



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

4 May 2016

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to previous communications about the High-Level Thematic Debate on UN, Peace and Security that I will organise on 10-11 May 2016, the latest being my letter dated 19 April 2016, which contained the detailed concept note for the event.

In addition, I am pleased to bring to your attention the following three documents, which I hope can serve to assist and guide preparations:

- A provisional programme with indicative timelines and objectives for each segment,
- A guidance note for participants, which contains more detailed information about format, seating arrangements and discussants, as well as a list of key questions for each of the three interactive sessions,
- A note on organizational arrangements with detailed information on logistics.

Kindly note that during each of the three interactive sessions all participating Ministers will be seated in the front row and, in keeping with established practice, be offered speaking preference in the interactive sessions. Personally, I plan to be present and participate throughout the interactive sessions.

I look forward to engaging with Ministers and other high-level Member States representatives in a forthright dialogue about how – in a world of risks – the UN can better tackle international peace and security challenges, and how – collectively – we can most purposefully pursue a new commitment for peace.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mogens Lykketoft', written in a cursive style.

Mogens Lykketoft

To all Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York



HIGH LEVEL THEMATIC DEBATE

IN A WORLD OF RISKS:

A NEW COMMITMENT FOR PEACE

UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY | NEW YORK | 10 - 11 MAY 2016

Trusteeship Council Chamber, UN
Provisional programme

TUESDAY 10 MAY	
10:00 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.	<p><u>Opening Segment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, President of the United Nations General Assembly• H.E. Mr. Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations <p><u>Future of peace and security: Interlinkages in a complex world</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• by Espen Barth Eide, Member of the Managing Board, World Economic Forum <p><u>Keynote speakers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, former President of Indonesia• Ms. Leymah Gbowee, Liberia, 2011 Nobel Peace Laureate, SDG Advocate• H.E. Mr. Amre Moussa, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt and former Secretary-General of the League of Arab States
10:35 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<p>High-Level Plenary: In a World of Risks: Today's threats to international peace and security</p> <p>What are the unique international peace and security challenges of our time? How can the UN respond to these threats, in particular those emanating from non-state and transnational actors?</p> <p>Statements by high-level representatives. In light of time constraints, the length of the statements should not exceed five minutes.</p>
1:10 p.m.- 2:50 p.m.	<p><u>Ministerial-level lunch</u> <i>(by invitation only):</i></p>

	<p>The Next Secretary-General in a World of Risks: Expectations vs. Realities.</p> <p>During lunch, a discussion moderated by Mr. Ian Martin, Executive Director, Security Council Report, will start with an informal panel discussion among eminent personalities and continue at individual tables. The moderator will conclude by summarizing main points and key insights.</p>
<p>AFTERNOON SESSION</p>	
<p>3.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Session 1: Sustainable Peace in a World of Risks: Is the UN effective in preventing and resolving conflicts?</u></p> <p>Moderator: Dr Bruce Jones, Vice-President and Director, Brookings Institution</p> <p>The session will ask how the UN can remain the preeminent relevant actor and credibly respond to these threats, in particular those emanating from non-state and transnational actors? Are the means, instruments and policies available within a UN-context adequate to tackle today's threats to international peace and security? Do they effectively motivate confidence in UN peace operations – and do they sufficiently incentivize coherence and consistency in support of the UN? What is needed for the UN peace and security architecture to engage new and emerging actors?</p> <p>The moderator will engage <u>all participating Ministers</u>, starting with Ministers of Foreign Affairs from Ethiopia and Mali, in an interactive dialogue.</p> <p>This dialogue will further be informed by interspersed interventions by eminent experts, civil society and private sector representatives, using visual demonstration of current empirical evidence and trends in peace and security and outlining the key conclusions from a series of regional workshops organised in advance of the high-level thematic debate.</p> <p><i>Interventions by:</i> Ms. Sigrid Kaag, UN Special Coordinator for Lebanon, Mr. Alexandre Marc, Chief Technical Specialist, Fragility, Conflict and Violence World Bank Group, Mr. Youssef Mahmoud, Senior Adviser, International Peace Institute, Ms. Saba Ismail, Executive Director, Aware Girls, Pakistan, Ms Sarah Cliffe, Director, NYU Center on International Cooperation.</p> <p><i>Inputs from the field – key conclusions from regional workshops:</i> Mr. Cedric de Coning (NUPI), Mr. Ashraf Swelam (CCCPA), Ms. Adriana Abdenur (Igarapé).</p>
<p>10:00 a.m.- 11:20 a.m.</p>	<p><u>Session 2: Leading by Example: Innovative partnerships and responses</u></p> <p>Moderator: H.E. Ms. Susana Malcorra, Foreign Relations Minister, Argentina</p> <p>The session will focus on examples from the field looking above and beyond the most widely applied approaches, exploring examples of cross UN-system approaches to anchor peace and reconciliation.</p> <p>The moderator will engage <u>all participating Ministers</u>, after introductory remarks by H.E. Mrs. Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, former President of Sri Lanka, Chairperson of the Office for National Unity and Reconciliation and H.E. Dr Abdusalam H.</p>

