



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2 November 2011

Excellency,

I would like to inform you that I intend to convene an informal interactive briefing in preparation for the consideration of the annual Report of the Secretary General as contained in document (A/66/126) titled "Accelerating progress towards the Millennium Development Goals : options for sustained and inclusive growth and issues for advancing the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015". Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, will provide the briefing on the key elements in the Report.

This will be an opportunity for all Member States to engage in deliberations on the post 2015 United Nations development agenda. The General Assembly will consider the Report on 18 November, under agenda item 117, Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit.

The informal meeting will take place on Friday, 4 November 2011 at 3 pm in Conference Room 3 (NLB). I look forward to your participation.

A program of the event is attached.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nasser", written in a cursive style.

Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser

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

**Draft Programme for 3 November PGA meeting on post-2015**  
**Title to be decided by OPGA**

**BRIEFING HOSTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON  
ADVANCING THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT AGENDA BEYOND 2015**

Friday, 4 November 2011, [Conference Room]  
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Background

At the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals in September 2010, Member States requested the Secretary-General to report annually on progress in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals until 2015 and to make recommendations in his annual reports for further steps to advance the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015 (A/RES/65/1). In a subsequent resolution, the Assembly further requested the Secretary-General to include in his annual reports an analysis of and policy recommendations on sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth for accelerating poverty eradication and achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (A/RES/65/10). This year's report is thus the first in a series of reports of the Secretary-General on *Accelerating Progress towards the Millennium Development Goals: options for sustained and inclusive growth and issues for advancing the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015* (A/66/126). The General Assembly will consider the report on 18 November, as part of its deliberations under Agenda Item 117, Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit.

Programme

The President of the General Assembly will convene an informal meeting in preparation for the deliberations on the new Report of the Secretary-General (A/66/126) and, in particular, its recommendations in relation to advancing the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015. Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, will provide a briefing on the key messages and recommendations in the Report. The President of the General Assembly will then moderate an interactive discussion with participants.

Time	Programme (Venue XX)
3:00 – 3:10 p.m.	Opening remarks • H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, President of the General Assembly
3:10 – 3:20 p.m.	Briefing on the Report of the Secretary-General (A/66/126) • Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
3:20 – 4:50 p.m.	Discussion moderated by H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, President of the General Assembly  <i>Participants are invited to present their comments and questions.</i>
4:50 – 5:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks • Mr. Sha Zukang, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs • H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, President of the General Assembly

Documents

Report of the Secretary-General, *Accelerating Progress towards the Millennium Development Goals: options for sustained and inclusive growth and issues for advancing the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015*, A/66/126

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