

**Major Groups' Participation in CSD-14
New York, 1-12 May 2006**

The nature of major groups inputs and interventions should be in line with CSD-11 decisions for the Review Session: report and share major group' result oriented activities (lessons learned, case studies, best practices, constraints, challenges and opportunities).

Seating arrangements: the seating arrangements during CSD-14 will include seats for all the nine major group sectors (one in the front with microphone and one behind) in both Conference Rooms 2 and 4.

During the course of CSD-14, major groups will be invited to participate as follows:

Participation in Thematic and Regional discussions, the SIDS day, the Partnerships Fair, and the Learning Centre

Throughout the session

Experts from major groups will serve as panelists in the thematic discussions, and major groups' representatives will be invited to participate in all thematic, regional and SIDS day related discussions.

Each of the thematic, regional and SIDS discussions will attempt to include at least two major groups' interventions and ensure the successful delivery of the new integrated approach for major groups' inclusion in the CSD implementation cycle.

Mechanisms for the selection and identification of representatives who will be sitting in the major groups assigned seats and requesting the floor include:

- *The CSD-14 major groups organizing partners* have been asked to identify experts and match them to the topics for these segments;
- *Caucuses:* major groups can also channel their interest in participating in a given session through the various issue or major groups sector Caucuses

The way major groups can participate in the thematic, regional and SIDS discussions include:

- Be recognized by the Chairperson based on the submission of their comment/question by filling in the "Request Slips"¹ – in the event this system is being used during that session. The "Request Slips" will be collected by the Major groups' team staff.
- Be recognized by the Chair by raising the major group's sector name plate

Interventions made during this sessions must be brief (2-3 minutes max).

More specific details on how each of the meetings will run will be provided by the Chair at the beginning of every session.

NOTE: Major groups are invited to provide the electronic version of their interventions for web posting. These can be e-mailed to: csdmregister@un.org

Partnership Fair:

Major Groups' are expected to actively participate in the CSD-14 Partnership Fair and its related programme.

Learning Centre

The CSD Secretariat developed a programme of activities for the Learning Centre in close collaboration with stakeholders including Major Groups, designed to impart knowledge and build capacity in areas relevant to the Review Session. Major Groups and other CSD-14 participants are expected to actively take part in the planned activities.

Major Groups' Multi-stakeholder Dialogue Session

Wednesday 3 May, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

This dialogue session presents major groups with the opportunity to introduce their discussion papers. The session is organized in an issue-driven fashion, comprised of three blocks of time (30 minutes each) that include interventions from both major groups and Governments. The dialogue session will be chaired by Vice-Chair Mr. Javad Amin-Mansour.

¹ **Request Slips:** Whenever possible, paper request slips briefly defining the issue or question to be addressed would be collected by the Secretariat from anyone requesting the floor and given to the Chair to help facilitate a more coherent discussion. The information contained in the request slip include: name, title, delegation of belonging, question/theme to comment. This method was used last during the past CSD implementation cycle and proved to be successful.

The identification of speakers among the major groups will be coordinated through the major groups organising partners and the caucuses, and should be communicated to the Secretariat a day before the session.

The thematic blocks will be grouped as follows:

Climate Change And Air Pollution/Atmosphere	Energy for Sustainable Development	Industrial Development
Local Authorities (3')	Business And Industry (3')	NGOs (3')
Indigenous People (3')	Women (3')	Trade Unions (3')
Farmers (3')	Scientific and Technological Communities (3')	Youth (3')
Followed by responses from delegations/open dialogue (20')	Followed by responses from delegations/open dialogue (20')	Followed by responses from delegations/open dialogue (20')

Ministerial Dialogue: Making a difference

Wednesday 10 May 10:30 am– 1:00 pm

This session focuses on the role of the business sector in energy, industrial development and climate change. Ministers and business leaders will each have 5-7 minutes for opening remarks, presenting their views on the critical factors for fostering public-private partnerships and for enhancing the contributions of the business sector to improving access to modern energy services, promoting industrial development and combating climate change. The panel presentations will be followed by open floor discussions, involving other Ministers and heads of delegations.

Ministerial Dialogue Session with Major Groups

Thursday 11 May 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

This dialogue may be organized in a similar fashion as the dialogue for 3 May.

Closing Plenary

Friday 12 May, 4:30 – 6:00 pm

Major groups are expected to make closing remarks on how they will initiate action in implementation in relation to the thematic cluster of issues.

Day of Business and Industry

Tuesday 9 May, 1:15 – 7:45 pm

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

The Business Action for Energy (BAE) --the business community platform created for the CSD-14/15 cycle--, in collaboration with the UN Division for Sustainable Development is organising a "*Day of Business and Industry*".

The "Day of Business and Industry" at CSD-14 complements the thematic discussions on "*Enhancing the contributions of the private sector and other stakeholders in addressing the thematic cluster*" (9 May -morning session) and the Ministerial dialogue "*Making a difference*": *panel with Ministers, CEOs, IFIs etc*" (10 May - morning session) by bringing together and engaging business, governments, and other major groups sectors in a dynamic dialogue on energy for sustainable development-related topics.

The "Day of ..." will start of with short presentations introducing the different topics on the agenda (currently being finalised) and providing background information before leading into interactive Q&A sessions. The sessions aim to review the thematic cluster and to highlight past examples and experiences of the various business and industry actors.

BAE founders are the International Chamber of Commerce, the World Business Council for Sustainable Development and the World Energy Council.

Side Events

Side Events will continue to be an important and complementary element of the CSD. Requests from Major Groups and other stakeholders have been processed by the CSD Secretariat in accordance with previous practice. Major Groups and other CSD-14 participants are expected to actively take part in the planned activities.

For additional information please check our website at: http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd/csd14/mg/guidelines.htm .