	<p>Omer, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Somalia.</p> <p>Following these remarks, the moderator will engage participating Ministers and the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission.</p> <p><i>Interventions by:</i> H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal, Chair, Advisory Group of Experts on the 2015 review of the peacebuilding architecture, Mr. Tegegnework Gettu, Associate Administrator and Under-Secretary-General, UNDP (tbc), as well as Ms. Asma Mansour, Tunisian Center for Social Entrepreneurship.</p>
11:20 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<p><u>Message from the FAO-Nobel Peace Laureates Alliance for Food Security and Peace:</u></p> <p>Mr David Nabarro, Special Adviser on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Food Security and Nutrition, will introduce brief remarks by FAO Director-General Mr Graziano da Silva and 2006 Nobel Peace Laureate Mr Muhammad Yunus (<i>live streamed from Rome</i>).</p>
11:30 a.m. – 12:55 p.m.	<p><u>Session 3: Responsibility for Implementation: Beyond the current conundrum</u></p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Espen Barth Eide, Member of the Managing Board, World Economic Forum</p> <p>The session will focus on implementation, partnerships and accountability for delivering on commitments. It will reflect on the role of all stakeholders their specific relations with the UN institutional under existing frameworks and ways to enhance the level of effectiveness.</p> <p>The moderator will engage <u>all participating Ministers</u> starting with H.E. Mr Smaïl Chergui, Commissioner for Peace and Security, AU.</p> <p><i>Interventions by:</i> H.E. Mr. Jose Ramos-Horta, Chair, High-Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations, Mr. Alain Le Roy, Secretary-General, External Action Service, European Union, as well as Mr. Alvaro Estaban Pop, Chair, The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.</p>
12:55 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.	<p><u>Closing Remarks:</u></p> <p>H.E. Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, President of the United Nations General Assembly</p>



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GUIDANCE NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

Ministerial lunch (by invitation only) – 10 May 2016, 1:10-2.50pm

(West Terrace of the Delegates' Dining Room, UN Headquarters)

The next Secretary-General in a world of risks – expectations vs. realities

Ministers, high-level participants, special guests and candidates for the position of Secretary-General will receive personal, non-transferable invitations from the President of the Secretary-General to join a restricted lunch where **Mr. Ian Martin**, Executive Director, Security Council Report, will moderate a discussion under Chatham House rule.

Seating arrangements will follow a multi-stakeholder approach at tables seating 6 participants each.

The informal exchange will focus on the role of the Secretary-General in matters of peace and security, the special contribution expected from the next Secretary-General and constraints that the latter will face.

After brief remarks by the President of the General Assembly, the moderator will open by welcoming guests and panellists, frame the topic and explain the format.

An informal panel discussion among eminent personalities, including **H.E. Mr. Amre Moussa**, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt and former Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, and **Ms. Karin Landgren**, Fellow, NYU Center on International Cooperation, former UN Under-Secretary-General, will follow while the first course is served. Panellists will be asked to share their experience, lessons learned, and concerns of relevance to the next Secretary-General in matters of peace and security.

