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1To be held following the adjournment of the 7615th meeting.

Security Council

The President of the Security Council for the month of January 2016 (Uruguay) will provide a briefing for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on its work for the month today, 29 January 2016, at 15:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00  Closed meeting  Conference Room 10
15:00 to 18:00  Closed meeting  Conference Room 10

1. Composition of the Secretariat: staff demographics
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Security Council

Military Staff Committee

11:00 to 13:00  1840th meeting (closed)  Conference Room 8

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)

15:00 to 18:00  68th meeting (closed)  Conference Room 7

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2016 regular session

10:00 to 13:00  9th meeting  Conference Room 1
15:00 to 18:00  10th meeting  Conference Room 1

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2016/CRP.1 and E/C.2/2016/CRP.3) [item 3 (a)]


Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council (E/C.2/2016/CRP.2) [item 4 (a)]

Other related matters (E/C.2/2016/CRP.4, E/C.2/2016/CRP.5, E/C.2/2016/CRP.6 and E/C.2/2016/CRP.7) [item 6 (c)]

Consideration of special reports [item 7]

[Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org;]
Room S-3057). Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation is available on the Web site of the NGO Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (click here). Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing (closed), to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations today, 29 January 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2: on strengthening for complex peacekeeping operations: SSR, DDR and mine action; and medical standards and capabilities.

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development
Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled “Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world”, under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, convened by the Chair, will take place today, 29 January 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled “Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development”, under item 3 of the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, convened by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Amina Smaila (Nigeria), will take place today, 29 January 2016, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room F.

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled “Future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development”, under item 2 of the provisional agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, convened by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Luz Andujar (Dominican Republic), will take place today, 29 January 2016, from 16:00 to 18:30, in Conference Room D.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Briefings

The Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will hold briefings today, 29 January 2016, as follows:

From 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 11: on the midterm review of the UNDP strategic plan, 2014-2017; and

From 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 5: on UNCDF: last-mile finance solutions: from innovation to scale.

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.
Other meetings

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OIC Group (Sixth Committee experts)
15:00 to 17:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 11

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping
15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Other activities

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Friday, 29 January 2016

Meeting of the Group of Friends United against Human Trafficking (at the expert level) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Belarus)
From 12:00 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.
[For further information, please contact Ms. Larysa Belskaya, Permanent Mission of Belarus (e-mail belskaya.larysa1234@gmail.com; tel. 1 (917) 664-3776; or 1 (212) 734-3997).]

From 13:15 to 14:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. [webcast]
[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Katharina Kalaschnikow, Permanent Mission of Germany (e-mail pol-s2-vn@newy.auswaertiges-amt.de; tel. 1 (212) 940-0440).]

Technical briefing to provide an update on the preparations towards the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III), to be held in Quito, Ecuador (17-20 October 2016) (organized by Habitat III secretariat)
From 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room B.
[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Fatoumata Diarra, Habitat III secretariat (e-mail diarra1@un.org, tel. 1 (212) 963-2947).]
Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Friday, 29 January 2016

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

11:00 Mr. Janos Pasztor, Assistant Secretary-General on Climate Change

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson [Guests: Mr. Navid Hanif, Director of the Office of the Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs; and Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi, Envoy of the Secretary-General on Youth]

General Assembly
Seventieth session

An informal meeting (closed) of the General Assembly, on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council, will be held on Wednesday, 3 February 2016, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 14 December 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org).

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly
Seventieth session

For the online schedule of informal and formal meetings of the General Assembly for the resumed part of the seventieth session, please click here.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

Draft resolution

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please click here for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.
PaperSmart Services

Delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d’affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

Future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council

Pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, there will be two elections, at the seventieth session, of the non-permanent members of the Security Council, and two elections of the members of the Economic and Social Council.


General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings (closed), to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

- Monday, 1 February 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3: on strengthening police, justice and corrections, including the Global Focal Point (GFP);
- Wednesday, 3 February 2016, at 10:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber: on developing stronger field support arrangements (The Under-Secretary-General of Field Support will make a presentation. Attendance at the highest possible level is strongly encouraged.); and
- Friday, 5 February 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1: on children and peacekeeping.
The briefing on operational field issues will now take place during the 2016 session of the Special Committee.

2016 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2016 substantive session from Tuesday, 16 February, to Friday, 11 March 2016. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 16 February 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, “those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee”. Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail elliotts@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria, fax 1 (212) 697-1970) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail elliotts@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in A/AC.121/2016/L.1 and the draft programme of work is contained in A/AC.121/2016/L.2. The report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations is contained in document A/70/579 and A/70/579/Add.1 and posted on the website of the Special Committee (www.c34.unlb.org/).

