



MULTI STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUE on CSD19 and Rio+20

**on
Thursday 18 November 2010
14h00-17h00**

**At the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
Rue Belliard 99, 1000 Brussels, Room JDE 63 (6th floor)**

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In May 2011, the 19th session of the Commission on Sustainable Development will be held in New York (CSD19) and in 2012, the Conference on Sustainable Development will be held in Rio de Janeiro (Rio+20)¹.

Governments and stakeholders (major groups²) are currently preparing their policy documents for both events.

The main agenda points for these meetings are:

CSD19: Policy Year on the following cluster of issues: Transport, Chemicals, Waste, Mining, 10 Year Framework of Programs on SCP and interlinkages/ crosscutting issues³.

Rio+20: UN Conference on Sustainable Development with two main themes: 1) Green Economy in the Context of Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication (GESDPE) and 2) Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development (IFSD)

Both meetings are high on the agenda of the Belgian Presidency of the European Union, the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and ANPED, and we would therefore like to bring together the European stakeholders in order to have an informal exchange of ideas and priorities in order to reach a common understanding of the main expectations within Europe on these important subjects.

¹ See attached document for more back ground information on those two UN-meetings.

² The CSD recognizes 9 Major Groups: Women, Youth, NGOs, Farmers, Local Authorities, Indigenous Peoples, Trade Unions, Business & Industry and Science & Technology.

³ http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/csd/csd_csd19.shtml - for a summary of CSD 18, see here: http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/resources/res_pdfs/csd-18/Chairs_summary.pdf
Website of Rio+20 <http://uncsd2012.org>

Programme of the meeting

14h00 Beginning

Welcome by representatives of:

- EESC (Hans-Joachim Wilms, EESC Sustainable Development Observatory's President)
- Belgian Presidency (Nadine Gouzée)
- ANPED (Jan Gustav Strandenaes)

14h20 Part I - CSD19

"Tour de table" of the stakeholders for short introductions (5 minutes) of their priorities for policy recommendation on the 5 issues of the CSD19.

- Reaction of the Belgian Presidency and the European Commission.

Discussion

15h30 Coffee break

15h50 Part II – Rio +20

"Tour de table" of the stakeholders for short introductions (5 minutes) of their priorities for policy recommendation on the topic "Green Economy in the framework of Sustainable Development and poverty eradication" and "Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development" (IFSD)

- Reaction of the Belgian Presidency and the European Commission.

Discussion

17h00 Conclusions

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