As the main course will be served, the moderator will introduce tables, identifying topics and lead discussants:

- (i) **Socio-economic challenges and conflict prevention:** What is required from the next Secretary-General to leverage recognized inter-linkages between i.a. Agenda 2030, the Paris Agreement, and the peace and security role of the UN? In policy terms and institutionally? How can the UN better promote holistic conflict prevention, including support through inclusive governance?
- (ii) **Peace and security challenges:** On the assumption that reform of the Security Council is not immediately around the corner, who needs to do what to adapt the current collective security architecture to today's challenges and threats for the UN to remain truly relevant and credible? What role can – or should – the next Secretary-General play? Is the Charter's article 99 part of the answer?

- (iii) **Humanitarian challenges:** Migration and refugees flows can be both a cause and a consequence of conflict. Does the UN – and the Secretary-General – have the right tools to address this? What is needed to reverse the upward trend of forced population displacement?
- (iv) **Human rights and gender:** Is the UN as currently configured properly equipped to respond to early signs of human rights and rule of law violations? How should the next Secretary-General relate to the “Human Rights up Front” initiative? What is needed to strengthen women’s empowerment – in policy terms? In HQ? In the field?
- (v) **Institutions and financing:** What are the key steps the next Secretary-General can take to overcome fragmentation, improving integration, coherence and performance across the UN System? How can Member States overcome current deadlock in terms of flexible financing options, accountability and responsible use of resources? What role for the Secretary-General?
- (vi) **Terrorism and prevention of violent extremism** is increasingly central to the peace and security agenda. What instruments can the next Secretary-General deploy to support the front-line nations that respond directly to this threat?

By approximately 2:30pm, the moderator will facilitate an interactive debate among rapporteurs, inviting all participants to contribute before drawing out conclusions and closing the session.

Interactive session 1 – 10 May 2016, 3-6pm

(Trusteeship Council Chamber, UN Headquarters)

Sustainable Peace in a World of Risks: Is the UN effective in preventing and resolving conflicts?

Moderator: Dr Bruce Jones, Vice-President and Director, Brookings Institution

Objective: What are the unique international peace and security challenges of our time? How can the UN contribute most effectively to tackling them, including those emanating from non-state and transnational actors? Are the means, instruments and policies available within a UN-context adequate to tackle today’s threats to international peace and security? Do they effectively motivate confidence in UN peace operations – and do they sufficiently incentivize coherence and consistency in support of the UN? What is needed for the UN peace and security architecture to engage new and emerging actors?

Format: The moderator will make some very brief opening remarks highlighting the challenges confronting UN peace and security functions, and then engage all participating Ministers, starting with the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia and Mali, in an interactive dialogue.

Questions and remarks from the floor will be encouraged. No speakers’ list will be established.

The dialogue with Ministers will be informed by interspersed interventions by expert contributors and discussants. Consequently, expert contributors and discussants should note that the moderator will determine the appropriate time during proceedings for their

interventions. The format is meant to encourage dialogue and dynamic exchanges, avoiding prepared statements or opening remarks by participants.

When suitable, the moderator will ask **Mr. Alexandre Marc**, Chief Technical Specialist, Fragility, Conflict and Violence in the World Bank Group, to deliver a visual presentation of key empirical evidence, data and trends in the area of peace and security.

Similarly, he will invite **Mr. Cedric de Coning** (NUPI), **Mr. Ashraf Swelam** (CCCPA), **Ms. Adriana Abdenur** (Igarapé) to present jointly 'insights from the field' and key conclusions from a series of regional workshops and experts meetings organised in all regions of the world in advance of this High-Level Thematic Debate.

At 5:50PM, the moderator will wrap up, draw key lessons and conclusions from debate and set the scene for next interactive sessions on the following day.