Other documents of the session will also be posted on the website.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

PaperSmart

PaperSmart will be offered as an additional service for the 2016 substantive session of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations. The official documentation of the Special Committee will be available electronically via the PaperSmart portal in all official languages.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate (16-17 February) will open on 1 February. In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to 10 minutes when speaking in their national
capacity and to 20 minutes when speaking on behalf of a group of countries. In order to facilitate interpretation, delegations are kindly requested to provide at least 30 copies of statements to the secretariat.

Website

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by clicking here.

For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group II (Arbitration and Conciliation)

Sixty-fourth session

Working Group II (Arbitration and Conciliation) of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law will hold its sixty-fourth session from Monday, 1, to Friday, 5 February 2016, in Conference Room 2. The first meeting will take place on Monday, 1 February, at 10:30. The draft report of the session will be adopted by the Working Group on Friday, 5 February.

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 275th meeting (closed) of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Wednesday, 3 February 2016, at 15:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Delegations of Member States and Observers that wish to attend as observers should indicate their desire to do so in advance to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Surya Sinha (e-mail sinha1@un.org; Room S-3632). The meeting will not be open to members of the press or the public.

Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee may be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5).

Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary of the Committee any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

The Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization will hold its 2016 session from Tuesday, 16, to Wednesday, 24 February 2016. The 281st meeting will be held on Tuesday, 16 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3.
The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document A/AC.182/L.140 and is available on the website of the Special Committee (click here). Other documents of the session will also be posted on the website.

The list of speakers for the general debate, to be held on Tuesday, 16 February, is open. Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Special Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5331; fax 1 (212) 963-1963), if they wish to be inscribed on the list.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/52 of 11 December 1995, the Special Committee is open to all Member States of the United Nations. Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org; Room DC2-0566; fax 1 (212) 963-1963). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples
Organizational meeting

The first organizational meeting of the 2016 session of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will be held on Thursday, 25 February 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3. Documents to be considered by the Special Committee at the meeting are contained in A/AC.109/2016/L.1 and A/AC.109/2016/L.2.

Permanent missions are kindly requested to communicate to Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala, Secretary of the Special Committee (c/o Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3266; Room S-3062; with copy to Mr. Tomas Casas (e-mail casast@un.org; Room S-3055; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)) the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Special Committee in 2016.

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Fortieth session

There will be closed meetings of the subcommittees established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from Monday, 1, to Friday, 5 February 2016; from Monday, 15 February, to Friday, 4 March; and from Monday, 14, to Friday, 18 March, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

There will be plenary meetings (closed) of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, from Monday, 8, to Friday, 12 February 2016, and from Monday, 7, to Friday, 11 March, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.
First regular session of 2016

The first regular session of 2016 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Tuesday, 9 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1. The annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the session are contained in document UNW/2016/L.1. To consult the available documentation for the session, please click here. Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Rocio Torres (e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org), as early as possible, but no later than Monday, 1 February 2016.

The first regular session 2016 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal. Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@unwomen.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be distributed electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Please note that hard copies of statements will not be distributed by conference services during the session.

Printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing of the UN-Women Executive Board on the review of the UN-Women Evaluation Policy on Tuesday, 16 February 2016, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 5. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

General Assembly

Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Tenth session

Organizational Committee

A formal meeting of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 3 February 2016, at 10:00, in Conference Room 6.
Plenary meeting

The Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council (Switzerland) will convene a plenary meeting on Tuesday, 2 February 2016, at 10:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to hold elections to fill outstanding vacancies in the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the Executive Board of the World Food Programme, the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), for which candidatures have been received by the secretariat of the Council. A list of candidates for this election can be consulted on Candiweb by clicking here.

Youth Forum (1-2 February 2016)

The Economic and Social Council will hold a Youth Forum on the theme “Youth taking action to implement the 2030 Agenda” on Monday, 1, and Tuesday, 2 February 2016, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A number of interactive discussions among youth representatives and multiple stakeholders, including Member States and civil society organizations, will be held during the Forum. There will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to three minutes.

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more details on the Youth Forum, please contact the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (Mr. Marc-André Dorel (e-mail dorel@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7204); or Mr. Paul Simon (e-mail simonp@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5027)). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (click here).

