

MEDIA ADVISORY

UN NGO Three-Day Conference Kicks Off August 27th in New York City *Will Conclude With Adoption of Ambitious “Action Agenda” for NGO Community*

(New York, August 21, 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. Speakers at the Conference include Secretary-General Mr. Ban Ki-moon (via video message); Mr. John Ashe, President of the UN General Assembly; UN Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson; Mr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund; and Her Excellency Ms. Samantha Power, Permanent Representative of the US to the UN.

In line with previous Conferences, this 65th Conference will adopt an outcome declaration that aspires to be ambitious and inspiring and to offer a global civil society “Action Agenda” for the post-2015 sustainable 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 UN 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 transformational 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 new Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

A draft Conference declaration will be posted for comment on the eve of the Conference, and input from civil society will be accepted both online and through consultations at the Conference. The final Conference Declaration will be read at the closing session. For more information about the programme, visit: <http://outreach.un.org/ngorelations/Conference-2014> .

The opening and closing sessions and roundtables will be webcast live on <http://webtv.un.org/> and opening and closing sessions will have closed captioning in English for the hearing impaired (CART), as well as simultaneous interpretation into French and Spanish.

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