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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to resolution 63/227 by which the General Assembly decided to convene the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (UN-LDC IV).

The General Assembly also decided to hold one day of informal interactive hearing in New York with representatives of non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations. The date for the hearing is Friday 1 April 2011.

The hearing is an opportunity for a fruitful informal interaction between Member States and representatives of non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations, thus substantially contributing to the successful organization and outcome of UN-LDC IV.

I therefore encourage your Excellency to personally participate in the hearing.

As requested by the General Assembly, I have consulted with representatives of non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations and have prepared a list of speakers who will participate in the hearings.

In this connection, please find attached the tentative programme for the hearing as well as a list of active participants. I kindly request that you transmit any comments that you may have about this list by Friday 11 March 2011.

My Office and the substantive offices in the Secretariat, jointly with representatives of non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations, are coordinating efforts to finalize the arrangements for the hearing. I will keep you informed of the organizational arrangements set for the hearing in due course.

All Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York

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

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Joseph Deiss  
President of the General Assembly  
of the United Nations

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Cheick Sidi Diarra  
Under-Secretary-General  
Special Advisor on Africa  
and High Representative

Informal Interactive Civil Society Hearing of the General Assembly  
In Preparation for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed  
Countries (UN LDC IV)

New York, April 1, 2011

Active Participants

**Active Participants by Thematic Area**

**Session 1: Harnessing Productive Resources for Sustainable Development  
Friday, 1 April; 11h00 – 13h00**

***Speakers:***

- Mr. Aldo Caliari, *Center of Concern*, (USA)
- Ms. Josephine Ouedrago, *Environmental Development Action in the Third World*, (Burkina Faso)
- Ms. Beverly Keene, *Jubilee South*, (Argentina)
- Mr. Rudy de Meyer, *11.11.11*, (Belgium)
- Mr. Camille Chalmers, *PAPDA*, (Haiti)

***Respondents:***

- Mr. Amadou Taal, *The World View*, (Gambia)
- Ms. Odile Ndoumbe Faye, *AAWAORD*, (Senegal)
- Mr. Danny Singoma, *PRODDDES*, (Democratic Republic of Congo)

**Session 2: Enhancing Productive Capacity and Resilience against Global Crises  
Friday, 1 April; 15h00 – 16h15**

***Speakers:***

- Mr. Demba Moussa Dembele, *African Forum on Alternatives*, (Senegal)
- Ms. Roina Vavatau, *Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organisations*, (Samoa)
- Mr. Simon Stocker, *EuroSTEP*, (Belgium)
- Ms. Azeb Girmai, *ENDA-Ethiopia*, (Ethiopia)
- Mr. Barry Coates, *Oxfam International*, (New Zealand)
- Mr. Eshetu B. Yimenu, *Poverty Action Network Ethiopia (PANE)*, (Ethiopia)
- Mr. Sarba Raj Khadka, *Rural Reconstruction Nepal*, (Nepal)

***Respondents:***

- Mr. Meas Nee, *Village Focus*, (Cambodia)
- Ms. Fatma Alloo, *TAMWA/ASF/WSF*, (Tanzania)
- Ms. Njoki Njoroge Njehu, *Daughters of Mumbi Global Resource Center*, (Kenya)

**Session 3: Promoting Good Governance and Effective Monitoring Mechanisms for Development**

**Friday, 1 April; 16h15 – 17h30**

***Speakers:***

- Mr. Ohashi Masaaki, *Japan International Cooperation Agency*, (Japan)
- Ms. Thida Khus, *SILAKA*, (Cambodia)
- Mr. M. Ihsan Karaman, *Doctors Worldwide Turkey Coalition*, (Turkey)
- Mr. Roberto Bissio, *Social Watch*, (Uruguay)
- Ms. Jane Nalunga, *South and East African Trade, Information and Negotiation*, (Uganda)
- Mr. Seong-hoon Lee, *Korea Human Rights Foundation (KHRF)*, (Korea)

***Respondents:***

- Mr. Ou Virak, *Cambodian Center for Human Rights*, (Cambodia)
- Ms. Lidjetou Diarra Oumou, *Association pour le Bien Etre Familial*, (Mauritania)
- Ms. Huguette Bopke, *Social Watch*, (Benin)



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## **Programme for the Informal Interactive Civil Society Hearing**

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### **10h00 – 11h00 – Opening of the Hearing**

Opening Remarks

- Vice President of General Assembly
- Ambassador Cheick Sidi Diarra, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for LDCs, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States
- Ambassador Jarmo Viinanen, Finland, Chair of Preparatory Committee
- Ambassador Gyan Chandra Acharya, Nepal, Chair of the Bureau of LDCs
- Ambassador Ertugrul Apakan, Turkey, host of the LDC IV Conference
- Dr. Arjun Karki, LDC Watch and Chair, Civil Society Steering Committee for UN LDC IV

### **11h00 – 13h00 – Session on “Harnessing Productive Resources for Sustainable Development” (Moderated by Vice President of General Assembly)**

Panel presentations by selected representatives of civil society organizations

Interactive dialogue between Member States and selected members of civil society organizations

### **15h00 – 16h15 – Session on “Enhancing Productive Capacity and Resilience against Global Crises” (Moderated by Vice President of General Assembly)**

Panel presentations by selected representatives of civil society organizations

Interactive dialogue between Member States and selected members of civil society organizations

### **16h15 – 17h30 – Session on “Promoting Good Governance and Effective Monitoring Mechanisms for Development” (Moderated by Vice President of General Assembly)**

Panel presentations by selected representatives of civil society organizations

Interactive dialogue between Member States and selected members of civil society organizations

### **17h30 – 18h00 – Closing session**

Presentation of the Global Civil Society report on UN LDC IV with recommendations

Closing statement by Vice President of the UN General Assembly