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As the international community gears up for a conference marking the twentieth anniversary of the historic Earth Summit and Agenda 21, the world's blueprint on Sustainable Development, the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) is taking a fresh look on how it can accelerate the pace by which its decisions are turned into action – ensuring a more effective and coordinated approach to global policy on sustainable development.

In support of this initiative, the Division for Sustainable Development of the United

can also, like the Sustainable Development Knowledge Partnership, lay the groundwork for advanced thinking, knowledge dissemination and coordinated research.

Such stocktaking and discourse went on to shape the most salient output of the meeting - a Seven Point Strategy meant to fast-track implementation of CSD decisions. The Strategy calls for the use of new modalities, as well as the scaling-up of successful practices, like partnerships. Under its auspices, periodic reviews, greater collaboration, work on indicators and national sustainable development round tables will all be pursued. ICT technologies were also highlighted to be a key component; for instance use of virtual online extension networks to improve information sharing on agriculture. Participants called for the mobilization of additional resources in support of the Strategy as well as of other novel approaches to implementation brought out in the discussions.

For more information on this discourse, background documentation and webcast, please visit http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/csd/csd_csd17_followup.shtml.