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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 Schölvinnck**, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development (DESA)

**H.E. Mr. Dumisani Shadrack Kumalo**, Chairman of 43<sup>rd</sup> 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, 58<sup>th</sup> 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

**Sálvano 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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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### 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 59<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly Session (invited)

**NGO and Government speakers**, TBA

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## NGO Briefing Calendar October 2005

### 6 October

#### *Poverty Reduction Strategies with and for Older Persons: Regional Perspectives*

(In observance of the International Day  
of Older Persons, 1 October)

Location: Conference Room 1

PLENARY: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Speakers:

**Ramu Damodaran**, Chief of the Civil Society  
Service, Outreach Division,  
United Nations Department of Public Information

**Florence Denmark**, Chairperson,  
NGO Committee on Ageing

**Jomo Kwame Sundarum**,  
Assistant Under-Secretary-General, United  
Nations Department of Economic and Social  
Affairs

PANEL DISCUSSION: 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Moderator: **Donald Lee**, Chief,  
Poverty Eradication and Employment Section,  
Social Perspective on Development Branch,  
Division for Social Policy and Development,  
United Nations Department of Economic and  
Social Affairs

Africa: **Prince Bengha Ngochia Martin**, President,  
The Regional Center for the Welfare of Ageing  
Persons in Cameroon, Africa

Asia: **Win Win Kyi**, Associate Professor, Bergen  
Community College, New Jersey

Latin America: **Irma Tobing-Klein**, Co-founder and  
Executive of the MDG Global Watch NGO,  
Former Permanent Representative of the Republic  
of Suriname to the United Nations, Latin America

Middle East: **Kamal Khaldi**, Director,  
Distribution Center of Arab References,  
Sociologist, Social Worker, Middle East

Western and Developed Countries: **Dorothy Rosenberg**,  
Policy Advisor, MDGs and Civil Society, Poverty  
Group (MDG Focal Point), United Nations  
Development Programme

### 13 October

#### *The Role of Microfinance in Reaching the Poorest of the Poor*

(In observance of the International Day for the  
Eradication of Poverty, 17 October)

Speakers:

**H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury**, Ambassador  
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary,  
Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the  
United Nations

**Richard Weingarten**, Executive Secretary,  
United Nations Capital Development Fund

**Sharmi Sobhan**, Executive Director, Fonkoze, USA

### 20 October

#### *Preserving Outer Space for Peaceful Uses*

(In observance of Disarmament Week, 24-30  
October)

Speakers:

**David Wright**, Union of Concerned Scientists

**Laura Grego**, Union of Concerned Scientists

### 27 October

#### *Briefing on the humanitarian situation in Zimbabwe*

Speakers:

**TBA**

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## Fall 2005 NGO Briefing and Event Calendar October – December 2005

**6 October**

*Poverty Reduction Strategies with and for Older Persons: Regional Perspectives (in observance of the International Day of Older Persons)*

**13 October**

*The Role of Microfinance in Reaching the Poorest of the Poor (in observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty)*

**20 October**

*Preserving the Outer Space for Peaceful Uses (in observance of Disarmament Week)*

**27 October**

*Briefing on the humanitarian situation in Zimbabwe*

**3 November**

*Briefing on the International Year for Sport and Physical Education*

**10 November**

*TBA*

**17 November**

*Briefing on UN Study of Violence against Children*

**1 December**

*Townhall Meeting*

**8 December**

*DPI/NGO Communications Workshop*

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