Operational activities for development segment (22-24 February 2016) [item 7 and sub-items (a), (b) and (c) of the agenda (E/2016/1)]

The 2016 operational activities for development segment, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Héctor Alejandro Palma Cerna (Honduras), will be held from Monday, 22, to Wednesday, 24 February 2016, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Additional information on the operational activities for development segment is available on the website of the Economic and Social Council (please click here), or more information please contact Mr. Kirit Patel, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail patelk@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3944).
General discussion and list of speakers

The general discussion of agenda item 7 as a whole will be held on Tuesday, 23 February 2016, from 16:30 to 18:00, and on Wednesday, 24 February 2016, from 11:30 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 16:00. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers for the general discussion should be sent, in writing, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the Acting Secretary of the Council (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). The time limit set for statements is seven minutes for speakers on behalf of groups and five minutes for statements by individual delegations.

PaperSmart arrangements

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services will be available for the duration of the 2016 session of the Council. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal of Council (please click here) should send a copy of the statement at least one hour in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the email. The statements will be made available on the PaperSmart portal after their delivery by delegations.

Coordination and Management Meeting

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies at the Coordination and Management Meeting, to be held from Monday, 4, to Wednesday, 6 April 2016. The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is available on Candiweb by clicking here.

Delegations and Chairs of the regional groups wishing to nominate candidates are kindly requested to send their correspondence no later than Thursday, 17 March 2016, to the Acting Secretary of the Council (Attn. Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org), with a copy to Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org)); or by mail to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch (Room S-1275); fax 1 (212) 963-5935.

Commission for Social Development
Fifty-fourth session

The fifty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 3, to Friday, 12 February 2016. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 3 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4. The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2016/1*. For further information on the fifty-fourth and previous sessions of the Commission, please click here.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who
will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, by today, 29 January 2016, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis. Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, as soon as possible (e-mail doultong@un.org).

**General discussion and lists of speakers**

General discussion under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world) will begin on Wednesday, 3 February 2016, following the opening of the session. The general discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Friday, 5 February 2016, in the afternoon. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I of document E/CN.5/2016/1.

The lists of speakers are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, in writing, Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org). Delegations are reminded that, according to past practices, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed seven minutes, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed ten minutes, and statements made by observers should not exceed five minutes.

**Statements and PaperSmart arrangements**

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the fifty-fourth session of the Commission.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least one hour in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

**Participation of non-governmental organizations**

To consult comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please [click here](#).

**Side events**

Information regarding side events during the fifty-fourth session of the Commission, including the online application form, is accessible by [clicking here](#).

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**United Nations Children’s Fund**

**Executive Board**

First regular session

The 2016 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 2, to Thursday, 4 February 2016, in Conference Room 3. The provisional
annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2016/1.

Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available by clicking here. Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096); or e-mail to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, but no later than today, 29 January 2016.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2016 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website (click here). All session documents will continue to be available on the existing ‘Documents’ webpage, as per established practice.

In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the ‘In-session’ webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (powerpoints, statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn. Mr. Dillon Leano (dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the ‘In-session’ webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventyeth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Decade for Action on Nutrition” (under agenda item 15) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

Monday, 1 February 2016, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room A;
Friday, 5 February 2016, from 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 8; and
Monday, 8 February 2016, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 9.
Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing on the new report “World Employment Social Outlook – Trends 2016” (organized by the International Labour Organization (ILO))

**Wednesday, 3 February 2016**, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Jessica Pak, ILO Office (e-mail pak@ilo.org; tel. 1 (212) 697-0150).]

Special event on the theme “Interfaith Harmony: Implementing the transformative Agenda of the Sustainable Development Goals” (on the occasion of the World Interfaith Harmony Week (General Assembly resolution 65/5)) (co-organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and the Committee of Religious NGOs)

**Wednesday, 3 February 2016**, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hanifa Mezoui, UNAOC (e-mail mezouih@un.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6217); or Ms. Deborah Moldow (e-mail deborah@worldpeace.org; tel. 1 (914) 707-0009); to register, please click here.]

Every Woman Every Child event “Towards a Cervical Cancer Free World” (on the occasion of the World Cancer Day) (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Zambia, the United States Mission and the Cervical Cancer Action)

**Thursday, 4 February 2016**, at 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Birgitte Bellsund, EOSG (e-mail bellsund@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8899); for more information, please click here.]

High-level Forum on the occasion of the first annual International Day of Women and Girls in Science (organized by the Royal Academy of Science International Trust (RASIT), in collaboration with the Division of Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

**Thursday, 11 February 2016**, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited. For further information and registration, please contact Mr. Amine Lamrabet, DESA (e-mail lamrabet@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9456); or Mr. Richard Jordan, RASIT (e-mail nyun@rasit.org or wisil@rasit.org; tel. 1 (917) 503-3868). For more information, please click here.]
Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

General Assembly

Open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on indicators and terminology relating to disaster risk reduction
Second session
United Nations Office at Geneva

The open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on indicators and terminology relating to disaster risk reduction, established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/284 of 3 June 2015, will hold its second session on Wednesday, 10, and Thursday, 11 February 2016. The first meeting will be convened on Wednesday, 10 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room XVIII, at the Palais des Nations.

