

**DRAFT ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE SECOND PREPCOM OF UNCSD
7-8 MARCH 2011, UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK**

7 March 2011 (Monday)	8 March 2011 (Tuesday)
<p align="center">Opening Session 10:00 –11:00 hrs Room No: 4, NLB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome remarks by the Co-chair • Introduction of the SG report, synthesis Report and status of preparations by Mr. Sha Zukang, CSG • Presentation by the host country on status of preparations • Statements by the political groups 	<p align="center">Session 3: Theme 2 of the Conference <i>Institutional framework for sustainable development</i></p> <p align="center">10:00 – 13:00 hrs Room No: 4, NLB</p> <p>The delegations are encouraged to engage in an interactive discussion focusing on the deliverables. The questions listed under part 3 of the attachment serves as a general framework for discussion.</p>
<p align="center">Session 1: Objective of the Conference <i>Securing renewed political commitment for sustainable development, assessing the progress to date and the remaining gaps in the implementation of the outcomes of the major summits on sustainable development and addressing new and emerging challenges</i></p> <p align="center">11:00 – 13:00 hrs Room No: 4, NLB</p> <p>The delegations are encouraged to engage in an interactive discussion focusing on the deliverables. The questions listed under part 1 of the attachment serves as a general framework for discussion.</p>	
<p>Side Events (See schedule for side events on the UNCSD website) 13:15 -15:45 hrs</p>	
<p align="center">Session 2: Theme 1 of the Conference <i>Green Economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication</i></p> <p align="center">15:00 – 18:00 hrs Room No: 4, NLB</p> <p>The delegations are encouraged to engage in an interactive discussion focusing on the deliverables. The questions listed under part 2 of the attachment serves as a general framework for discussion.</p>	<p align="center">Closing Session 15:00 – 18:00 hrs Room No: 4, NLB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive discussion on the expected outcomes and next steps in the preparatory process, including discussion on the contents/format of the outcome document • Statements by the political groups • The way forward—remarks by the CSG • Closing remarks by the Co-chair
<p>Side Events (See schedule for side events on the UNCSD website) 18:15 -19:45 hrs</p>	

ATTACHMENT: QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE SECOND PREPCOM

PART 1: SESSION ON OBJECTIVE OF THE CONFERENCE

1. Are there specific sectors or areas such as water, energy or biodiversity where national political commitment to achieve sustainable development goals has been especially strong? If so, what factors explain that commitment?
2. Which emerging issues and challenges pose serious threat to sustainable development in your country?
3. How can the link between science, education, and policy be strengthened to address the new and emerging challenges?
4. What can UNCSG achieve in strengthening international cooperation in support for sustainable development, especially the promotion of effective voluntary actions and multi-stakeholder partnerships especially taking on board the business sector?
5. What have been the major factors contributing to the gaps in implementation of sustainable development initiatives and how are these best addressed?
6. What are the main difficulties experienced in promoting integrated planning and decision-making at country level?
7. What are the risks to sustained progress towards convergence among the 3 pillars of sustainable development?

PART 2: GREEN ECONOMY IN THE CONTEXT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ERADICATION

1. What specific investments should a government prioritize as part of a green economy strategy?
2. What sort of tax policy will best promote a green economy that stimulates job creation?
3. How best to scale up successful local models of green economy?
4. What do businesses need to do differently to promote a green economy?
5. What are the main likely costs of transition to a green economy and how can they be financed?
6. What are key elements of a supportive international framework for an equitable green economy vis-à-vis trade, development assistance, investment?
7. What decisions could UNCSG take to support a green economy which advances poverty eradication and sustainable development in all countries?

PART 3: INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

1. What are the most significant challenges facing international institutions charged with promoting sustainable development? What concrete measures could be considered to address these challenges?
2. How can the institutional framework ensure effective synergies between the CSD and other existing inter-governmental instruments and processes, including different multilateral agreements, UN funds and programmes, and regional processes?
3. What concrete actions could be taken to strengthen the Commission on Sustainable Development and ensuring the implementation of its decisions?
4. What actions could lead to mainstreaming the sustainable development in the work programmes of main bodies of international architecture such as the ECOSOC and second committee of the GA. What are the constraints and how can these be addressed?
5. How best to structure and position the current international institutional arrangements for economic, social, and environmental governance within the broader framework of the institutional architecture of sustainable development?
6. How to improve cross-sectoral coordination and coherence in implementation of the sustainable development agenda at national and local levels in order to secure the convergence of the three pillars of sustainable development?
7. How best can a new institutional structure also standardize and simplify reporting mechanisms and compliance protocols so as to reduce the burden on developing countries of servicing MEAs?
8. What have been the most effective means of strengthening major groups and other relevant stakeholders' participation in national sustainable development efforts?