



GUIDELINES FOR MAJOR GROUPS' PARTICIPATION IN CSD-14

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

With this information note we invite your organization to contribute to the fourteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-14), which will convene from 1-12 May 2006 at UN Headquarters in New York.

The CSD Secretariat has compiled these Guidelines to facilitate Major Groups' contributions to and participation in CSD-14. They include relevant milestones of the preparatory process such as the regional implementation meetings (RIMs) organized around the CSD-14 agenda themes, the timeline for submission of written contributions, other relevant dates to keep in mind as you prepare your contributions to CSD-14, and a list of useful contacts in the CSD Secretariat and in its partner UN bodies.

Major groups played an important role in the successful completion of the first CSD Implementation Cycle, which dealt with the thematic areas of water, sanitation and human settlements. Building on the good experience, CSD-14 will again provide various opportunities for major groups to engage in interactive dialogues with government officials and other participants, including with Ministers during the high-level segment of CSD-14, on implementation in the thematic areas of energy for sustainable development, industrial development, air pollution/atmosphere and climate change.

Maintaining and enhancing the established participatory tradition of the CSD requires continued commitment by all parties. We therefore invite you to begin preparing for CSD-14, and stand ready to work with you in the preparatory process and to facilitate your organization's active participation in CSD-14.

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I. INTRODUCTION TO CSD-14

Themes and Cross-cutting Issues

The fourteenth session of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-14) will meet at UN Headquarters in New York from 1-12 May 2006.

As the first year of the second implementation cycle, CSD-14 will review progress in the following areas:

Cycle	Thematic Cluster	Cross-cutting Issues
2006/2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy for Sustainable Development • Industrial Development • Air Pollution / Atmosphere • Climate Change 	Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development, Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education

Framework for Organization of Work

(forthcoming)

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II. THE CSD-14 REPORTING PROCESS

CSD-14 undertakes the review of implementation on the basis of Secretary-General's state of implementation reports, outcomes of the regional implementation meetings (RIMs), results of inter-sessional meetings and major groups' discussion papers. The Secretary-General's state of implementation reports will contain a detailed review of progress of implementation in the thematic areas of energy for sustainable development, industrial development, air pollution/atmosphere and climate change. One of these reports will reflect overall progress in the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and



the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, based on information provided in country reports and reports by UN organizations and bodies. The Secretary-General's reports are limited to 16 pages in length and are produced in the six official languages of the United Nations.

Tentative List of Reports and Other Supplementary Materials

(forthcoming)

Written Inputs from Major Groups

The CSD Secretariat welcomes written contributions from major group organizations that will contribute to the CSD-14 review process. Major groups are encouraged to make substantive contributions to CSD-14 in the form of:

- Brief written inputs to the Secretary-General's state of implementation reports, focusing on best practices and lessons learned in implementation. Deadline for submission: 1 September 2005;
- The Major Groups' Discussion Papers, one from each of the nine major groups summarizing their sector's progress in relation to the four thematic areas, identifying obstacles and constraints to implementation and new challenges to be met by major groups to expedite implementation.. These papers are compiled through a consultative process undertaken by the major groups organizing partners and used in interactive discussions. Deadline for submission: 15 November 2005;
- Case studies and examples of best practices, which can be submitted through the CSD Secretariat's website (ongoing).

In submitting written inputs, please note that recommendations for policy action will not be considered in the review year.

For a list of useful contacts, please refer to **Annex 4** (page 22).

Expected Outcomes

The outcome of CSD-14 will be a Report including:

- Chair's summary aimed at identifying constraints, obstacles and challenges, including input from Major Groups
- Record of Regional discussions
- Record of Partnership Fair
- Record of Learning Centre

III. MAJOR GROUPS PARTICIPATION IN INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS

In addition to the five regional implementation meetings (RIMs), a number of expert group meetings, seminars, workshops and other consultation opportunities on the four thematic areas are being organized throughout the review year will be preceding CSD-14. These meetings may be



sponsored and hosted by Governments as well as by various UN agencies, and often include representatives from major group organizations.

