



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

29 May, 2014

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter, dated 28 May, 2014, from H.E. Mr. Robert Guba Aisi, Permanent Representative of Papua New Guinea, and H.E. Mr. Ib Petersen, Permanent Representative of Denmark, Co-facilitators for the intergovernmental consultations on the organizational modalities for the post-2015 Summit, informing delegations that the next informal consultation will be held at 11:00am on Tuesday, 3 June 2014, in Conference Room 2 (CB).

Under cover of the aforementioned letter, the Co-facilitators have submitted draft elements on the organizational modalities for the post-2015 Summit, to be discussed during the next consultation.

I would like to encourage you to participate actively at these consultations, and, in this context, I echo the message of the Co-facilitators with respect to reaching a timely agreement on the modalities.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John W. Ashe".

John W. Ashe

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

PERMANENT MISSION OF DENMARK  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS



New York, 28 May 2014

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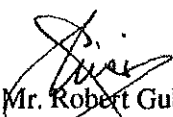
We are writing to you in our capacity as co-facilitators for the intergovernmental consultations on the organizational modalities for the post-2015 Summit. We were very encouraged by the continued engagement and constructive spirit during our second informal meeting on 22 May 2014. We are confident that we can work together to reach a timely agreement on the modalities.

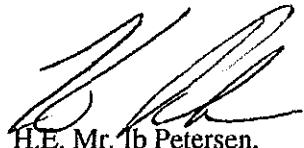
As you may recall, during our last meeting we announced that, ahead of our next meeting, we would share draft elements on the organizational modalities for the post-2015 Summit. We are pleased to share some ideas with you in the attached document.

We also have the pleasure of inviting you to a third informal meeting to be held on Tuesday 3 June 2014 at 11 am in Conference Room 2 (CB). This meeting provides an opportunity for delegations to share their initial thoughts and reactions to the attached paper.

We thank you for your support and constructive engagement. We look forward to your participation on 3 June.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration

  
H.E. Mr. Robert Guba Aisi,  
Permanent Representative of  
Papua New Guinea to the United Nations

  
H.E. Mr. Ib Petersen,  
Permanent Representative of  
Denmark to the United Nations

To  
All Permanent Representatives  
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## Draft Elements

### Organizational modalities for the post-2015 Summit At the Seventieth session of the General Assembly

#### *Context*

- General Assembly resolutions 55/2 of 8 September 2000, 60/1 of 16 September 2005 and 65/1 of 19 October 2010, by which it adopted the United Nations Millennium Declaration, the 2005 World Summit Outcome and the Outcome of the 2010 United Nations Summit on the MDGs, respectively.
- The outcome of the Special Event of the President of the General Assembly held on 25 September 2013, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 68/6 of 9 October 2013.
- General Assembly resolution 66/288 of 27 July 2012, by which it endorsed the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled “The future we want”.
- The International Conference on Financing for Development, held in Monterrey, in 2002, and the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, held in Doha in 2008, and General Assembly resolution 68/204 of 20 December 2013.
- All the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and environmental fields.
- The Summit to adopt the post-2015 development agenda coincides with the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations.
- In resolution 67/290 on the modalities for the high-level political forum the Assembly decided to consider at its sixty-ninth session the need to convene a meeting of the forum under the auspices of the General Assembly in 2015 in relation to the launch of the post-2015 development agenda

#### *Main provisions*

1. The United Nations Summit to adopt the post-2015 development agenda will be held from Monday, 21 September, 2015, to Wednesday, 23 September, 2015, in New York.
2. The general debate of the General Assembly at its seventieth session will be from Thursday, 24 September 2015.

3. The 2015 Summit will be composed of six plenary meetings, on the basis of two meetings a day, and a number of interactive dialogues to be held in concurrence with the plenary meetings.
4. Owing to the importance of the Summit, the Head of State or Government of the country of the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session and the Head of State or Government of the country of the President of the General Assembly at its seventieth session are invited to jointly preside over the Summit.
5. The 2015 Summit will be held with the participation of Heads of State or Government; all Member States are encouraged to be represented at that level.
6. The United Nations funds and programmes and the specialized agencies of the United Nations system, as well as the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization, the regional development banks, the regional commissions of the United Nations, non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations and the private sector are invited to participate in the Summit, including in its interactive dialogues and preparatory process.
7. Member States, the United Nations funds and programmes and the specialized agencies of the United Nations system, as well as the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization, the regional development banks, the regional commissions of the United Nations, non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations and the private sector, are invited to consider initiatives to be launched at the 2015 Summit in support of the achievement of the post-2015 development agenda.
8. To arrive at an inclusive and people-centred post-2015 development agenda, the Summit would need to engage and be reflective of the multiplicity of actors within the development landscape through broad-based engagement, national and regional initiatives and the innovative use of technologies to engage these stakeholders in the preparations of the agenda and its implementation. Opportunities should also be explored for their engagement during the Summit.
9. The preparation for the Summit must be coordinated with the on-going consultations on the Financing for Development Conference in order to promote coherence.
10. Member States acknowledge the inputs that will be arriving, in particular from the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing as well as the process to develop options for a technology facilitation mechanism.
11. These ongoing processes are expected to complete their work in a comprehensive, balanced and expeditious manner by September 2014. Coherence among these

and other ongoing processes leading to the 2015 Summit and the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda should be promoted.

12. The preparation of the post-2015 development agenda will also benefit from the General Assembly events convened by the President of the Assembly under the theme “The post-2015 development agenda: Setting the stage.”
13. The deliberations of the Economic and Social Council, in particular during its 2014 substantive session, including the Annual Ministerial Review and the Development Cooperation Forum, the high-level political forum under the auspices of ECOSOC in 2014 as well as the first session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) of the United Nations Environment Programme could provide a valuable contribution to the preparations for the Summit.
14. The inputs already received in support of the post-2015 development agenda are acknowledged, in particular the reports of the High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, United Nations Development Group consultations, the Global Compact and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network which could serve as useful inputs to the deliberations on the post-2015 development agenda.
15. Member States look forward to the synthesis report of the Secretary-General requested in General Assembly resolution 68/6, which the Secretary-General will submit before the end of 2014.
16. In resolution 68/6 Member States also launched a process of intergovernmental negotiations which will lead to the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda.
17. The regional commissions are invited to hold regional dialogues, as appropriate, to provide inputs to the preparations for the Summit and to the Summit itself.
18. The Inter-Parliamentary Union, as part of the preparatory process for its fourth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament, is invited to develop and submit a contribution to the 2015 Summit.
19. The President of the General Assembly is requested to organize a Civil Society Hearing no later than June 2015, with non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector to provide an input to be issued as a General Assembly document prior to the Summit. The contribution of civil society to the preparations of the post-2015 Summit has already been unprecedented.
20. The Secretary-General is also requested to use a trust fund to enhance the participation of representatives of non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations from developing countries in the Civil Society Summit.

Member States and others are called on to provide further support to the trust fund.

21. Member States and other relevant actors are encouraged to organize preparatory activities, in the lead up to the 2015 Summit.
22. The President of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is requested to continue intergovernmental consultations on all issues related to the Summit and its preparatory process which will lead to the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda.
23. Member States are encouraged to actively engage in the consultations leading to the 2015 Summit.