



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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In this regard, I have the honour to transmit herewith the second information note on the organizational arrangements for the High-Level Meeting on Youth.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deiss', written in a cursive style.

Joseph Deiss

All Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York

## **Organizational arrangements for the 2011 High-level Meeting on Youth (25-26 July 2011, New York)**

### **Information Note (No. 2)**

#### **Introduction**

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#### **Participation**

3. Participation in the High-level Meeting will be in accordance with paragraphs 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of General Assembly resolution 65/267.
4. The High-level Meeting will be attended by several Heads of State and Government and will have a significant level of ministerial participation. In letters dated 25 May 2011, the Secretary-General extended an invitation to all Heads of State and Government to participate in the High-level Meeting. It is expected that all five regional groups will be represented at high level.
5. In accordance with paragraph 10 of resolution 65/267, the consolidated list of non-ECOSOC accredited civil society representatives that need accreditation to participate in the High-level Meeting, including the thematic panel discussions, was submitted to Member States and Permanent Observers for consideration on a non-objection basis on 29 June 2011. The final list was transmitted to Member States and Permanent Observers on 6 July 2011.
6. In accordance with paragraph 9 of resolution 65/267, the list of representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, who pre-registered to participate in the High-level Meeting, was drawn up and is posted on the website of the President of the General Assembly.
7. Pursuant to paragraph 8 of resolution 65/267, Member States are called upon to consider including in their delegation to the High-level Meeting young people who suitably and broadly represent youth in their countries, bearing in mind the principles of gender balance and non-discrimination.

## **Programme of the High-level Meeting**

8. Pursuant to paragraph 4 of resolution 65/267, the High-level Meeting will comprise plenary meetings and two thematic panel discussions. The programme of the High-level Meeting is contained in Annex A. Additional explanatory details are provided below.

### **Plenary meetings**

9. The opening plenary meeting scheduled on 25 July 2011 from 10 to 11 a.m will feature statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, an eminent person actively engaged in youth issues, and a youth representative of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

10. The formal plenary meetings are scheduled on 26 July 2011 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. To enable maximum participation within the limited time available, statements in formal plenary meetings should not exceed three minutes when speaking in the national capacity and five minutes when speaking on behalf of a group. A list of speakers is open for inscription at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN613A. tel. (212) 963-5063; fax. (212) 963-3783; or email: [heddachem@un.org](mailto:heddachem@un.org)).

11. Speaking order will follow the established protocol order. Accordingly, precedence will be accorded to the Heads of State or Government and Ministers.

12. The closing plenary meeting is scheduled on 26 July 2011 from 5.30 to 6 p.m. It will feature the Co-chairs' summaries of the thematic panel discussions and concluding remarks by the President of the General Assembly.

### **Thematic panel discussions**

13. The two thematic panel discussions will be held in the General Assembly Hall on Monday 25 July from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. The thematic panel discussions will provide an opportunity to have in-depth discussions on the themes identified in resolution 65/267 and will also make reference to the content of the outcome document to be adopted by the General Assembly on 26 July. To promote interactive, free-flowing discussions, participants will be invited to make very brief remarks, not to exceed three minutes, to raise questions and to respond to other speakers.

14. Each panel will be comprised of two Co-chairs and four panellists with thorough knowledge and expertise of the subject. The identity of the panellists is included in Annex B. Background papers for each panel discussion were prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development and are posted on the website of the Youth Programme of DESA as well as the website of the President of the General Assembly.

15. The thematic panel discussions are open to Member States and General Assembly Observers as appropriate and selected representatives of the United Nations system and civil society representatives. As the thematic panel discussions will be held in the GA Hall, access to the panel discussions will be limited to six per Member State.

16. Pursuant to paragraph 4(d) of resolution 65/267, and to promote interactive and substantive discussions, participation in the thematic panel discussions will be without a list of speakers being maintained. However, Member States and General Assembly Observers are encouraged to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room IN613A. tel. (212) 963-5063; fax. (212) 963-3783; or email: heddachem@un.org) in which panel discussions they wish to intervene.

17. Pursuant to paragraph 4(c) of resolution 65/267, the Co-chairs of the thematic panel discussions will present summaries of the discussions at the closing plenary meeting.

18. On 8 July 2011, the Office of the President of the General Assembly proceeded to the drawing of lots for the identification of four Co-chairs for the two thematic panel discussions. The result was conveyed to all regional groups by letter dated 14 July 2011 and is also contained in Annex B. Regional groups are urged to convey the identity of the Co-chairs to the Office of the President of the General Assembly.

### **Webcast**

19. The plenary meetings and the two thematic panels will be transmitted via live webcast.

### **Accreditation of Delegations**

20. Accreditation of members of official delegations and members of the parties of Heads of State/Government, Vice-Presidents and Crown Prince/Princesses is being carried out by the Protocol and Liaison Service. Missions which have not done so yet are kindly requested to submit their lists of delegations and requests for passes to the Protocol and Liaison Service at Room NL-2058 or by fax (212) 963-1921.

### **Access to the General Assembly Hall**

21. Members of delegations will have access to the General Assembly Building via the Delegates' Entrance. Access cards will not be required for the plenary meetings and the thematic panel discussions taking place at the General Assembly Hall, however, members of delegations are reminded that each Member State will be limited to six seats. Each intergovernmental organization will be allocated two seats and each specialized agency will be allocated one seat. All other delegation members wishing to follow the proceedings of the meetings may be accommodated at the third floor Gallery on a first come first served basis.

### **Security and United Nations Pass and Identification Office**

22. The 45<sup>th</sup> Street gate entrance will be reserved for the use of high-level VIPs and delegates. The pedestrian gate at 47<sup>th</sup> Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue will also be accessible for VIPs and delegates.