Calendar of Intersessional Meetings

The Calendar of Intersessional Meetings can be found on the website at:
<http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/calendar/calendar.htm>

Major Groups Participation at the Regional Level

Endorsing the future organization of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) adopted at CSD-11, ECOSOC decided “To invite the regional commissions, in collaboration with the secretariat of the Commission on Sustainable Development, to consider organizing regional implementation meetings in order to contribute to the work of the Commission, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation...”(E/CN.17/2003/6,#3.(a))

The regional implementation meetings should “Provide for contributions from major groups, taking into account paragraphs 139(g) and 149(c) and (d) of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation.”(E/CN.17/2003/6,#3.(a)(iv))

The RIMs are being organized by the UN Regional Commissions, in consultation with other UN regional offices, and will feed into the work of CSD-14 through:

- Focusing on a regional perspective in reviewing progress of implementation in the four thematic areas and identifying constraints to, and new challenges for, expediting implementation;
- Providing regional inputs to the Secretary-General’s state of implementation reports and the interactive discussions during official sessions;
- Providing opportunities for contributions from, and participation of, major groups active at the regional and sub-regional levels.

Involvement and participation of major groups in RIMs could be facilitated through:

- Development of a format for major groups participation;
- Designation of a CSO Focal Point for major groups within each Regional Commission to facilitate preparations for the dialogue or activity;
- Identification of representatives from each major group network through existing contacts in the region, including those accredited to the CSD, who will agree to serve as organizing partners in the formation of a major groups’ steering committee.



Dates, Venues and Focal Points for Regional Commission Meetings

Regional Commission	Proposed Date and Venue	Focal Point
UN Economic Commission for Africa	Africa Regional Implementation Meeting 24-28 October 2005 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Mr. Ousmane Laye Senior Officer, Sustainable Development Division P.O. Box 3001, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Tel. no.: (251-1) 515-761 Fax no.: (251-1) 510-350
UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia	West Asia Regional Implementation Meeting 11-13 November 2005 Cairo, Egypt	Ms. Anhar Hegazi Director, Energy, Natural Resources and Environment Division P. O. Box 11-8575, Riad El-Solh Square, Beirut, Lebanon Tel. no.: (961-1) 978-502 Fax no.: (961-1) 981-510
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IV. MAJOR GROUPS PARTICIPATION IN CSD-14

The CSD has traditionally provided a lively forum for interaction between governmental officials, major groups and international organizations infusing the CSD process with new ideas and enriching the CSD inter-governmental process. Major group representatives have participated in interactive dialogues, including with Ministers in the high-level segment, developed coordinated statements by major group sectors and/or thematic NGO caucus groups, organized dozens of side events to share experiences, and successfully lobbied for particular initiatives that they felt the CSD should undertake or support.

Major groups have been increasingly recognized within the official intergovernmental process as respected and critical partners in sustainable development. Major groups are valuing the many opportunities for involvement and participation in CSD processes and sessions offered to them. As the CSD enters into its second implementation cycle, the CSD Secretariat continues to explore new ways for enhanced major groups' participation in CSD processes.

Accreditation and Registration

Major Group participation in the CSD is subject to Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) rules and regulations requiring that the non-governmental participant represents an NGO in consultative status with ECOSOC. Major group organizations that are in consultative status with ECOSOC, including those in the CSD Roster, can send representatives to CSD meetings. Major group organizations who were accredited to the WSSD must now have obtained consultative status with ECOSOC in order to participate. Read more about the formerly accredited WSSD NGOs at http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/mgroups/wssd_status.htm.

If you are unsure of your organization's accreditation status, you can check with the following sources:

ECOSOC Roster: http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/pdf/INF_List.pdf

If your organization is listed in the database, then it is accredited.

CSD Roster: http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/mgroups/csd_roster.pdf

If your organization is listed, it is accredited.

You can also:

-- Contact the NGO Section. The NGO Section maintains up-to-date lists of accredited organizations including those that have recently been granted consultative status but are not yet included in the lists available on the Internet.

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Please make sure that your organization has the necessary consultative status BEFORE sending representatives to New York or making travel arrangements for them.

