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Assignment

The UN leads environmental policy development through the work of some

key bodies.

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* Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD)
* Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
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***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The Commission was superseded by the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 67/203.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.

***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 Meterological 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.

***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