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**ASSIGNMENT**

List and explain briefly, 5 specific organs of the united nation that are concerned primarily with environmental pollution.

**SOLUTION**

* High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development
* Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD)
* Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
* UN Forum on Forests
* Inter-governmental Forum on Forests (IFF)

1. **High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development:**

The High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development was established in follow up to the outcome of the 2012 UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) to replace the Commission on Sustainable Development. The Forum is a subsidiary of the Economic and Social Council and General Assembly.

* Established by General Assembly resolutions 66/288 of 27 July 2012, 67/203 of 21 December 2012, and 67/290 of 9 July 2013
* Will convene annually at the ministerial level under the Economic and Social Council, and every four years at the level of Head of State under the General Assembly
* Working documents series symbol;

1. E/HLPF/year/-
2. example: E/HLPF/2016/1
3. **Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD):**

The Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) is a subsidiary of ECOSOC with primary responsibility for environmental questions.

* The General Assembly, in its resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1992, requested the Economic and Social Council to establish a high-level Commission on Sustainable Development to ensure effective follow up to the Conference on Environment and Development (1992).
* While General Assembly resolution 47/191 contains its mandate, the Commission was established by Economic and Social Council decision 1993/207 of 12 February 1993 (p. 94 of E/1993/93).
* The Commission was superseded by the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 67/203. The 20th and last session was held in 2013.
* The Commission met annually and reported to the Economic and Social Council.
* The Commission often served as the preparatory body for major conferences on environmental issues.
* Working documents series symbol

1. E/CN.17/year/-
2. example: E/CN.17/2013/2

* Sessional reports

1. Supplement 29 to the Economic and Social Council Official Records (ESCOR)
2. dual symbol: E/year/29 - E/CN.17/year/-
3. example: E/2013/29-E/CN.17/2013/4

* Press release series symbol

1. ENV/DEV/-
2. example: ENV/DEV/1294
3. **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC):**

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is a specialized expert body to review scientific research and report to policy makers.

* IPCC website;
* Established jointly by the UN Environmental Programme (UNEP) and World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in 1988, and endorsed by General Assembly resolution 43/53 of 6 December 1988;
* Network of scientists and experts who review scientific research on the climate change and prepare reports for policy makers;
* Reports aim to provide the world with a clear scientific view on the current state of knowledge in climate change and its potential environmental and socio-economic impacts;
* Five Assessment Reports have been completed in 1990, 1995, 2001, 2007 and 2013.

1. **UN Forum on Forests:**

The UN Forum on Forests is a subsidiary of ECOSOC; it took over the tasks of the two predecessor bodies listed below.

* Established by ECOSOC resolution 2000/35 of 18 Oct. 2000 to "strengthen political commitment to the management, conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests" (p. 64-66 of E/2000/99);
* The Forum meets annually and reports to the Economic and Social Council;
* Working documents series symbol

1. E/CN.18/year/-
2. example: E/CN.18/2015/1

* Sessional reports

1. Supplement 42 to the Economic and Social Council Official Records (ESCOR)
2. dual symbol: E/year/42 - E/CN.18/year/-

* example: E/2015/42 - E/CN.18/2015/14
* Press releases series symbol ENV/DEV/-

1. **Inter-governmental Forum on Forests (IFF):**

The Inter-governmental Forum on Forests (IFF) was a predecessor body of the UN Forum on Forests, 1997-2000.

* Established by ECOSOC resolution 1997/65 of 25 July 1997;
* The Forum met annually from 1997 to 2000 and reported to the Economic and Social Council;
* Working documents series symbol

1. E/CN.17/IFF/year/-
2. example: E/CN.17/IFF/2000/1