23. Escorted motorcades and vehicles of Permanent Representatives will be allowed to enter the United Nations premises at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue vehicular entrance, drop off their passengers at the Delegates' Entrance, and then exit through the 45<sup>th</sup> Street

and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue gate. All escorted motorcades will be coordinated by the Host Country in conjunction with United Nations Security and Safety Service personnel.

24. Prior to the opening of the High-level Meeting, the United Nations Pass and Identification Office will be exceptionally open for the accreditation of delegates on Monday 25 July 2011 at 7 a.m.

### **Side-Events**

25. A calendar of various events related to the High-level Meeting from 21 to 27 July is posted on the Youth Programme of DESA website.

### **Media arrangements**

26. All members of the media accompanying Heads of State/Government or Heads of Delegation must submit a letter of assignment from their Bureau Chief or Editor-in-Chief, attached to an official letter from the Permanent Mission concerned, listing the names of the media representatives with their functional titles and affiliation, addressed to Isabelle Broyer, Chief, Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit, Department of Public Information, United Nations, fax: (212) 963 4642, email: malu@un.org.

27. Members of the media accompanying Heads of State/Government or Heads of Delegation must present themselves to the Media Accreditation Office (45<sup>th</sup> Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue), where they will have their photographs taken and be issued a United Nations grounds pass upon presentation of national passports and valid photo identification.

28. All media representatives will be required to present a valid United Nations grounds pass to the United Nations security officers at the gate. The designated press entrance is at 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

29. Media liaison desks will be available to assist the press on the third floor of the General Assembly building for securing access to booths in the General Assembly for TV crews and photographers and to obtain tickets to the fourth floor balcony for print press and outside of Conference Room 1 to allow media to be escorted to special events in the North Lawn Building (NLB), as the press will not be allowed to move around the building without an escort. There will be stakeout areas for the press on the East Foyer on the second floor of the General Assembly building.

## Annex A

### Programme for the High-level Meeting on Youth

<b>Monday 25 July 2011</b>		
10 – 11 a.m.	Opening plenary meeting:  <i>Statements by:</i>  <i>(1) H.E. Mr. Joseph Deiss, President of the General Assembly;</i>  <i>(2) H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General;</i>  <i>(3) Ms. Alek Wek, International supermodel, humanitarian and author (UK/South Sudan); and</i>  <i>(4) Mr. Romulo Dantas, YMCA (Brazil)</i>	GA Hall
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Thematic panel discussion One:  <i>Strengthening international cooperation regarding youth and enhancing dialogue, mutual understanding and active youth participation as indispensable elements towards social integration, full employment and the eradication of poverty</i>	GA Hall
3 – 6 p.m.	Thematic panel discussion Two:  <i>Challenges to youth development and opportunities for poverty eradication, employment and sustainable development</i>	GA Hall
<b>Tuesday 26 July 2011</b>		
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Formal plenary meeting	GA Hall
3 – 5.30 p.m.	Formal plenary meeting	GA Hall
5.30 – 6 p.m.	Closing plenary meeting:  <i>(1) Co-chairs' summary of the thematic panel discussions; and</i>  <i>(2) Closing remarks by H.E. Mr. Joseph Deiss, President of the General Assembly</i>	GA Hall

## **Annex B**

## **Themes and composition of the two thematic panel discussions**

### **Panel 1: Strengthening international cooperation regarding youth and enhancing dialogue, mutual understanding and active youth participation as indispensable elements towards social integration, full employment and the eradication of poverty**

This panel will enable a discussion on international cooperation needed to address common youth challenges beyond national borders, and share opportunities for strengthening economic, social and cultural relations to extend prosperity, stability and well-being for youth. The panel will also address dialogue between and with youth, and explore successes, challenges and lessons learned from existing channels for dialogue and mutual understanding. It will identify key priorities for increased investments and concrete partnerships to promote the ideals of peace, inclusiveness and development locally and globally. The panel will also highlight mechanisms for enhancing young people's active participation and the importance of further developing participatory processes at local, national and international levels in efforts towards achieving social integration, full employment and the eradication of poverty.

Date/Time: Monday 25 July, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
(General Assembly Hall)

Co-chairs: Asian Group  
  
Eastern European Group

United Nations Representatives: Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Ms. Geeta Rao Gupta, Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Civil Society Representatives: Mr. Falko Mohrs, European Youth Forum (Germany)

Ms. Leila Yasmin Mucarsel, CIVICUS World Alliance for Citizen Participation (Argentina)

## **Panel 2: Challenges to youth development and opportunities for poverty eradication, employment and sustainable development**

This panel will enable a discussion on challenges and obstacles hindering youth development, and will underscore opportunities that promote and sustain secure and healthy lives, higher standards of living including an environment of quality, and access to education and employment. The panel will highlight lessons from differing experiences in poverty eradication, youth employment and sustainable development, and reflect on how well they provide an opportunity for long term solutions to the development challenges of young women and men. The panel will also promote new and deeper knowledge of emerging issues affecting young people today. The panel's discussion aims to identify innovative and proven solutions that stimulate the thinking of leaders in the public, private, philanthropic and nonprofit sectors about the actions needed to support poverty eradication, employment and sustainable development, particularly as they relate to youth development.

Date/Time: Monday 25 July, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
(General Assembly Hall)

Co-chairs: African Group  
  
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United Nations Representatives: Ms. Irina Bokova, Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs

Civil Society Representatives: Mr. Ahmed Al hindawi, Leaders of Tomorrow (Jordan)

Ms. Monique Coleman, United Nations Youth Champion (USA)