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**Commission on Sustainable Development**  
**Inter-sessional Ad Hoc Working Group on Information for**  
**Decision-making and Participation and on International**  
**Cooperation for an Enabling Environment**  
12-16 March 2001  
Item 2 of the provisional agenda  
**Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**

### **Provisional agenda**

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Information for decision-making and participation.
4. International cooperation for an enabling environment.
5. Other matters.
6. Adoption of the report of the Working Group.

### **Annotations**

#### **1. Election of officers**

In accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Working Group shall elect, at the commencement of the first meeting, from among the representatives of its members, such officers as may be required. The membership of the Commission is given in annex II below.

#### **2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**

In accordance with rule 7 of the rules of procedure, the Working Group shall, at the beginning of the session, after the election of its officers, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda. The proposed programme of work of the Working Group is contained in annex I below.



**3. Information for decision-making and participation, and**

**4. International cooperation for an enabling environment**

In its resolution 1997/63, the Economic and Social Council decided that, during the period 1998-2002, the Commission on Sustainable Development should continue the practice of establishing, subject to approval by the Council, up to two inter-sessional ad hoc working groups in a given year with a view to assisting the Commission in the preparations for its forthcoming year.

Accordingly, in its decision 8/8, the Commission decided, inter alia, that in order to assist it in its deliberations at its ninth session, the 2001 sessions of its inter-sessional working groups would be devoted to the following issues:

- (a) Information for decision-making and participation;
- (b) International cooperation for an enabling environment;
- (c) Atmosphere;
- (d) Transport.

Subsequently, at its meeting of 6-7 October 2000, the Bureau of the Commission decided that one working group would be devoted to transport and atmosphere and the other working group would be devoted to information for decision-making and participation and to international cooperation for an enabling environment.

At its meeting of 6-7 October 2000, the Bureau of the Commission decided that the Inter-sessional Ad Hoc Working Group on Information for Decision-making and Participation and on International Cooperation for an Enabling Environment would meet from 12 to 16 March 2001.

**Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General on information for decision-making and participation

Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation for an enabling environment

**5. Other matters**

**6. Adoption of the report of the Working Group**

In accordance with established practice, the Working Group will submit a report to the Commission at its ninth session.

As reiterated by the Bureau at its meeting of 6-7 October 2000 and in accordance with established practice, the report under both substantive items on the agenda, will consist of two parts: (a) a Co-Chairman's summary, and (b) elements for draft decisions for future negotiations during the ninth session of the Commission.

## Annex I

### Proposed programme of work

The proposed programme of work for the Inter-sessional Ad Hoc Working Group on Information for Decision-making and Participation and on International Cooperation for an Enabling Environment is based on recommendations made by the Bureau.

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	
<b>Week of 12-16 March</b>		
<b>Monday, 12 March</b>		
a.m.		Opening of the session
	<i>Item 1</i>	Election of officers
		Opening statement by the Co-Chairmen
	<i>Item 2</i>	Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
	<i>Item 3</i>	Information for decision-making and participation
		Introduction of the report of the Secretary-General and other documents on information for decision-making and participation
		Introduction of results of relevant inter-sessional meetings
p.m.	<i>Item 3</i>	Information for decision-making and participation
		General discussion on information for decision-making and participation
<b>Tuesday, 13 March</b>		
a.m.	<i>Item 4</i>	International cooperation for an enabling environment
		Introduction of the report of the Secretary-General and other documents on international cooperation for an enabling environment
		Introduction of results of relevant inter-sessional meetings
		General discussion on the issue of international cooperation for an enabling environment
p.m.	<i>Item 4</i>	International cooperation for an enabling environment
		Continuation of general discussion on the issue of international cooperation for an enabling environment
<b>Wednesday, 14 March</b>		
a.m.	<i>Item 3</i>	Information for decision-making and participation
		Introduction of Co-Chairman's summary on information for decision-making and participation

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	
		Introduction of elements for a draft decision on information for decision-making and participation
p.m.	<i>Item 3</i>	General discussion of the Co-Chairman's summary and of elements for a draft decision on information for decision-making and participation
<b>Thursday, 15 March</b>		
a.m.	<i>Item 4</i>	International cooperation for an enabling environment Introduction of Co-Chairman's summary on international cooperation for an enabling environment Introduction of elements for a draft decision on international cooperation for an enabling environment
p.m.	<i>Item 4</i>	International cooperation for an enabling environment General discussion of the Co-Chairman's summary and of elements for a draft decision on international cooperation for an enabling environment
<b>Friday, 16 March</b>		
a.m.	<i>Item 3</i>	Information for decision-making and participation Introduction of second draft of Co-Chairman's summary on information for decision-making and participation Introduction of second draft of elements for a draft decision on information for decision-making and participation Final comments by delegations on the above documents
p.m.	<i>Item 4</i>	International cooperation for an enabling environment Introduction of second draft of Co-Chairman's summary on international cooperation for an enabling environment Introduction of second draft of elements for a draft decision on international cooperation for an enabling environment Final comments by delegations on the above documents
	<i>Item 5</i>	Other matters
	<i>Item 6</i>	Adoption of the report of the Working Group Closure of the session

## Annex II

### Membership of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its ninth session

Algeria	Madagascar
Angola	Mali
Australia	Mauritania
Belarus	Mauritius
Belgium	Mexico
Bolivia	Mozambique
Brazil	Netherlands
Cameroon	New Zealand
China	Nicaragua
Colombia	Pakistan
Côte d'Ivoire	Paraguay
Cuba	Peru
Czech Republic	Philippines
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Poland
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Portugal
Denmark	Republic of Korea
France	Russian Federation
Germany	Spain
Greece	Sri Lanka
Guatemala	Sudan
Guyana	Thailand
Hungary	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Tunisia
Italy	Uganda
Japan	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Kazakhstan	United States of America
Lebanon	