



Eighteenth Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD 18)

Way Forward (Interactive Ministerial Dialogue)

Statement by Switzerland

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Process

- The discussion at this CSD has been rich, but we clearly still need to further enhance our common understanding of the opportunities and challenges of the themes of this CSD-cycle. This is the objective of the IPM. Therefore, we suggest that IPM will be organized in a different manner: main work should take place in interactive indepth discussion in small parallel groups.

Proposal by Argentina for additional reporting

- Reporting is important, we learn a lot at the national level by preparing reports and analyzing progress and challenges.
- Agree with South Africa, that the voluntary reporting requirement established by WSSD is not sufficient.
- However, additional reporting requirements should have added value. We would need better understanding of the differences between the reports that we have been submitted for CSD-18 and the additional reporting for CSD-19 suggested by Argentina.

Substance – following structure of intervention of G-77

Mining:

- Agree that CSD -19 should provide guidance to move towards more sustainable mining that minimizes negative environmental and social impacts. Therefore, looking at an **enabling environment** is crucial. This includes looking at the general **governance structure**, including how to bring ASM into legality and ensuring an enabling environment for technology transfer.

Chemicals & Waste:

- CSD should not replace or duplicate the excellent within the chemicals and waste regime. It should support and stimulate that work.
- CSD should thus welcome and support the synergies process within the chemicals and waste cluster and invite the cluster to further pursue and deepen this important process, including by ensuring futurproofness of a synergetic chemicals and waste regime.



- Financing is important. Switzerland agrees that we have to make sure that adequate support is provided for the implementation of the existing and new commitments. However, these decision have to be developed and taken within the chemicals and waste cluster. Building on the success of the increased replenishment of the GEF and the opening of the POPs window towards a chemicals window, Switzerland, together with Uruguay, is organizing a ministerial lunch on financial chemicals. We hope this will strengthen financial support for chemicals and waste.
- Waste: CSD-19 should express our full support to the Basel Convention and its initiatives to address the challenges of mobile phones and e-waste. These partnership initiatives within a legally binding framework should serve as a model for other areas. We agree with the G-77 that the challenges faced by developing countries need to be addressed. We therefore hope that Switzerland and Indonesia will be able to inform about the progress of the Indonesian-Swiss Country-Led Initiative to develop a way forward to achieve the objectives of the Basel BAN amendment.

Transport:

- CSD-19 should provide guidance to move towards sustainable transport.
- Building on lessons learnt and the experiences of the past, this guidance should help to implement the polluter pays principle, economic incentives and fiscal measures.
- CSD-19 should specifically address urban traffic and the related challenges on infrastructure and governance. Integrated planning schemes such as the one referred to by Sweden should thereby serve as an excellent example.

SCP:

- We agree with the G-77 and the EU that we need a well structured and transparent intersessional process to develop a 10YFP to be adopted by CSD-19 as a concrete input for Rio+20.
- We note that the developing countries, as required by the WSSD, have taken the lead in the task forces of the Marrakech process. But we will have to move towards a 10YFP that helps all of us to move towards more sustainable consumption and production patterns.
- This 10YFP should build on the work of the Marrakech process but also include additional elements such as sustainable agro-food-systems.

Cross-cutting issues:

- CSD-19 should also address the special situation of women and children as those being most hurt by the negative impacts of the themes of this cycle and being at the same time crucial part of possible solutions.
- It should also further strengthen key principles for the themes of this cycle such as precaution and polluter pays, and highlight the benefit of economic instruments.