

**Item 8:**  
Outcome of the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Implementation Meeting  
on Sustainable Development (RIM-3)

# RIM-3, 28-29 January 2008, Geneva

- Evaluation of progress achieved and obstacles and constraints remaining in agriculture, rural development, land management, desertification and drought and Africa
- Results are contribution of UNECE to CSD-16
- ~ 220 delegates, 41 ECE member states, EU, Holy See, OECD, EBRD, Nordic Council of Ministers, Agenda 21 for the Baltic Region, NGO's, private-sector organisations

# Session on Land Management

- **Chair:** Peter Creuzer (Germany)
- **Keynote addresses:**  
Marek Bryx (Poland),  
Makhmudzhon Khabirov (Tajikistan),  
Rune Fjellheim (Arctic Council)
- **Full documentation:**  
ECE/AC.25/2008/2 and ECE/AC.25/2008/5

# RIM-3 Land Management

- Strengthening of efforts to foster sustainable use of natural resources
- Promotion of equitable access to land, enforceable land rights and transparent land policies
- Equal access to land for women
- Good stewardship of land resources
- Legal framework and land policies together with proper tools for implementation are required.
- Clear and unambiguous land tenure and registration systems
- Environmental challenges, climate change implications

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# RIM-3 Land Management (II)

- Land management should anticipate and resolve social conflicts from demands on land use.
- Rights of indigenous people and other vulnerable groups
- Traditional forms of land use important
- Participation of local communities and citizen's involvement in land planning procedures
- Integrated multisectoral plans for rural areas
- Conversion of agricultural land
- Continuing donor's engagement in land-related activities
- Mutual sharing of knowledge and experiences

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**Regional Discussions  
on the Outcomes of the  
UNECE Third Regional Implementation  
Meeting on Sustainable Development**

**CSD-16**

**New York, 6 May 2008**

## **Regional Discussions: UN ECE region**

Regional discussions will include:

- Presentations of the outcomes of regional implementation meetings
- Interactive discussions focusing, in particular, on region-specific barriers and constraints, as well as lessons learned and best practices, based on regional experiences and
- Next steps.

Interactive discussions led-off by a panel of UN agencies, funds, programmes, IGOs, and Major Groups, etc, with hands-on experiences in the regions.

### Panellists:

- **Ms. Elisabeth Gauffin**, Vice President, IFAP Development Cooperation Committee, Chair, Swedish Farmers' Federation
- **Mr. Peter Kreuzer**, Head, Agency for Geoinformation, Land Development and Real Estate, Hannover, Germany
- **Mr. Jiri Hlavacek**, Director of Department, Ministry of Environment, Czech Republic
- **Ms. Nadine Gouzee**, Task Force, Sustainable Development, Federal Planning Bureau, Belgium
- **Ms. Colien Hefferan**, Administrator, CSREES, US Department of Agriculture

# Outcome ECE Region

- Inter-linkages between environment and agriculture should be an important dimension of land policy
- Integration of the multiple aspects of land policy will encourage farmers to preserve the environment and favour an optimal allocation of resources
- Good governance, equal access to land for women and indigenous people, interdisciplinary approach, clear and unambiguous land tenure

**CSD-16 Chairman's Summary, Parts I and II (unedited)**

# High-level Segment

- Sustainable land management practices
- Improvement of land management and planning capacities
- Integrated approach of land management and planning
- Improvement of land tenure security
- Land access and security of tenure rights of women and indigenous people

**CSD-16 Chairman's Summary, Parts I and II (unedited)**