

**Programme for the High-level Dialogue and
Informal Interactive Hearing with Civil Society on Interreligious
and Intercultural Understanding and Cooperation for Peace
4-5 October 2007**

Thursday 4 October

- 10.00 – 13.00 hrs - Opening of **the High-level Dialogue** by H.E. Dr. Srgjan Kerim, President of the 62nd Session of the General Assembly (Plenary meeting, General Assembly Hall), on the theme “*Interreligious and intercultural cooperation for the promotion of tolerance, understanding and universal respect on matters of freedom of religion or belief and cultural diversity*”
- Statement by the Secretary-General, Mr. Ban Ki-Moon
 - Statements by Member States and Observers to the United Nations (Statements should not exceed 7 minutes)
- 15.00 – 18.00 hrs. - **Hearing with Civil Society, including NGOs and the private sector** (Trusteeship Council Chamber)
- Opening of the Hearing with Civil Society by the President of the 62nd session of the General Assembly, followed by two panel discussions
 - Remarks by Mr. Jorge Sampaio, High Representative of the Secretary-General for the Alliance of Civilizations
 - **Panel 1: Challenges of Interreligious and Intercultural Cooperation Today**
 - Floor will be open for interaction with Member States after the panel’s presentations
 - **Panel 2: Best Practices and Strategies of Interreligious and Intercultural Cooperation Going Forward**
 - Floor will be open for interaction with Member States after the panel’s presentations

Friday 5 October 2007

- 10.00 – 13.00 hrs - **Continuation of the High-level Dialogue**
15.00 – 18.00 hrs (Plenary meetings, General Assembly Hall)
- Closing remarks by the President of the 62nd session of the General Assembly
 - High-level Dialogue concludes
