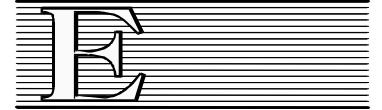




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## **Aide Mémoire**

### **Sixth Session of the Committee on Food Security and Sustainable Development (CFSSD-6)**

**Theme: Sustainable Consumption and Production for Sustainable Growth and Poverty Reduction**

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**Regional Implementation Meeting (RIM) for the Eighteenth Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-18)**

**Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
27-30 October 2009**

## **I Background**

### **Establishment of the Committee**

The Committee on Food Security and Sustainable Development (CFSSD) was established in April 2007, by Resolution 853 (XL) of the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (The Conference), in response to the need to align the subsidiary bodies of the Conference with the approved programme structure of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). The predecessor of the CFSSD, the Committee on Sustainable Development, at its Fifth Session defined the composition and function of the CFSSD as follows:

*CFSSD is composed of high-level experts from governments, academia, R&D institutions, the private sector and civil society of ECA member States. It meets on a biennial basis and serves as a forum for the promotion of cooperation, exchange of information and sharing of experiences in the areas of sustainable development with focus on food security, agriculture, human settlements and, environment, among African countries. It provides advice in those fields to the member States and to ECA on ways to strengthen its support to member States. It also provides a platform for advocacy and for assessment of follow-up activities by African governments to global plans of action, especially the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, Agenda 21, the World Food Summit Programme of Action and, the Habitat Agenda.*

The Committee on Sustainable Development, otherwise known as the Africa-CSD was established by “The Conference” at its Thirty-Fifth Session in Johannesburg in October 2002, in a bid to rationalize the subsidiary organs of ECA. The Committee, which resulted from a merger of the defunct Committees on Sustainable Development, and on Natural Resources, Science and Technology (CNRST), both created by Resolution 826 (XXXII) of “The Conference” at its Twenty-Third meeting held in May 1996, subsumed the functions of both Committees, and centered its work on addressing the critical and emerging issues related to sustainable development in Africa.

### **Previous Sessions of the Committee<sup>1</sup>**

The First Session of Committee was held from 25 to 29 January 1999 under the theme, “Ensuring Food Security and Sustainable Development in Africa: the Population, Agriculture and Environment Nexus.” Because an integrated approach for the conceptualization, analysis and management of the nexus issues that was being advocated by ECA had just been introduced to member States, the theme of the first meeting was deliberately broad in order to prompt guidance from the Committee on how the Commission should go about addressing the nexus issues.

Furthermore, the Meeting recommended that the Committee should: serve as Africa’s regional forum of experts that deals with all the fields mandated by the UN General Assembly to the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD); and as the regional advisory arm of the CSD on cross-sectoral activities in Africa, as well as on proposed activities and follow-up actions in the implementation of international programmes. In view of this, the Meeting further recommended that the periodic reporting of the Committee should follow the established procedures and practices of CSD.

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<sup>1</sup> The sessions are numbered consecutively, commencing with the first, which was held in 1999 and is not affected by the restructuring of the Committee

As considerable progress had been made in conceptualizing the nexus interrelationships, especially among central policy makers since the first Committee meeting, it was deemed appropriate that the Second Session, held from 26 to 29 November 2001, be more focused and address specific aspects of the nexus that were of common interest to a large number of the member States. Hence, the theme for that meeting, “Agricultural Intensification: Feeding Ourselves and Sustaining Africa’s Land Resources in the New Millennium”.

The Third Session of the Committee, which convened from 7 to 10 October 2003, was held under the theme, “Making Technology Work for the Poor”. This was premised on a common observation that “technology is power” and on the principle that technology should benefit all stakeholders, particularly the poor. A major achievement of the meeting was the revision of the constitution and functions of the Committee to address the multi-stakeholder and participatory requirements of sustainable development and to take into account the outcomes of WSSD. Thereafter, meetings of the Committee have provided platforms for the Africa Regional Implementation Meetings (RIMs) to review progress in the implementation of commitments contained in Agenda 21 (A21), the Programme for Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (PFIA21) and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI). The outcomes of the RIM feed into the Sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development. The thematic cluster of issues discussed in the RIMs is aligned with those contained in the Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Commission (see Annex).

