

**Informal Interactive Hearings of the General Assembly with Non-Governmental Organizations, Civil Society Organizations and the Private Sector on International Migration and Development**

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As part of the preparatory activities leading to the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, which the General Assembly will hold on 14 and 15 September 2006 in New York, the Assembly will hold informal interactive hearings with representatives of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), civil society organizations and the private sector on 12 July 2006 at United Nations headquarters in New York.

The objective of the informal interactive hearings is to provide an opportunity for NGOs, civil society and the private sector to interact with Member States and offer input for the High-level Dialogue. The outcome of the informal interactive hearings will be a summary prepared by the President of the General Assembly in which the views and recommendations of participants representing civil society and the private sector will be reflected. This summary will be one of the official documents for the High-level Dialogue.

The Office of the President of the General Assembly is currently seeking nominations of potential participants in the hearings. A nomination form is available on-line at [www.unmigration.org](http://www.unmigration.org) (and also directly accessible at [http://esa.un.org/dspdEsa/GA/GAHearings\\_add.asp](http://esa.un.org/dspdEsa/GA/GAHearings_add.asp)). The nomination form should be filled-in on line by all organizations wishing to nominate a representative to attend the hearings. Applications sent by fax and email will not be accepted. The deadline to apply is 5 May 2006.

Representatives of non-governmental organizations having consultative status with ECOSOC or being affiliated to the Department of Public Information (DPI) will not need special accreditation to attend the hearings but need to indicate their firm intention to attend by submitting the nomination form by 5 May so as to ensure that sufficient seating is planned for. In case of space constraints, attendees will be admitted on a first-come first-served basis.

For those organizations without consultative status with ECOSOC or DPI affiliation, participants will be selected among all nominees and will be granted special accreditation on a non-objection basis by Member States. Please note that nominated representatives will not necessarily be granted special accreditation to attend. Nominees will be informed whether they were accredited or not by 31 May. Although not guaranteed, some funding to cover the costs of participation in the hearings might be available. Please indicate in the nomination form if your nominee would require such funding.

In filling the nomination form, organizations should indicate their preference in having their representative taking one of the following roles during the hearings:

- **Speaker:** A person who will make a five-minute, overarching introductory statement in one of the programmed sessions.
- **Spokesperson:** A representative who will participate in the interactive discussion with short interventions of maximum two-minutes from the floor on behalf of his or her organization.
- **Attendee:** A representative who will be able to observe the proceedings from the public gallery or an overflow room and will not make oral interventions but may distribute printed material on the work and position of his or her organization.

A Task Force is being established by the President of the General Assembly to assist him in the decisions relating to the list of participants and the exact format and organization of the hearings. Participants will be informed ahead of time of the role assigned to them. Because of time limitations, the number of speakers will be very limited and the number of spokespersons, though considerably larger, will also be subject to constraints. To ensure that as many participants as possible have the chance of making oral interventions, the time limits indicated will be strictly enforced.