Multistakeholder Dialogue on Implementing Sustainable Development
1 February 2010,
Conference Room-1
United Nations Headquarters, New York

Programme

**Opening Session**
10:00 - 10:30 am

Opening/Welcome remarks by:
- H.E. Dr. Luis Alberto Ferraté Felice, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources of Guatemala, Chairperson of CSD-18
- Mr. Hans Hoogeveen, Director-General for International Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of the Netherlands, representing the Chairperson of CSD-17
- Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General – Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Briefing on “Multistakeholders Dialogue on Implementing Sustainable Development”
- Mr. Tariq Banuri, Director, Division of Sustainable Development, DESA

**Session 1**
10:30 am - 1:00 pm

**Implementing CSD-17 Decisions: Role of Different Implementing Partners**

Chair: Mr. Hans Hoogeveen, Director-General for International Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of the Netherlands, representing the Chairperson of CSD-17

Keynote Presentations

1. Achieving sustainable food security: new trends and emerging agenda
   **Speaker:** Dr. Shenggen Fan, Director General of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).

2. Realizing agricultural potential in Africa: what should we do differently?
   **Speaker:** Dr. Siham Mohamedahmed, Environmental Expert, Gender, Climate Change, and Sustainable Development Unit, African Development Bank

3. Scaling up of sustainable agricultural practices: requirements for a fast track approach.
   **Speaker:** Mr. Thomas Forster, New School Food Studies Program, International Partners for Sustainable Agriculture

Discussion on Status of Implementation
- Member States
- International Financial Institutions
- UN System Organizations and Rio Conventions
- Foundations
- Major Groups

Concluding remarks by the Panelists on the way forward
Closing remarks by the Chair
**Session 2**
3:00 to 6:00 pm

**Strengthening International Cooperation and Partnerships for Implementation of CSD-17 Decisions**

**Chair:** H.E. Dr. Luis Alberto Ferraté Felice, Chairperson of CSD-18

**Keynote Presentations**

1. Strengthening international cooperation and partnerships for agricultural development  
   **Speaker:** Dr. Robert Townsend, Senior Economist, Agriculture and Rural Development Department, World Bank

2. Land governance responses to climate change, desertification and land degradation  
   **Speaker:** Dr. Madiodio Niasse, Director, International Land Coalition

   **Speaker:** Dr. Carol Kramer-LeBlanc, Director of Sustainable Development, Office of the Chief Economist, US Department of Agriculture

4. Promoting Synergies between Comprehensive Framework for Action and CSD-17 decisions  
   **Speaker:** Dr. David Nabarro, Special representative of the Secretary-General for Food Security and Nutrition

**Showcasing Some Partnerships Initiatives**

(Speakers from different partnership initiatives will demonstrate how they are contributing to the implementation of CSD-17 decisions especially in the areas of capacity building, technology transfer, financing and connecting farmers to research and extension systems.)

- Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development Initiative (SARD)
- CGIAR Challenge Program: 'Water and Food'
- International Land Coalition (ILC)
- Sustainable Development Knowledge Partnership (SDKP)

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**Closing remarks by the Chair**