Given the importance of land-based resources such as forests, water, mineral resources, agriculture and grazing land in addressing Africa’s key sustainable development challenges, the Fourth Session of the Committee was held under the theme, “Managing Land-Based Resources for Sustainable Development”. The RIM, which was held under the auspices of the Meeting reviewed progress in the implementation of A21, PFIA21 and the JPOI commitments relative to Energy, Industrial Development, Climate Change, Air Pollution and Atmosphere. A key output of the RIM was the Africa RIM Statement on the thematic cluster of issues, which fed into the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD 14 & 15).

The theme of the Fifth Session of the Committee held from 22 to 25 October 2005 was “Transforming African Agriculture and Rural Economy for Sustainable Development”. The Meeting placed emphasis on the RIM, which reviewed regional reports on Agriculture, Rural Development, Land, Drought and Desertification, and “Africa”. As expected, the RIM came out with a Statement, which was reviewed and endorsed by the Committee and which fed into the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Sessions of the Commission (CSD-16 & 17). The outcome document of CSD-17 places particular emphasis on Africa, mainly drawing from the Africa RIM Statement and related documents produced for that RIM.

### **The Sixth Session of the Committee on Food Security and Sustainable Development**

The Sixth Session of the Committee on Food Security and Sustainable Development (CFSSD-6) will build on the achievements of the previous Committee Meetings. The Meeting will engender the participation of high-level experts and policy makers from a cross-section of sustainable development actors, including governments, the private sector and civil society organizations in ECA member States, as well as from African regional and subregional organizations. The theme of the meeting is “Sustainable Consumption and Production for Sustainable Growth and Poverty Reduction”, which is a running thread in the thematic cluster of issues to be considered at the RIM, for which it will provide a platform. These are; Transport, Chemicals, Waste Management, Mining, and A Ten-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP),

which will also be considered at the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-18 & 19).

The RIM will be organized in collaboration with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

The Committee will prepare the Africa RIM Statement on the different thematic areas to feed into CSD-18 & 19. As the parliamentary body of ECA's Food Security and Sustainable Development Division (FSSDD), the Committee will consider the implementation of the work programme of the Division and other related parliamentary documents.

## **II Objectives of CFSSD-6**

The main objectives of the Session are twofold. The first is to review the implementation of the 2008/2009 work programme of FSSDD and to provide guidance on further work during the 2010/2011 biennium in the context of the proposed programme budget of the ECA strategic framework for 2010/2011. The second is to provide a platform for the Africa RIM, which will review progress in the implementation of A21, PFIA21 and the JPOI commitments relative to Transport, Chemicals, Waste Management, Mining, and A Ten-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP), as well as to prepare the Africa RIM Statement to CSD-18.

## **III Format of the Meeting**

The meeting will be divided into five main sessions, with a drafting group meeting in parallel.

### **1 Presentation on Follow-up on the implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development outcomes: Sustainable Consumption and Production for Sustainable Growth and Poverty Reduction**

The Committee will hear a presentation on the overview of sustainable development in Africa, centred on the theme of the session. Discussions on the presentation will follow and main issues arising and recommendations will be synthesized from the discussions.

### **2 Review of the Implementation of Activities of FSSDD's 2008/2009 Work Programme and Presentations on key parliamentary reports**

The Committee will hear the following presentations:

- a. Progress Report on the Implementation of FSSDD's work programme during the 2008/2009 biennium. The presentation is intended to elicit guidance from the Committee on further work during the 2010/2011 biennium in the context of the proposed programme budget of the ECA strategic framework for 2010/2011;
- b. Progress Report on the Implementation of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP); and
- c. Report on the Status of Food Security in Africa.

Discussions will follow each presentation and main issues arising and recommendations will be synthesized from the discussions.

### **3 Climate for Development Africa (Climdev-Africa) Programme and its African Climate Policy Centre (ACPC)**

The Committee will hear a presentation on progress in the implementation of the Climdev-Africa Programme, including the establishment of the ACPC. Discussions will follow and main issues arising and recommendations will be synthesized from the discussions.

### **4 Africa Regional Implementation Meeting**

The Committee will hear presentations on progress in the implementation of A21, PFIA21 and the JPOI commitments relative to following thematic cluster of issues:

- a. Transport;
- b. Chemicals;
- c. Waste Management;
- d. Mining; and
- e. A Ten-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production.

Discussions will follow each presentation and main issues arising and recommendations will be synthesized from the discussions. These will inform the Africa RIM Statement to CSD-18

### **5 Drafting Group on the Africa RIM Statement to CSD-18**

Following the opening session and the presentation on the theme of the Meeting, member States will be invited to designate delegates to represent them in an open-ended Drafting Group, which will meet in parallel. The Group, with the assistance of the Secretariat will draft the Africa RIM Statement to be presented to the Committee for consideration and adoption.

### **6 Consideration and adoption of the Africa RIM Statement to CSD-18 and the Draft Report of CFSSD-6**

The Committee will have before it drafts of the Africa RIM Statement to CSD-18 and the report of CFSSD-6 for consideration and adoption. The Committee will make comments and observations on the drafts, which will be recorded. The Statement and Report will be adopted on the understanding that the agreed amendments will be reflected in the final reports to be circulated to all participants at the earliest possible time after the meeting.

## **IV Expected Outcomes**

CFSSD-6 is expected to lead to:

1. Clear articulation of measures to promote sustainable consumption and production (SCP) in Africa, clear understanding of the constraints and challenges and guidance on the way forward to ensure that SCP contributes to sustainable growth and poverty reduction;

2. Clear guidance and direction in the implementation of FSSDD's 2010/2011 work programme on the basis of lessons learned in the implementation of the 2008/2009 work programme;
3. Well-articulated documentation of progress in the implementation of CAADP, clear understanding of the constraints and challenges, as well as the measures needed to advance implementation;
4. Clear understanding and appreciation of Africa's food security situation, the constraints and challenges, as well as the measures needed to improve the food security situation on the continent;
5. Clear understanding and appreciation of progress in the implementation of the Climdev-Africa Programme and its ACPC, as well as guidance on priority activities on climate change that should be undertaken in the context of the Programme and its Centre;
6. Well-articulated documentation of progress in the implementation of A21, PFIA21 and JPOI commitments relative to transport, chemicals, waste management, mining and SCP, clear understanding of the constraints and challenges, guidance on the way forward to enhance implementation progress, as well as on the finalization of the various reports;
7. Clear articulation of Africa's priorities in regard to the implementation of commitments relative to the thematic cluster of issues and key messages to CSD-18; and
8. Increased commitment and actions to advance Africa's sustainable development agenda.

## V Outputs

A number of outputs are expected to be delivered at the end of the session:

1. The meeting report containing, *inter alia*:
  - a. Agreements on:
    - i. The implementation of FSSDD's 2010/2011 work programme;
    - ii. Priority activities on climate change to be undertaken in the context of the Climdev-Africa Programme and its ACPC; and on
    - iii. The finalization of the Africa Review Reports on the different thematic areas.
  - b. Well-informed sets of practical and action-oriented recommendations on:
    - i. Promoting SCP in Africa and ensuring that it contributes to sustainable growth and poverty reduction;
    - ii. Advancing the implementation of CAADP;
    - iii. Improving the food security situation on the continent; and on
    - iv. Enhancing the implementation of A21, PFIA21 and JPOI commitments in Africa.
2. The Africa RIM Statement to CSD-18
3. Press releases
4. Web publications

## **VI Meeting Documentation**

Documents to inform the meeting will include:

1. Report on follow-up on the implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development outcomes: Sustainable Consumption and Production for Sustainable Growth and Poverty Reduction;
2. Progress report on the Implementation of Activities of the Subprogramme “Food Security and Sustainable Development” during the 2008/2009 biennium;
3. Progress Report on the Implementation of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP);
4. Report on the Status of Food Security in Africa;
5. Africa Review Report on Transport (main and summary reports);
6. Africa Review Report on Chemicals (main and summary reports);
7. Africa Review Report on Waste Management (main and summary reports);
8. Africa Review Report on Mining (main and summary reports);
9. Africa Review Report on A Ten-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production (main and summary reports);
10. The Outcomes of the Seventeenth Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development;
11. The Expanded Summary of the Climdev Africa Programme Document; and
12. ECA Publications Relevant to Sustainable Development

## **VII Participants**

The following will be invited to the meeting:

1. All 53 member States of ECA
2. Selected Civil Society, Business and Industry Organizations,
3. Selected Academia, Research and Development Institutions
4. The African Union Commission
5. The NEPAD Secretariat
6. The Eight RECs recognized by the African Union
7. The African Development Bank
8. UNDESA, UNEP, UNIDO, Secretariats of SAICM, Chemicals & Waste Conventions and other relevant UN agencies and organizations

## **VIII Dates and Venue**

The Sixth Session of CFSSD will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 27 to 30 October 2009.

## **IX Administrative Arrangements**

These are provided in the information note accompanying the CFSSD-6 invitation letters.

