

Officers Elected

The Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) elected by acclamation Valli Moosa, Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism of South Africa, as Chairman for its eleventh session, which will take place from 28 April to 9 May. The Commission further elected, also by acclamation, four vice-chairmen: Hossein Moeini Meybodi (Iran) from the Asian States; Irena Zubcevic (Croatia) from the Eastern European States; Bruno Stagno (Costa Rica) from the Latin American and Caribbean

States; and Nadine Gouzeen (Belgium) from the Western European and Other States.

Valli Moosa said the challenge for the Commission's eleventh session would be to translate the outcomes of the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) into practical modalities for its next decade of work, which should be guided by the active participation at the highest political levels and ensure the full involvement of technical experts. ➡

There was a need, he said, to consider whether the focus of the various sessions should not be on the evaluation of progress in implementation of goals and targets set in Johannesburg. The participation of stakeholders in the Commission's work should also be enhanced, building on the experiences of the Summit. He stressed that the task faced by the eleventh session was a formidable one, requiring the time and expertise of all governments and other stakeholders committed to the implementation of sustainable development.

Jo Anne Disano, Director for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

(DESA), who served as temporary Chairperson, noted that the Commission would have major challenges ahead of it,



as it would be the first session meeting after Johannesburg. The meeting would have major political implications and it must be organised in a way that kept the momentum of Johannesburg going and laid the foundation for future work. (MJ)

