



UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH BUREAU MEETING
23rd Floor Conference Room, Two United Nations Plaza, New York
4 May 2012, 1:15 – 2:45 p.m.

1. The twenty-seventh meeting of the Bureau of the Preparatory Process for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) was held on 4 May 2012 in New York.
2. The meeting was attended by the following:

UNCSD Bureau Members

- Amb. Kim Sook, Co-Chair and Chair of the Meeting
- Amb. Maged A. Abdelaziz
- Amb. Charles T. Ntwaagae
- Ms. Josefina Bunge
- Ms. Tania Raguž
- Mr. Paolo Soprano
- Prof. Bedřich Moldan *represented by* Premysl Stepanek
- Mr. Keith H. Christie
- Ms. Maria Teresa Mesquita Pessôa

Secretariat

- Mr. Sha Zukang, CSG
- Ms. Elizabeth Thompson, Executive Coordinator
- Mr. Brice Lalonde, Executive Coordinator
- Mr. Nikhil Seth, Head of the CSG Office
- Cluster Leaders
- Mr. Kenji Nakanu DGACM
- Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, DGACM

Adoption of the Agenda

1. Draft agenda was adopted without amendments. (Annex 1)

Agenda item 1: The Way Forward in Negotiations

2. The co-chair Amb. Kim opened the meeting and stated that the Bureau had a very good and productive exchange of views with the Secretary-General that morning. He said that Secretary-General expressed his personal dedication to the success of the Conference and support as well as that of the Secretariat.
3. Amb. Kim summed up the negotiations in the past two weeks underlying that even though the text has been reduced during the two-week meeting, there still remain 400 paragraphs to be agreed. He opened the floor for the discussion.
4. The Bureau has agreed to the following after the discussion:

- (a) There will be an additional week of informal informals within existing resources from 29 May – 2 June 2012 in the UN Headquarters in New York;
- (b) The work will continue in two working groups, but the workload will be more evenly divided with Working group I discussing Sections I, II, III and IV and Working group II discussing Section V;
- (c) One working group will be chaired by Amb Ashe and the other one by Mr. Christie, Vice-Chair from Canada since Amb. Kim due to prior official engagement will not be able to chair the other working group;
- (d) Co-chairs will produce a new text based on the discussions and negotiations of the 2-week meeting and will make it available to the delegations by 22 May in the e-room;
- (e) Chairs in consultation with the negotiators in the room will propose the best sequencing and discussions with possibilities at times to establish some breakaway groups on certain issues where interested delegations will try to find a solution and present it to the respective working group.

Agenda item 2: Other matters

- 5. A date of drawing of lots was raised, since 11 May for which it is scheduled now, make it inconvenient for many NAM members who need to attend NAM Ministerial meeting. It was asked that the drawing be postponed for the week after.
- 6. Financing for participants was also discussed, since only after the deadline of 4 May it will be known whether it would be possible to support one or two participants per developing country to the Conference and the deadline for hotel reservation is before that. Brazil promised to raise the issue with their logistic committee and extend the deadline to accommodate funded participants by the UN.
- 7. It was decided that the next Bureau meeting will be held on Tuesday, 29 May at 8:00 a.m. prior to the beginning of informal informal meetings.



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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Agenda item 1: The Way Forward in Negotiations

From the end of the informal informals on 4 May 2012, until the start of PrepCom. 3, 13 June 2012.

Agenda Item 2: Other matters

- a. Next Bureau meeting