## **Annex: Organization of Work of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) for the period 2004-2017**

The 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) established the high-level United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) and pronounced its mandate as follows: “Provide for the active involvement of organs, programmes and organizations of the United Nations system, international financial institutions and other relevant intergovernmental organizations, and encourage the participation of non-governmental organizations, including industry and the business and scientific communities”. The main function of CSD is to monitor progress in the implementation of Agenda 21 and related activities. WSSD called for the strengthening of CSD and emphasized that the body should continue to be the high-level commission on sustainable development within the United Nations and should serve as a forum for consideration of issues related to the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development.

The Eleventh Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-11) decided that CSD should contribute to advancing implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation at all levels. In this regard, the work of the Commission is organized as a series of two-year action-oriented “Implementation Cycles” which include a “Review Session” and a “Policy Session”. The cycle functions as follows:

CSD Review Sessions are in April/May for a period of 2 to 3 weeks in the first year of the cycle. Review Sessions undertake an evaluation of progress in implementation, while focusing on identifying constraints and obstacles in the process of implementation with regard to the selected thematic cluster of issues for the cycle. The Sessions include a High-Level Segment, exchange of regional experiences, dialogues with experts, including scientific experts, sharing of best practices and lessons learned, with a view to facilitating implementation, as well as capacity-building activities such as learning centres and partnership fairs.

The outcome of the Review Session is a report including a Chairperson’s Summary containing identified constraints and obstacles and possible approaches and best practices for implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the JPOI.

In the Policy Year the CSD convenes an Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting, for one week in New York in February/March to discuss policy options and possible actions to address the constraints and obstacles in the process of implementation identified during the Review Year. The discussions are based on the outcomes of the Review Session, SGs reports as well as other relevant inputs. Based on these discussions the Chair prepares a draft negotiating document for consideration at the Policy Session.

CSD Policy Sessions, held in April/May of the second year of the cycle, takes policy decisions on practical measures and options to expedite implementation in the selected thematic cluster of issues, taking account of the discussions of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting, the Secretary-General’s reports and other relevant inputs;

The Review Sessions and the Policy Sessions aim at mobilizing further action by all implementation actors to overcome obstacles and constraints in the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the JPOI, and address new

challenges and opportunities, and share lessons learned and best practice. Each two-year cycle considers a thematic cluster of issues and some crosscutting issues.

In order to allow effective consideration of regional and sub-regional inputs throughout the Implementation Cycle and to ensure maximum flexibility, the Regional Commissions organize regional implementation meetings in collaboration with the CSD Secretariat, other regional and sub-regional organizations and bodies, as well as regional offices of funds, programmes, international finance and trade institutions and other organizations of the UN system. Such meetings take place before the CSD Review Session.

### **Multi-Year Programme of Work of the Commission on Sustainable Development**

<b>Cycle</b>	<b>Thematic Cluster</b>	<b>Crosscutting issues</b>
2004 / 2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water</li> <li>• Sanitation</li> <li>• Human Settlements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poverty Eradication,</li> <li>• Changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production,</li> <li>• Protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development,</li> <li>• Sustainable Development in a globalizing world,</li> <li>• Health and sustainable development,</li> <li>• Sustainable Development of SIDS,</li> <li>• Sustainable Development for Africa,</li> <li>• Other regional initiatives,</li> <li>• Means of Implementation,</li> <li>• Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development,</li> <li>• Gender Equality, and</li> <li>• Education</li> </ul>
2006/2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy for sustainable development</li> <li>• Industrial Development</li> <li>• Air Pollution / Atmosphere</li> <li>• Climate Change</li> </ul>	
2008/2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agriculture</li> <li>• Rural Development</li> <li>• Land</li> <li>• Drought</li> <li>• Desertification</li> <li>• Africa</li> </ul>	
2010/2011*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport</li> <li>• Chemicals</li> <li>• Waste Management</li> <li>• Mining</li> <li>• A Ten Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns</li> </ul>	
2012/2013*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forests</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Biotechnology</li> <li>• Tourism</li> <li>• Mountains</li> </ul>	
2014/2015*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oceans and Seas</li> <li>• Marine Resources</li> <li>• SIDS</li> <li>• Disaster Management and Vulnerability</li> </ul>	
2016/2017	Overall appraisal of implementation of Agenda 21, The Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the JPOI	

\* This thematic cluster will remain as part of the Multi-Year Programme of Work as scheduled unless otherwise agreed by the Commission. (applies for clusters 4, 5, and 6)

### TIME LINE OF CSD MEETINGS DURING THE TWO-YEAR CYCLE

