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**CSD-14 and  
UNECE Second Regional Implementation Forum  
on Sustainable Development  
Geneva, 15-16 December 2005**

**Meeting of the Extended Bureau of the  
UNECE Committee on Sustainable Energy  
14 December 2005**



## What is CSD...

- **United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) established by UN General Assembly in December 1992 to ensure effective follow-up of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), also known as the Earth Summit.**
- **CSD meets annually in New York, in two-year cycles, with each cycle focusing on clusters of specific thematic and cross-sectoral issues, outlined in its multi-year programme of work (2003-2017).**



## Regional Implementation Meetings

- **Plan of Implementation adopted at WSSD in 2002 stated implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the Summit should be effectively pursued at the regional and sub-regional levels, through the UN Regional Commissions and other regional and sub-regional institutions and bodies.**
- **CSD, at its 11th session, invited UN regional commissions, in collaboration with the secretariat of the CSD, to organize regional implementation meetings ... to allow effective consideration of regional and sub-regional inputs throughout the Commission's new two-year implementation cycles.**



## Current Cycle: CSD-14 & CSD-15

- **CSD-14 is the review session. Will be held at UN Headquarters, New York from 1-12 May 2006. As the first year of the second implementation cycle, CSD-14 will review progress in the following thematic clusters: (i) Energy for Sustainable Development; (ii) Industrial Development; (iii) Air pollution/Atmosphere; and (iv) Climate Change.**
- **CSD-15 is the policy session (30 April - 11 May, 2007) Commission will decide on measures to speed up implementation and mobilize action to overcome obstacles and constraints, and to build on lessons learned. CSD-15 will be preceded by the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (26 February - 1 March 2007).**



## UNECE 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Implementation Meeting

- **Geneva, 15-16 December 2005.**
- **Focussing on theme: Energy for Sustainable Development.**
- **Delegates will seek consensus on how best to address challenge facing UNECE region of ensuring *economic growth, efficient and secure supplies of energy and a clean environment are all compatible objectives.***
- **Forum will comprise 3 interactive discussion sessions: (i) energy for sustainable development; (ii) industrial development and linkages to energy for sustainable development; and (iii) air pollution/atmosphere and climate change and linkages to energy for Sustainable Development.**
- **Chair's Summary of the meeting will be submitted as UNECE's regional contribution to CSD-14.**



## Contribution from Committee on Sustainable Energy

- **CSD-9 in 2000 last occasion focus on energy.**
- **UNECE Governments adopted a series of objectives to promote and facilitate transition to a more sustainable energy future:**
  - (i) sustained access to high quality energy services;**
  - (ii) security of energy supplies;**
  - (iii) reduction in health and environmental impacts resulting from production, transport and use of energy;**
  - (iv) well-balanced energy network systems, tailored to optimise operating efficiencies and overall cooperation;**
  - (v) sustained improvement in energy efficiency; and**
  - (vi) steady reduction in energy-related environmental impacts through development & application of environmentally-sound & economically-viable technologies, & increased use of renewable energy resources.**



## Contribution from Committee on Sustainable Energy

- **These 6 sustainable energy policy objectives still as relevant today as over 5 years ago.**
- **Produced non-paper for Committee session in June “Review Of Progress on Sustainable Energy Development in UNECE Region”**
- **Initial document intended to provide Member States with sufficient background to identify and discuss priority concerns, obstacles and opportunities relating to policies and measures required to accelerate the transition to a more sustainable energy future.**
- **Invited comments from all UNECE member States.**
- **Summarized version of text included in final document for Forum “Energy for Sustainable Development, Industrial Development, Air Pollution/Atmosphere and Climate Change: Achievements, Trends and Challenges in the UNECE Region” (CEP/AC.11/2005/3).**



## Contribution from Committee on Sustainable Energy

- **Energy Section will actively participate in Forum and, in particular, *Energy for Sustainable Development* session of Forum.**
- **Representative from Energy Section will participate in CSD-14 in New York, 2006.**
- **Any recommendations and conclusions arising from CSD-14 of relevance will be reported to and followed up at 15<sup>th</sup> Committee session in 2006.**