



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

I have the pleasure to inform you that I will convene a thematic debate entitled **"The UN and Global Economic Governance."** This event will be held at UN Headquarters in New York on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Since the outbreak of the international economic, financial and debt crisis, the ongoing discussions about how to improve global economic governance are growing in significance.

Together with Member States, international financial institutions have made valuable contributions to these deliberations, as have informal groupings such as the G20. Over the past few years, the latter has risen in prominence, serving as a forum in which its members make economic decisions that have world-wide implications. These in one way or another affect every UN Member State's political, economic and social development.

The goal of this thematic debate is to help enhance communication between international financial institutions, the G20 and the rest of the world by providing a platform to reflect on common concerns, exchange views, and share information. Building on the G20's outreach efforts and those of the 3G as well as other informal groups, the thematic debate will also examine various forms of interaction between the G20 and the rest of the world.

The thematic debate is timed to take place just ahead of the spring meetings of finance ministers and central bank governors that will take place in Washington, DC. The outcome document of the debate will be sent to Member States.

This one-day debate will start with an opening session, keynote addresses, a briefing by a representative of the current G20 presidency, two interactive panel discussions, and closing remarks. I am pleased to share with you the attached concept paper. A draft program will be sent to you in due course.

I extend an invitation to Member States to be represented at the highest possible level.

Updated information will be available on the website of the President of the General Assembly.

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

  
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