



Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD-14)

Opportunities for IGOS?

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WHAT IS CSD?



- The Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) is the U.N. body tasked with furthering progress toward the broad sustainable development goals that were established in Stockholm in 1972, Rio in 1992 and Johannesburg (WSSD) in 2002.



WHAT IS CSD?



- CSD-14 (2006) and CSD-15 (2007) will be a two-year policy cycle focused on:
 - Climate Change
 - Energy
 - Air Pollution
 - Industrial Development
- CSD-14 will be held during the first two weeks of May at UN Headquarters in New York.



IGOS Status at CSD



IGOS is a registered CSD Partnership (formerly Type II Partnership)

- Partnership established at WSSD in 2002
- As a partnership, IGOS has privileges to be engaged in “partnership activities” at CSD events.
- Other related CSD partnerships include CEOS WSSD follow-on programme and TIGER



IGOS at CSD-14?



There are a series of possible activities that IGOS can be engaged in at CSD-14:

- 1) Partnership Events and Outreach Opportunities
- 2) Non-partnership Side Events
- 3) Training Center Events
- 4) Interventions in Floor Discussion



1) Partnership Events



- Enables partnerships to report on their work on the implementation of WSSD objectives.
- DESA organized and moderated – format not yet determined
- IGOS does not need clearance from national delegations to be involved
- Application must be submitted to DESA early in 2006
- Require that a written report from partnership on WSSD implementation be submitted online.
- All such events are scheduled at UN HQ



2) Non - Partnership Side Events



- Format, agenda and moderators not defined by DESA
- For event to be “official” and happen at UN HQ, must be sponsored by one or more country delegations and/or UN organizations
- Events away from UN HQ are harder to get high-level participation
- Are most successful when they bring together multiple organizations, countries and partnerships – such engagement would have to be coordinated immediately.



3) Training Centre



- Half to full day training opportunities offered onsite as side event to CSD floor sessions.
- Would be an outreach opportunity for IGOS to highlight the importance of Earth observations related to climate.
- Requires national government to endorse training and submit application for training.
- Rick Lawford of IGWCO and others have indicated interest in offering an EO oriented training.



4) Floor Interventions



- A critical way to ensure that Earth observations are included in final documents resulting from CSD session.
- Floor interventions can be made by UN organizations, the Science and Technology Group (led by ICSU), and national organizations.
- Outreach to national delegations is critical to ensure that Earth observations has a prevalent role in discussions.



Way Forward?



- **Determine what type of side event should be done:**
 - Who will complete application process with DESA?
 - Identifying sponsors – especially countries? (if necessary)
 - Who will complete written report?
 - Who will attend CSD-14 as IGOS delegation? (cross section of regions and organizations)

- **Focus on engagement with national delegations on EO**
 - A possible role for CEOS agencies – as well as IGOS



CSD Website

<http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev>