



13 July 2012

# United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Humanitarian Affairs Segment

18 to 20 July 2012, New York – ECOSOC Chamber (NLB)

## **DRAFT AGENDA**

### **Working in partnership to strengthen coordination of humanitarian assistance in a changing world**

#### **Wednesday, 18 July Morning session**

10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. **Economic and Social Council event to discuss transition from relief to development – “Humanitarian needs in the Sahel and the importance of building resilience”**

*Chairs:*

H.E. Ambassador Desra Percaya, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council

H.E. Ambassador Fernando Arias González, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council

*Moderator:*

Ms. Debbie Landey, Director, United Nations Development Operations Coordination Office (DOCO)

*Panelists:*

- Mr. Allahoury Diallo, High Commissioner for the Nigeriens Nourish Nigeriens (3Ns) initiative, Government of Niger
- Ms. Ertharin Cousin, Executive Director of the World Food Programme (WFP)
- Mr. Claus Sorensen, Director General of the European Commission Humanitarian Office (ECHO)
- Mr. David Gressly, Regional Humanitarian Coordinator for the Sahel
- Mr. Fodé Ndiaye, Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator in Niger
- Ms. Marie Larlem, Coordinatrice Générale de l'Association pour la Promotion des Libertés Fondamentales (APLFT), Chad

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**Wednesday, 18 July**      **Afternoon session**

3.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

**Opening session and general debate**

- Opening remarks by the Vice-President of ECOSOC
- Introduction of the Secretary-General's Report by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs
- Start of the general debate

**Thursday, 19 July**      **Morning session**

10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

**Panel discussion: Improving Capacities for Evidence-Based Humanitarian Decision-Making**

*Chair:*

H.E. Ambassador Fernando Arias González, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council

*Moderator:*

Ms. Valerie Amos, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator

*Panelists:*

- Honourable Samuel Lesuron Poghiso, Minister of Information and Communication, Kenya
- Ms. Johanna (Yoka) Brandt, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF
- Professor Hans Rosling, Chairman of Board, Gapminder Foundation
- Dr. Patrick Meier, Director of Social Innovation, Qatar Foundation's Computing Research Institute

**Thursday, 19 July**

**Afternoon session**

3.00 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

**Update on IASC efforts to make the humanitarian system more effective**

*Chair:*

H.E. Ambassador Fernando Arias González, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council

*Speakers:*

- H.E. Mr. Joseph Acuil Lual, Minister of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management, Government of South Sudan (*To be confirmed*)
- Ms. Valerie Amos, Emergency Relief Coordinator (**Moderator**)
- Ms. Johanna (Yoka) Brandt, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF
- Mr. Joel Charny, InterAction

**Friday, 20 July**

**Morning session**

10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

**Panel discussion: Partnerships for Effective Humanitarian Assistance in Support of National, Regional and International Efforts**

*Chair:*

H.E. Ambassador Fernando Arias González, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council

*Moderator:*

Ms. Valerie Amos, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator

*Panelists:*

- Dr. Fuat Oktay, President of Disaster and Emergency Management of Turkey (AFAD)
- Mr. Bekele Geleta, Secretary-General, IFRC
- Mr. David Droga, Executive Chairman, DROGA5

**Friday, 20 July**

**Afternoon session**

4.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

**Continuation of general debate and closing**

- Adoption of Resolution “Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations” (E/2012/L.xx)
- Closing remarks by Ms. Valerie Amos, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator
- Closing by the Vice-President of ECOSOC