If you are planning to send representatives to CSD-14, you should fax a letter to the NGO Section at least three weeks in advance of the meeting, and include a list containing the names and fax numbers of the people you have identified as your representatives. The letter must be signed and printed on the organizational letterhead.

A confirmation letter will be sent to each representative by fax. This letter and a photo ID will need to be shown at the registration desk when your representative arrives at UN Headquarters for the CSD-14 meeting. Details on the location and schedule for the registration desk will be posted on this website when the information becomes available.

To learn more on UN rules and regulations for major groups' participation, please visit:
http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/help_faq.htm#MG

Major Groups Involvement in Official Sessions

Structure and Modes of Participation

Participation of major groups in the official CSD-14 sessions will be integrated throughout the various activities being reflected in the CSD-14 organization of work. The following "entry points" for major groups are currently being considered by the CSD-14 Bureau:

Statements: Major groups will be included in the list of speakers of the general debate. Details on the schedule will be made available closer to the CSD-14 session.

Interactive discussion with major groups: format under consideration by the CSD-14 Bureau.

Interactive dialogue on implementation: As per past practice, it is envisioned that major groups will be integrated in all other sessions pertaining to the review exercise, which may include panel discussions, followed by question and answer periods, high-level speakers inspiring discussion on a specific topic, and partnership discussions. Major groups could be called upon during such interactive discussions to make comments on presentations, pose questions, participate in panels, and serve as resource persons. Furthermore, major group experts and practitioners who are active and knowledgeable in the areas of energy for sustainable development, industrial development, air pollution/atmosphere and climate change may be invited to share their experiences and lessons learned.



High-level segment: One session will be allocated to an interactive dialogue on the state of implementation within the four thematic areas between Ministers and high-level representatives of major groups.

Closing session: Overall comments by all major groups on the outcome of the Review Session may be invited during the closing Plenary.

Outcome

The interactive discussions with major groups will be captured in the Chairman's summary, that will identify constraints and obstacles and possible approaches and best practices for the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation. The Chair's summary will inform policy discussions in the policy year leading up to CSD-15 in 2007.

Meeting with the CSD-14 Bureau

It is customary for the CSD Chair and other members of the Bureau to meet with major groups' representatives, in the course of the preparatory process and during the CSD Session. Information on the exact time and venue will be disseminated through our list server and posted on our website as it becomes available. Furthermore, as per past practice, a Co-chair will be designated to serve as a contact person for the major groups during the CSD-14 session.

Major Groups Organizing Partners

The preparation of multi-stakeholder participation within the CSD is itself a multi-stakeholder process. For all participatory sessions, key major group networks form a "steering group" of organizing partners, which coordinates the preparations and facilitates the engagement of stakeholders for each major group sector. The organizing partners are invited by the CSD Bureau, through the Division for Sustainable Development, to collaborate in preparation to the CSD session.

The major groups organizing partners are responsible for:

- Consulting with networks to prepare written inputs in the form of discussion papers on the thematic issues—including the cross-sectoral themes—that reflect their group's views on progress, obstacles and challenges to implementation;
- Consulting with networks to identify participants to serve on their delegation;
- Coordinating and facilitating the participation of their delegation throughout the CSD-14 session, working in collaboration with other major group sectors' representatives present at CSD-14.

As part of the preparatory work leading up to the CSD meetings, the CSD Secretariat collaborates closely with key major group networks from a steering group of organizing partners, made of credible networks who are invited by the Bureau to facilitate the engagement of their major group sector and are trusted by their group in this role.



The organizing partners carry out the following main tasks:

- Consult with networks to prepare written input, referred to as discussion papers for the review year and priorities for action for the policy year, reflecting their sector's views on the status of implementation deliverables (for the review year) and on the mobilization of concrete and tangible actions to advance implementation (for the policy year).
- Consult with networks to identify participants to serve on their delegation.
- Coordinate and facilitate the participation of their delegation throughout the CSD session, working in collaboration with other major group sectors' representatives present at CSD.
- Organize, manage and disseminate data and information on major groups.