Seating: Ministers will be seated in the first row of seating. All expert contributors and discussants will be seated in front of the podium in order to be level with Ministers. The moderator will have a roaming microphone and will roam the floor space between Ministers, expert contributors and discussants. Contributions should be made from the seat.

Expert contributors and discussants:

- **Ms. Sigrid Kaag**, UN Special Coordinator for Lebanon,
- **Mr. Youssef Mahmoud**, Senior Adviser, International Peace Institute,
- **Ms. Saba Ismail**, Executive Director, Aware Girls, Pakistan
- **Ms. Sarah Cliffe**, Director, NYU Center on International Cooperation.

Key questions will include:

Q1: How can major geopolitical challenges – by some identified as proxy-wars - be addressed and/or prevented, while maintaining and enhancing the UN's continued relevance in the area of peace and security, including through the use of the good offices of the Secretary-General and other crisis-management or conflict resolution tools?

Q2: How do preventative steps effectively translate into impact? What is required to strike the right balance and ensure consistency with the core principle of sovereignty and national leadership? How can the UN best support Members or regional organisations to defuse an emerging crisis?

Q3: Today, UN operations in effect do not have the tools to effectively address an environment where non-state actors using terrorist tactics are a key factor. The 10-year review of the Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy is now under way, also looking at the Secretary-General's Plan of Action to Prevent Violent Extremism. What is required - from the UN, from Member States, from regional organisations - to overcome fragmentation and provide UN with the tools to tackle these challenges and support Member States?

Q4: In the area of peace and security, what should the top three key priorities of the next Secretary-General be - both in policy terms and in institutional and structural terms? How can these priorities effectively get the support from Members and be transformed into change?

Q5: For change to happen, Member States' active support is required. What priority action will your country be willing to champion to support the next Secretary-General implementing needed changes?

Interactive session 2 – 11 May 2016, 10-11:20am

(Trusteeship Council Chamber, UN Headquarters)

Leading by Example: Innovative partnerships and responses

Moderator: H.E. Ms Susana Malcorra, Minister of Foreign Relations of Argentina

Objective: Through specific examples and country situations from different regions of the world, highlighting diverse challenges and patterns, participants will be invited to reflect on ways for the UN to enhance the flexibility and coherence of its response, and more generally on how to strengthen inclusive national ownership of conflict resolution processes.

Format: The moderator will engage all participating Ministers, after introductory remarks by H.E. Mrs. Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, former President of Sri Lanka, Chairperson of the Office for National Unity and Reconciliation and H.E. Dr Abdusalam H. Omer, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Somalia.

Following these remarks, the moderator will engage participating Ministers and the Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission.

Questions and remarks from the floor will be encouraged. No speakers' list will be established.

The dialogue will be informed by interspersed interventions by expert contributors and discussants. Consequently, expert contributors and discussants should note that the moderator will determine the appropriate time during proceedings for their interventions. The format is meant to encourage dialogue and dynamic exchanges, avoiding prepared statements or opening remarks by participants.

At 11.10 am, the moderator will wrap-up discussion.

Seating: Ministers will be seated in the first row of seating. All expert contributors and discussants will be seated in front of the podium in order to be level with Ministers. The moderator will have a roaming microphone and will roam the floor space between Ministers, expert contributors and discussants. Contributions should be made from the seat.

Expert contributors and discussants:

- H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal, Chair, Advisory Group of Experts on the 2015 review of the peacebuilding architecture,
- Mr. Tegegnework Gettu, UNDP Associate Administrator and Under Secretary-General (*tbc*),
- Ms. Asma Mansour, Tunisian Center for Social Entrepreneurship.

Key questions will include:

Q1: The range of models available for UN engagement in conflict- and crisis-affected situations spans widely depending on context. What are the lessons learned from lower-key political engagements in situations where the UN's presence may be focused on developmental issues?

Q2 What does "national ownership" imply? And how can various expressions of national ownership shape and most effectively customize a UN engagement?

