



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

In my capacity as President of the General Assembly, I plan to organize a number of informal events that support and complement ongoing processes and discussions of the General Assembly with a view to reaffirming the central role of the United Nations in global governance.

It is my pleasure to share with you the following information on some of the informal events planned.

- As a follow up to the High-level Plenary Meeting on the Millennium Development Goals, which emphasized the importance of strengthening resilience against natural disasters in order to protect progress made toward the MDGs, I plan to hold an **informal thematic debate on disaster risk reduction on 9 February 2011**.
- In August 2010, the Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, launched the High-level Panel on Global Sustainability tasked to formulate “a new blueprint for sustainable growth and low-carbon prosperity”. I plan to organize an **informal interactive dialogue with the members of the High-level Panel in early 2011**, coinciding with the second meeting of the Panel. This interactive dialogue will provide an opportunity for Member States and the Panel members to exchange views on the work of the Panel.
- The topic of green economy as an instrument to achieve sustainable development is one of the priorities I have outlined for my presidency. I have been very encouraged by the large number of delegations which have shown an active interest in this issue. I therefore plan to hold an **informal thematic debate on green economy in spring/early summer 2011**.
- As I mentioned in my concluding remarks of the General Debate, I intend to organize an **informal thematic debate on the broader aspects of global governance** which will provide a platform for discussing questions of efficiency and legitimacy of the global governance architecture and exploring innovative and inclusive instruments of global governance. This is planned for spring/early summer 2011.
- In pursuance of General Assembly resolution 63/225 an **informal thematic debate on international migration and development** will be held in spring/early summer 2011.

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More information on each of these initiatives will be communicated to Member States in due course and announced on the website of the Presidency <<http://www.un.org/en/ga/president/65/>>.

I will also inform you at a later stage on other informal events which are currently still under consideration.

I look forward to working with you closely to ensure that our deliberations will continue to contribute effectively to addressing the world's major challenges.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deiss', written in a cursive style.

Joseph Deiss

President of the of the General Assembly