The session will be preceded by informal meetings on Tuesday, 9 February, at 10:00 and 15:00, in Conference Room XVIII.

The agenda is contained in document A/AC.285/1. The calendar and programme of work, background information on the Working Group and relevant documents are available by clicking here.

Announcements

Invitation to participate in the 2015 St. Jerome Translation Contest

All United Nations delegates and staff members are invited to take part in the Eleventh Annual St. Jerome Translation Contest, organized by the Translation Services, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), and launched last September. The deadline is Sunday, 31 January 2016. For more information, please click here; or visit the Contest website by clicking here.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of January 2016:

Introduction to United Nations documents (English and Spanish)
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Security Council documentation
Treaty research
Finding speeches
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All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

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**Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women**

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

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**Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council**

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**2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law — Call for applications**

Applications for the 2016 United Nations Regional Courses in International Law for Latin America and the Caribbean and Asia-Pacific, respectively, are now being accepted.

The Regional Course for Latin America and the Caribbean is scheduled to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 April 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Latin American and Caribbean States.

The Regional Course for Asia-Pacific is scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 7 November to Friday, 2 December 2016. This course is open to candidates from Member States and Non-Member States of the United Nations, which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States.

The Regional Courses will be conducted *in English* in 2016. The organization of the Regional Courses is subject to funding.

For further information, including application forms, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*); or contact the Codification Division at: RCIL-LAAC (e-mail rcil-laac@un.org); and RCIL-Asia-Pacific (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org).
2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme — Call for applications

Applications for the 2016 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from 27 June to 5 August 2016, are now being accepted.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in French in 2016. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme (click here) or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by clicking here.

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 28 January 2016

Security Council

[archived video]

7613th meeting  The situation in Cyprus

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/2016/11)

Report of the Secretary-General on his mission of good offices in Cyprus (S/2016/15)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2016/82, submitted by Angola, France, Japan, New Zealand, Spain, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Uruguay.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2016/82) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2016/82) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2263(2016).

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom and the United States.

7614th meeting  The situation in Somalia

Report of the Secretary-General on Somalia (S/2016/27)

The agenda was adopted without objection.
The President invited the representative of Somalia to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council’s provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Michael Keating, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia, and Mr. Francisco Caetano José Madeira, Special Representative of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission for Somalia and Head of the African Union Mission in Somalia, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council’s provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Mr. Keating and by Mr. Madeira, via video-teleconference from Addis Ababa.

Economic and Social Council
Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2016 regular session
7th meeting
Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee [item 3 (a)]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 3 (a).

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Pakistan, Azerbaijan, South Africa, the United States, the Russian Federation, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, China, Nicaragua, Israel and the Sudan, as well as by the observer for Canada.

The Acting Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), provided clarifications to the members of the Committee.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to 14 non-governmental organizations.

8th meeting
Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee [item 3 (a)]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 3 (a).

Statements were made by the representatives of China, the Sudan, South Africa, Israel, India, Cuba, the Russian Federation, Azerbaijan, the United States, Nicaragua and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Acting Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), provided clarifications to the members of the Committee.

The Chair made a statement. It was recalled that a roll-call vote on the appeal of the representative of South Africa, not to allow the Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation to participate in the question-and-answer session, had been requested.

The representatives of the United States, South Africa, Cuba and Azerbaijan made statements on a point of order.

The Committee, by a roll-call vote of 13 to 4 and 1 abstention, approved the appeal of the delegation of South Africa.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, India, Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Greece, Azerbaijan, Nicaragua, South Africa, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Turkey and the Sudan.
The representatives of India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, China, South Africa, Cuba, Turkey and Burundi posed questions, to which the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations responded: Sheikh Eid Bin Mohammad Al Thani Charitable Association; Rural Development Institute; Luxembourg Income Study; and Association for Trauma Outreach and Prevention.

The Committee decided to recommend that special consultative status be granted to one non-governmental organization.

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**General information**

**Chairs of regional groups**

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of January 2016 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

**African States:**
Sudan  
His Excellency Omer Dahab Fadl Mohamed

**Asia-Pacific States:**
Fiji  
His Excellency Peter Thomson

**Eastern European States:**
Albania  
Mr. Ervin Nina  
Chargé d’affaires

**Latin American and Caribbean States:**
Trinidad and Tobago  
His Excellency Eden Charles  
Chargé d’Affaires

**Western European and other States:**
Italy  
His Excellency Sebastiano Cardi

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*Security Council*

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*Website of the Presidency*

The website of the Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

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