarks at the beginning of the Ministerial dialogue.

