

MEDIA ADVISORY

United Nations Conference to Convene Civil Society to support Post-2015 Development Agenda Will Conclude With Adoption of Ambitious “Action Agenda” for NGO Community

(New York, July 7, 2014)—The 65th Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference, titled “2015 and Beyond: Our Action Agenda,” will be held at United Nations Headquarters from Wednesday, 27 August to Friday, 29 August 2014.

In the course of the three days, this premier civil society event at the United Nations will feature opening and closing sessions, roundtables, workshops, exhibits, reception, on-site and off-site events and a host of other occasions for NGO networking. In line with previous conferences, this 65th conference will adopt an outcome declaration that aspires to be ambitious and inspiring and to offer a civil society “Action Agenda” for the post-2015 development goals. The 65th DPI/NGO Conference will take place less than a month prior to the 23 September 2014 Climate Summit convened by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, and the launch of intergovernmental negotiations at the 69th Session of the General Assembly.

Representatives of civil society will convene from around the world to discuss key issues on the post-2015 development agenda, including climate change. The discussions aim to support the crafting of a successful post-2015 development agenda, and positive outcomes of climate change negotiations in Lima and Paris in 2014 and 2015 respectively.

Co-hosted by the UN Department of Public Information (DPI) and the NGO/DPI Executive Committee, the conference provides a unique opportunity for NGOs to come together to engage diplomats, UN officials, policy experts, scientists, educators, businesses, trade unions, parliamentarians, local authorities and others from around the world on the role of civil society in the post-2015 development agenda.

A “zero draft” of the document that will serve as the basis for the conference outcome declaration is currently posted on the conference website for inputs, in addition to information about the planning and programme: <http://outreach.un.org/ngorelations/conference-2014>

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