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CSD-14 Partnership Fair

The CSD-14 Partnerships Fair provides a venue for “partnerships for sustainable development” to network, identify new partners, create synergies between partnerships, and learn from each other’s experiences. Partnerships will have the opportunity to showcase their progress in implementing sustainable development and engage in practical discussions on what works and what doesn’t. The Partnerships Fair is part of the official programme of CSD-14 and highlights of its activities will be included in the report of CSD-14.

Key components of the CSD-14 Partnerships Fair include:

- “Partnerships in Practice” Interactive discussions: Sessions will be organized to generate dialogue on practical issues related to partnerships in the CSD 14/15 thematic cluster (energy for sustainable development; industrial development; air pollution/atmosphere; and climate change) and on issues common to all partnerships, such as challenges related to communication strategies and funding.
- Partnership Presentations: Registered partnerships will have the opportunity to share information about their initiatives and engage in discussion and Q&A (40 -50 minute time slots)
- Partnerships Information Desks: Representatives from registered partnerships will be able to display and distribute information on their respective partnerships and directly interact with CSD participants.



Who should attend the Partnerships Fair?

All partnerships registered with the CSD Secretariat may submit requests for Partnership Presentation time slots and Partnerships Information Desks.

(For more information on how to register partnerships with the CSD Secretariat please refer to http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/partnerships/partnerships_registration.htm). In particular, partnerships related to the thematic areas of energy for sustainable development; industrial development; air pollution/atmosphere; and climate change are encouraged to participate.

All CSD participants, including representatives of Governments, UN system organizations, intergovernmental organizations and accredited major groups are welcome to attend the Partnerships Fair. Please note that in order to gain access to UN premises during CSD-14, partners must ensure that they are accredited to the Commission on Sustainable Development (through a major group, Government or intergovernmental organization).

More information will be posted on the CSD-14 Partnerships Fair page at <http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/partnerships/partnerships.htm> as it become available.

The Learning Center

(forthcoming)

Side Events

Side events, sponsored by major groups, governments and UN agencies, will be organized as a complementary part of the CSD-14 programme of work in order to generate informal opportunities for exchange of information, experience and non-standard views.

If you wish to organize a side event, please follow the guidelines for side events organizers at CSD-14 which will be posted in the near future on the CSD-14 main page.



Annex 1:

Multi-Year Programme of Work for CSD: 2004/2005 to 2016/2017

At its eleventh session, the Commission on Sustainable Development decided that its multi-year programme of work beyond 2003 would be organized on the basis of seven two-year cycles, with each cycle focusing on selected thematic clusters of issues, as set out in the table below.

In each cycle, the thematic clusters of issues will be addressed in an integrated manner, taking into account economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. The Commission agreed that the implementation process should cover all these issues equally and noted that the selection of some issues for a given cycle did not diminish the importance of the commitments undertaken with respect to the issues to be considered in future cycles.

The Commission further agreed that means of implementation should be addressed in every cycle and for every relevant issue, action and commitment. Linkages to other cross-cutting issues are also to be addressed in every cycle, as shown below.

MULTI-YEAR PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE
COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:

Cycle	Thematic cluster	Cross-cutting issues
2004/2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water • Sanitation • Human Settlements 	Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development, Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education
2006/2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy for Sustainable Development • Industrial Development • Air Pollution / Atmosphere • Climate Change 	Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development, Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education
2008/2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture • Rural Development • Land • Drought • Desertification 	Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development, Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Africa 	initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education
2010/2011*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport • Chemicals • Waste Management • Mining • A Ten Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns 	Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development, Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education
2012/2013*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forests • Biodiversity • Biotechnology • Tourism • Mountains 	Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development, Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education
2014/2015*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oceans and Seas • Marine Resources • Small Island Developing States • Disaster Management and Vulnerability 	Poverty eradication, Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production, Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development, Sustainable development in a globalizing world, Health and sustainable development, Sustainable development of SIDS, Sustainable development for Africa, Other regional initiatives, Means of implementation, Institutional framework for sustainable development, Gender equality, and Education
2016/2017	Overall appraisal of implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme of Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation	

**These thematic clusters will remain as part of the Multi-Year Programme of Work as scheduled unless otherwise agreed by the Commission.*



Annex 2:

CSD Members in 2005-2006

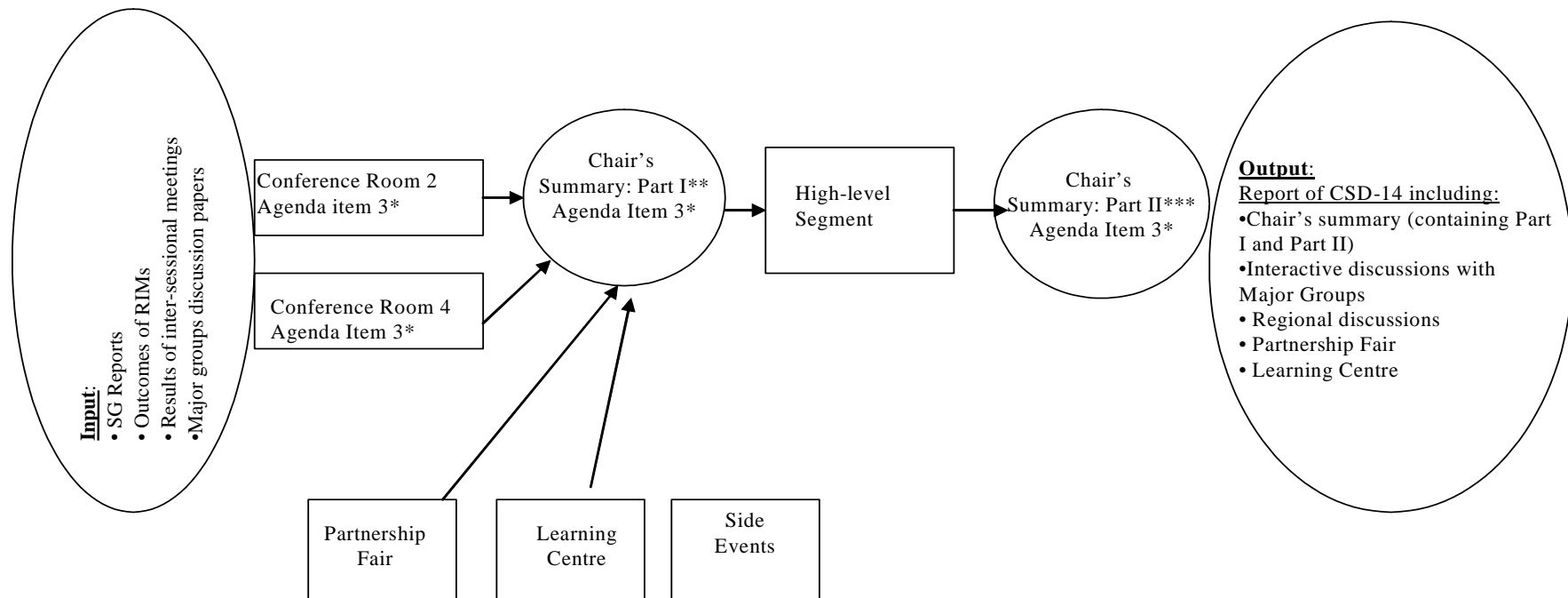
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Sierra Leone	Sudan
South Africa	Thailand
Sudan	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Tunisia
Turkey	Uganda
Uganda	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	United States of America
Ireland	Zambia
United States of America	Zimbabwe
Uzbekistan	



CSD-14: Input-Output Flow Chart



* E/2005/29: Provisional Agenda – Agenda Item 3 includes: Thematic cluster for the implementation cycle 2005/2006 (a) Energy for Sustainable Development; (b) Industrial development; (c) Air pollution/atmosphere; (d) Climate change

**Chairperson's summary - Part I will capture the main findings, including constraints and obstacles identified during the thematic discussions, including discussions on SIDS. Delegations will use the summary as an additional input for preparing the briefing to their Ministers. At the first Ministerial breakfast meeting on Wed. morning, the Chair will introduce his reading of Part I of his Summary, aimed at shaping the discussions during the HLS.

***Chairperson's summary - Part II will highlight the constraints, obstacles and possible approaches and best practices for implementation as emerged in the course of the ministerial discussions.



Annex 4:

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