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NGO BRIEFING CALENDAR FOR JANUARY - MARCH 2005

20 January

Topic: *Responses to the Report of the High-level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change*

Speakers:

Stephen Stedman, Research Director, Secretariat of the High-Level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change

Nancy Soderberg, Vice President for Multilateral Affairs, International Crisis Group

H.E. Mr. Vanu Gopala Menon, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Singapore to the United Nations

Moderator:

Shashi Tharoor, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information

27 January

Topic: *International Year of Microcredit: New Strategic Partnerships*

Speakers:

Peter Kooi, Director of the Special Unit for Microfinance, United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)

Fatimata Lonfo, Client and Recipient of a Global Microentrepreneurship Award

3 February

Topic: *Report of Millennium Project: "Global Plan to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals"*

Speakers:

Guido Schmidt-Traub, Policy Advisor, UN Millennium Project

Government Speaker, TBA

NGO Speaker, TBA

10 February

Topic: *DPI/NGO Communications Workshop
Uniting NGO Voices: Negotiations Among Diverse Partners*

17 February

Topic: *Copenhagen +10:
The Commission on Social Development
(9-18 February)*

Speakers:

Johan Schölvinck, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development (DESA)

H.E. Mr. Dumisani Shadrack Kumalo, Chairman of 43rd for Social Development, Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations

Hugette Redegeld, Vice President, International Movement ATD Fourth World (invited)

23-24 February

Topic: *Annual DPI/NGO Orientation Programme*
The Orientation Programme for newly accredited NGO representatives provides two-day overview of services and procedures relating to NGO activities at United Nations Headquarters.

3 March

Topic: *Millennium +5 Process:
Civil Society Preparations
Town Hall Meeting*

Speakers:

Henk-Jan Brinkman, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, Executive Office of the Secretary-General

Hanifa Mezoui, Chief, NGO Section, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Joseph Donnelly, Chair, 58th Annual DPI/NGO Conference

Fannie Munlin, Representative, NGO Millennium+5 Network

NGO Representative interventions from the floor



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8 March

Please note: This event is on Tuesday and replaces the Briefing on Thursday.

Topic: ***International Women's Day
Gender Equality Beyond 2005:
Building a More Secure Future***

Location: Conference Room 2

Overflow Room: Conference Room 1

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Speakers:

Kofi A. Annan, Secretary-General, United Nations
(invited)

Rachel Mayanja, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and
Advancement of Women, Office of the Special
Adviser on Gender Issues (OSAGI), Department
of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)

Nafis Sadik, Member, High-level Panel
on Threats, Challenges and Change

Sálvamo Briceño, Director, Secretariat of the International
Strategy for Disaster Reduction

Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka, Executive Director,
UN-Habitat

H.E. Mr. Enrique Berruga,
Permanent Representative of Mexico
to the United Nations

Jessica Neuwirth, President, Equality Now
Moderator:

Shashi Tharoor, Under-Secretary-General for
Communications and Public Information

17 March

Topic: ***Immigration: The Challenge of Integration***
(In observance of the International Day for the
Elimination of Racial Discrimination, 21 March)

Speakers:

Representative, Office of the High Commissioner
for Human Rights (to be announced)

Glyn Ford, Member, European Parliament (invited)

Bobby W. Austin, Member, Board of Directors,
The People's Program (invited)

24 March

Topic: ***Preview of 11th Crime Congress on
Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
(Bangkok, 18-25 April): Civil Society's Role***

Speakers:

Representative, Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

H.E. Mrs. Laxanachantorn Laohaphan,

Permanent Representative of Thailand to
the United Nations (invited)

Gary Hill, Scientific Coordinator and Webmaster,
International Scientific and Professional Advisory
Council of the United Nations Crime Prevention
and Criminal Justice Programme (ISPA C)

31 March

Topic: ***The World Summit on the Information Society:
Preparations for Tunis (WSIS, 16-18 November)***

Speakers:

Shoji Nishimoto, Assistant Administrator and Director,
Bureau for Development Policy,
United Nations Development Programme
(UNDP)

H.E. Mr. Ali Hachani, Permanent Representative of
Tunisia to the United Nations (invited)

Rik Panganiban, Communications Coordinator,
Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the
United Nations (CONGO)

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NGO BRIEFING CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2005

7 April

Topic: **Promoting Maternal and Child Health Campaigns**

(In observance of World Health Day, 7 April)

Speakers:

Ian Smith, Advisor to the Director-General,
World Health Organization

H.E. Mr. Aminu Bashir Wali,
Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the
United Nations

Rita Luthra, President,
Women's Health & Education Center

14 April

Topic: **Water: Gender Perspectives**

(In observance of the International Decade of
Water and the Commission on Sustainable
Development, 11-22 April, New York)

Speakers:

June Zeitlin, Member, Commission on Sustainable
Development, NGO Women's Caucus,
Executive Director,
Women's Environment and
Development Organization

H.E. Mr. Crispin Grey-Johnson,
Permanent Representative of the Gambia to the
United Nations (invited)

Ethnè Davey, Member, Steering Committee,
Gender and Water Alliance, Water Program
Manager, Department of Water Affairs &
Forestry, South Africa

21 April

DPI/NGO Communications Workshop

Topic: **Access to Information : ngocalendar.org**

Moderator:

Joan Kirby, Chair,

Communication Workshop Committee

Morning Session: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Topic: **A Comprehensive NGO Online Calendar:
Why, When, Where, How?**

Speakers:

Lilia Vazquez, Chief, Special Projects Unit,
Internet Service, DPI

Dan Uitti, Webmaster, NGO/DPI Executive Committee

Ayse Toprak, Intern, DPI/NGO Section

Rik Panganiban, Communications Coordinator,
Conference of NGOs in Consultative
Relationship with the United Nations
(CONGO)

Open discussion of NGO experiences and recommendations

Afternoon Session: 1:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Topic: **Making it Happen: The Nuts and Bolts**

Rik Panganiban, Communications Coordinator,
Conference of NGOs in Consultative
Relationship with the United Nations
(CONGO)

Dan Uitti, Webmaster,
NGO/DPI Executive Committee

28 April

Topic: **Report from Sudan: UN/NGO Perspectives**

Speakers:

Christopher Coleman, Officer-in-Charge,
Senior Political Affairs Officer/Africa Desk,
Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO)

H.E. Mr. Elfatih Mohamed Ahmed Erwa,
Permanent Representative of the Republic of
Sudan to the United Nations (invited)

John Prendergast, Special Adviser to the President,
International Crisis Group (invited)

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NGO BRIEFING CALENDAR FOR MAY – JUNE 2005

5 May

Topic: *Indigenous People and the MDGs:
(Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues,
16 – 27 May)*

Speakers:

Elissavet Stamatopoulou, Chief, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)

Diana Rivington, Counselor for Development, Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations

Roberto Mucaro Borrero, Chairperson, NGO Committee on the United Nations International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples

12 May

Topic: *HIV/AIDS and Family Well-being:
(In observance of the International Day of
Families, 15 May)*

Speakers:

Dr. Mark Belsey, Former Chief Medical Officer and Programme Manager, World Health Organization Programme of Maternal Health and Family Planning

H.E. Mr. Alfred M. Dube, Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations

Beatrice Krauss, Executive Director, CUNY, Hunter Center on AIDS, Drugs and Community Health

19 May

Topic: *The 2005 Review Conference of the Parties to
the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of
Nuclear Weapons (2 – 27 May 2005, UNHQ)*

Speakers:

Nobuyasu Abe, Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs

H.E. Mr. Sérgio de Queiroz Duarte, President-elect, 2005 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations

Ann Hallan Lakhdhir, Chairperson, NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace and Security, United Nations NGO Representative, Institute for Defense and Disarmament Studies

26 May

Topic: *UN Reform: Focus on Peacebuilding and
Human Rights Proposals*

Speakers:

Thant Myint-U, Political Officer, Policy Planning Unit, Office of the Under-Secretary-General, Department of Political Affairs (DPA) (invited)

H.E. Ms. Ellen Margrethe Loj, Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations (invited)

Yvonne Terlingen, Amnesty International Representative at the United Nations (invited)

2 June

Topic: *ECOSOC High-level Segment on
Achieving the MDGs: (29 June – 1 July 2005)*

Speakers:

Hanifa Mezoui, Chief, NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (invited)

Other speakers, TBA

9 June

Topic: *Preview of the General Assembly Hearings with
Civil Society on Millennium +5 Summit
(23 – 24 June 2005)*

Speakers:

H.E. Mr. Parfait Onanga-Anyanga, Chef de Cabinet, Office of the President of the 59th United Nations General Assembly Session (invited)

NGO and Government speakers, TBA

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