

MARRAKECH TASK FORCE, LEAD COUNTRY FINLAND SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION (SBC)

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Marrakech Task Forces in NYC 8 May– focus on Africa

During CSD-16 the joint parallel event of the Marrakech Task Forces will take place Thursday 8 May at 6 – 8 pm at the Permanent Mission of Germany to the UN, address 871 UN Plaza, New York. The title of the event is:

Progress towards Sustainable Consumption and Production: The Marrakech Process in Africa.

The keynote will be delivered by professor Cleo Migiro, Secretary of the African Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production. Our Task Force will certainly be there, too. That is the place to meet!

Please, do inform your colleagues, who'll be in New York for the CSD-16. Information about access: Adriana.Zacharias@unep.fr

SBC Task Force workshop in Johannesburg 5 June

The Fifth African Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production (ARSCP-5) will take place in Johannesburg, South Africa 4-6 June 2008 (www.arscp.org). This is a reminder to our African colleagues about the possibility to participate in the Roundtable and the session of our Task Force to discuss SBC in Africa and the 10YFP.

Please, contact the Secretariat: Josephine.Bauer@unep.org for more information about the practicalities!

SBC Checklist, please comment!

As mentioned earlier, we need to develop “a layman’s checklist” to help in defining what is sustainable construction, what is not. Not only professionals but also citizen and local politicians need evaluation tools.

As a valuable working document, we’ve received an assessment framework, which has been proposed for the MASDAR project in Abu Dhabi. It has been prepared as part of the development of a **special version of the SBTool** assessment system. The person responsible is Nils Larsson, on behalf of iiSBE (www.iisbe.org), the International Initiative for a Sustainable Built Environment,

The excel-document is enclosed. To change levels of detail, use the ‘buttons’ (boxes 1...4) on the upper left corner. What do you think:

- Does this list include your priority issues?
- What would you add, or take out?
- Is the language too technical? What else?

Please send your comments to Kaarin Taipale, Chair of the Task Force, taipale@hse.fi

EC Newsletter offer for you!

The Directorate-General Environment of the European Commission offers a '**Science for Environment Policy**' weekly newsletter to provide information for policy makers. In addition, the DG Environment has extended the popular weekly news service to include focused thematic issues. Topics include Biofuels and Sustainable Consumption and Production, with more to follow.

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