



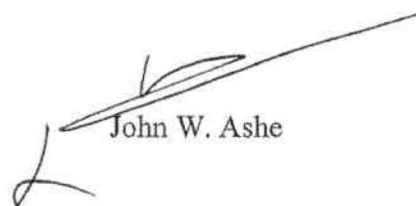
THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

25 July 2014

Excellency,

I have the honour to attach herewith for your information, the Concept note and Timeline for the Process for organizing the NGO's participation in the twenty-ninth special session of the General Assembly on the follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, to be held on Monday, 22 September 2014 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

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



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Process for organizing NGOs participation

Concept note and timeline

Background

1. Paragraph 9 of resolution 65/234 “stresses the need for the effective participation and contribution of relevant actors of civil society, particularly non-governmental organizations, as appropriate, in the special session, as well as in its preparation”.
2. In addition, in its resolution 67/250, the General Assembly decided that “the President of the General Assembly shall draw up a list of representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council who may participate in the special session” (paragraph 4, (c)).
3. Based on the same resolution, “the President of the General Assembly shall also draw up a list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, youth groups and the private sector who may participate in the special session, taking into account the principle of equitable geographic representation, for submission to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis, and shall bring the list to the attention of the General Assembly (including proposed as well as final names)” (paragraph 4, (d) and footnote 3/).
4. Finally, in paragraph 4, (b), the General Assembly decided that “five selected representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with ECOSOC, chosen by the President of the General Assembly with due regard for geographical balance, in consultation with member states”, will speak at the special session.

Implementation of the resolution in relation to NGOs participation

5. In order to address the request for effective participation in the preparation of the special session, pre-registration will be open to all NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC and to other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, youth groups and the private sector.
6. Once pre-registration is complete, the NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC will be asked to make proposals on possible candidates from their respective regions to be considered for the five speaking positions at the special session, with each NGO required to limit their suggestion to one candidate per their respective region to address, as relevant, the priority themes identified by the PGA, namely: Women, Youth, Health, Place and Mobility, Sustainability and Dignity and Human Rights. A list of the candidates from each region based on the NGO proposals will be presented to UNFPA by the NGO Secretariat for UNFPA to make recommendations to the PGA and inform DESA of those recommendations. The PGA will then present to Member States the list of five representatives chosen for the speaking slots. The list of speakers should be announced immediately thereafter in order to facilitate the coordination of the statements in the regions.

7. A list of representatives of NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC, who have pre-registered, will be compiled and presented to the office of the PGA. The PGA will circulate the final list of NGOs who may participate in the special session. The pre-registered NGOs will be notified and arrangements will be made with Security for participants to obtain event tickets.

8. A list of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, youth groups and the private sector not in consultative status with ECOSOC who submit applications to the NGO Secretariat to participate in the special session will be screened by UNFPA and submitted to PGA with relevant recommendations, with the recommendations duly conveyed to DESA. The list of possible participants will then be submitted by PGA to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis. Following this process, the list of organizations, including both the names of organizations that were proposed as well as those that were accepted will be brought to the attention of the General Assembly.

9. All communication related to the registration and participation of NGOs and others will be posted on the website of the NGO Secretariat with a link on the ICPD Beyond ICPD 2014 Review website.

Timeline

<p><u>Preparation of final document with list of NGOs accredited to participate in the special session</u></p> <p>Bring to the attention of the GA the final list of NGOs without ECOSOC consultative status, including objected and non-objected organizations</p>	18 – 31 July
<p><u>Second briefing to Member States by PGA</u></p>	Mid or end-August
<p><u>Registration on-site</u></p> <p>All pre-registered and approved NGOs, including the five speakers and all other organizations accredited for participation in the special session, will register on-site</p>	22 September