



**Training and info workshop for the
CSD-17 Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting
Sunday, February the 22nd 2009**

VENUE: Two UN Plaza—22nd floor Conference Room (located on 44th street between 1st and 2nd Avenues)

TIME: From 1.15 pm (13:15) in the afternoon until 4.30 pm (16:30) the same evening.

NOTE: Registration for the IMP is open in the 'Tourist Foyer of the UN from 13:00 until 16:00 on Sunday, February the 22nd.

13:15 - Welcome to this year's CSD, a short presentation by Jan-Gustav Strandenaes, outline of the NGO logistics, morning meetings etc. Mr. Strandenaes is the UN CSD NGO major group Co-Organiser, and senior policy adviser, ANPED.

14:00 - The CSD – an opportunity to interact, By Federica Pietracci, UN CSD Major Group's Coordinator explaining the basic procedures and logistics of the CSD. We will have a chance to a brief Q and A session after an introduction by Pietracci.

15:00 – What are we going to talk about for one week? A presentation of the major issues and some of the contentious areas we should focus on, by representatives from the NGO issue groups – short introductions followed by a few questions and answers: (speakers to be announced)

- Agriculture
- Land management
- Rural development
- Drought
- Desertification
- Water
- Sanitation
- Africa

16:30 – Closing of the meeting.

Neth Dano and Jan-Gustav Strandenaes will be facilitating the meeting.

All major groups are welcome.