

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

United Nations Headquarters, New York, 12 July 2006

Information Note

I- INTRODUCTION

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 60/227 of 23 December 2005, decided to hold a High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development in New York from 14 to 15 September 2006.
2. As part of the preparatory activities leading to the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, the General Assembly will hold informal interactive hearings with representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector on 12 July 2006 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.
3. The objective of the informal interactive hearings is to provide an opportunity for non-governmental organizations, 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 prior to the High-level Dialogue.

II- FORMAT

4. The informal interactive hearings, presided over by the Acting President of the General Assembly, shall comprise two meetings: a morning meeting from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. consisting of the opening of the Hearings and segments 1 and 2; an afternoon meeting from 3 to 6 p.m., consisting of segments 3 and 4 and the closing of the Hearings.

Provisional programme of the Hearings (also see the Annex)

5. The opening of the Hearings will feature remarks by the Acting President of the General Assembly and the Deputy Secretary-General.
6. The Hearings will then be divided into four segments focusing on the following topics:
 - (a) Promoting a comprehensive rights-based approach to international migration, and ensuring respect for and protection of the human rights of all migrants and their families;
 - (b) International migration and development - challenges for social and economic policies in sending and receiving countries;
 - (c) Policy responses - Promoting the building

of partnerships and capacity-building and the sharing of best practices at all levels, including the bilateral and regional levels, for the benefit of countries and migrants alike.

7. The closing of the Hearings will include remarks by the Acting President of the General Assembly.

III- ORGANIZATION OF THE SEGMENTS

8. The segments will ensure interactive discussions between representatives of Member States and representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector.
9. Each segment will begin with five-minute statements from speakers representing non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector with rejoinders by Member States. Speakers will limit their presentations to five minutes. The remaining time will be devoted to an interactive dialogue between Member States, speakers and spokespersons for non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations or the private sector with a view to achieving a clear articulation of concrete suggestions and proposals for consideration by Member States. During the interactive dialogue, participants are strongly encouraged not to read from written statements. Interventions from the floor and responses should not exceed two minutes.

IV- OUTCOME OF HEARINGS

10. In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 60/227, the outcome of the informal interactive hearings will be a summary prepared by the President of the General Assembly reflecting the views and recommendations of non-governmental organizations, civil society and the private sector prior to the High-level Dialogue.

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ANNEX

**Provisional programme of the Informal Interactive Hearings
of the General Assembly with non-governmental organizations,
civil society organizations and the private sector
on international migration and development**

To be held at United Nations Headquarters, Trusteeship Council Chamber

12 July 2006, New York

10:00 – 13:00 Morning meeting

10:00 – 10:30 **Opening of the Hearings**
Statement by the Acting President of the General Assembly
Statement by the Deputy Secretary-General

10:35 – 11:45 **Segment 1: Promoting a comprehensive rights-based approach to international migration, and ensuring respect for and protection of the human rights of all migrants and their families.**

11:50 – 13:00 **Segment 2: International migration and development - Challenges for social and economic policies in sending and receiving countries.**

15:00 – 18:00 Afternoon meeting

15:00 – 16:15 **Segment 3: International migration and development *contd.*- Challenges for social and economic policies in sending and receiving countries.**

16:20 – 17:30 **Segment 4: Policy responses - Promoting the building of partnerships and capacity-building and the sharing of best practices at all levels, including the bilateral and regional levels, for the benefit of countries and migrants alike.**

17:30 – 18:00 **Closing of the Hearings**
Statement by the Acting President of the General Assembly