Q3: Beyond mere bureaucratic dynamics, what could the key steps be to upgrade existing planning, policies and instruments and ensure flexible "whole of UN System" approach and response? It is widely recognized that the UN is struggling with silos that duplicate and create inefficiencies in its performance. How to incentivize financial structures and flow of funds to respond to those challenges? If strategic and structural integration no longer provide clear ways to strengthen performance – what comes next?

Q4: How to strengthen coordination among Member States and intergovernmental bodies including the Security Council, the General Assembly, and the Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) as well as Troop and Police Contributing Countries throughout the cycle of a peace operation? How to better link responsibilities for delivering mandates and the budget authority?

Q5: The implementation of the Agenda 2030 and the Paris Climate agreement is also crucial to the promotion of peace and security. How should peace operations embed the core principles of inclusivity, gender empowerment etc. in order to "leave no one behind"?

Interactive session 3 – 11 May 2016, 11:30am-12.55pm

(Trusteeship Council Chamber, UN Headquarters)

Responsibility for Implementation: Beyond the current conundrum

Moderator: Mr. Espen Barth Eide, Member of the Managing Board, World Economic Forum

Objective: The session will focus on implementation, partnerships and accountability for delivering on commitments. It will reflect on the role of all stakeholders, their specific relations with the UN institutional under existing frameworks and ways to enhance the level of effectiveness. Options for organisational, structural and financial adaptations of the UN to better fulfil its role will also be under consideration.

Format: The moderator will engage all participating Ministers starting with H.E. Mr Smail Chergui, Commissioner for Peace and Security, AU.

Questions and remarks from the floor will be encouraged. No speakers' list will be established.

The dialogue will be informed by interspersed interventions by expert contributors and discussants. Consequently, expert contributors and discussants should note that the moderator will determine the appropriate time during proceedings for their interventions. The format is meant to encourage dialogue and dynamic exchanges, avoiding prepared statements or opening remarks by participants.

Seating: Ministers will be seated in the first row of seating. All expert contributors and discussants will be seated in front of the podium in order to be level with Ministers. The moderator will have a roaming microphone and will roam the floor space between Ministers, expert contributors and discussants. Contributions should be made from the seat.

At 12.40pm, the moderator will wrap-up discussions.

Expert contributors and discussants:

- **H.E. Mr. Jose Ramos-Horta**, Chair, High-Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations,
- **Mr. Alain Le Roy**, Secretary-General, External Action Service, European Union,
- **Mr. Alvaro Estaban Pop**, Chair, The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Key questions will include:

Q1: What would a stronger framework for strategic partnerships with civil society and the private sector look like?

Q2: How to ensure that recommendations outlined in the reviews continue to be championed, and are translated into concrete action? How to ensure accountability for results and implementation?

Q3: What mechanisms can Member States put in place to hold the United Nations and themselves accountable for the reform process and a more inclusive approach to sustainable peace that delivers for all groups, particularly for women? How can the UN Secretariat better support intergovernmental decision-making?

Q4: How can national commitment be translated into actual change in the UN? Are there countries, regional organisations – or groups or coalitions – that are willing and able to champion this change?



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Organizational arrangements for the High-level Thematic Debate on UN, Peace and Security, 10 - 11 May 2016

<http://www.un.org/pga/70/events/hltd-peace-and-security/>

Participation

1. The High-Level Thematic Debate (HLTD) is expected to be attended by a significant number of Ministers. UN entities, civil society, research institutions with global and regional reach, media, and other stakeholders were also invited to attend.

Programme

2. The HLTD will be composed of an opening segment, a high-level plenary, followed by three interactive sessions, as well as a high-level lunch (by invitation only). Additional details are provided below.

Opening and Plenary

3. The opening of the HLTD will take place in the **Trusteeship Council Chamber from 10:00 to 10:30 am on 10 May, 2016** and will consist of statements by the President of the General Assembly (PGA), the Deputy Secretary-General and guest speakers invited by the President of the General Assembly.

4. The plenary meeting will begin **at 10:30 am and will continue through to 1:00 pm**. To enable maximum participation of high-level speakers within the limited time available, statements in the plenary meetings **should not exceed five minutes**.

5. Delegations wishing to speak in the high-level plenary segment are kindly requested to inscribe on the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1-(212) - 963-5063).

6. Speaking order will follow the customary protocol order.

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7. A lectern will be provided for the delivery of statements.

Documentation, statements and interpretation

8. Delegations are invited to submit PDF-formatted versions of their statements via e-mail to for posting on papersmart@un.org for electronic circulation through the PaperSmart portal. Delegations wishing to do so should provide them no later than two hours in advance of delivery to papersmart@un.org. The name of the meeting, agenda item, speaker and country should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail and in the heading of the statement. The statements will remain embargoed until their delivery and then posted. Only statements presented during the course of the meeting will be posted. Alternatively, delegations can bring a hard copy (unstapled and printed single-sided), for scanning and uploading, to the PaperSmart portal at the documents distribution counter located inside the Trusteeship Council.

9. Delegations are encouraged to bring a minimum of 15 hard-copies of statements for interpreters. They can be handed over to conference service staff in the room.

10. Statements made in any of the six official languages of the General Assembly are interpreted into the other official languages. Any speaker may also make a statement in a language other than the official languages. In such cases, the delegation in question must provide either an interpreter from the non-official language into an official language, or a written text of the statement in one of the official languages to be read out by a United Nations interpreter. On the basis of this interpretation or the written text, which is accepted by the Secretariat as representing the official text of the statement, it will be interpreted into the other official languages by United Nations interpreters. When a written text is provided, the delegation concerned should make available to the interpreter someone who knows the language in which the statement is to be delivered and the official language into which it has been translated, to guide the interpreter through



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the translated text and to ensure synchronization between the speaker and the interpreter. Detailed arrangements for interpretation from non-official languages, including access by non-United Nations interpreters to the interpreter booth in the Trusteeship, must be made in advance through the Meetings Management Section (telephone: 212 963 8114; e-mail: emeetsm@un.org). The interpreter or the guide provided by the delegation should be brought by the delegation to the conference officers' desk in the Chambers 30 minutes prior to the delivery of the statement.

Interactive Sessions

11. The three Interactive sessions will take place in the course of the afternoon of the 10 May and the morning of 11 May. The sessions will have a form of moderated discussions between discussants and high-level guests seated in the front row of the Trusteeship Council Chamber and other participating delegations.

12. The afternoon segment on 10 May will start at 3:00 pm with brief opening remarks from the moderator who will then proceed to engage all participating Ministers, discussants and other participants in an interactive dialogue. No speakers' list will be established for this segment. Contributions and interventions can be made from Delegations' seats.

13. The second interactive session will take place on 11 May from 10:00 am to 11:20 am and will be devoted to innovative partnerships and responses. The last interactive session focused on responsibilities for implementation will continue from 11:30 am until 12:55pm.

The Interactive sessions will provide opportunities to have in-depth discussions on the themes identified above. To promote interactive, free-flowing discussions without prepared statements, participants will be invited to make very brief remarks, not to exceed two minutes, to raise questions and to respond to other speakers.



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In order to promote interactive and substantive discussions; participation in the interactive discussions will be conducted without establishing a list of speakers.

Lunch

14. This session will combine presentations and interactive discussion over the course of a moderated two hour lunch, from **1:10 pm to 2:50 pm in the West Terrace of the Delegates Dining Room on the 4th floor**. To access the Delegates Dining Room, please take the elevators or the escalator from the third floor. Following an informal panel discussion, the moderator will introduce the tables and their lead discussants and topic.

15. The working language of the lunch will be English and no interpretation will be available.

16. Participation in the lunch is by **invitation only** and will be at **Ministerial level** and principals will be unaccompanied. **Please bring paper invitation for access to the lunch**. An additional information note will be sent to lunch participants.

Webcast

17. The opening, the plenary and the interactive sessions will be transmitted via live webcast.

Accreditation of Delegations

18. Accreditation of official delegations will be carried out by the Protocol and Liaison Service. Missions/offices are required to submit their accreditation requests by using the existing online system “eAccreditation”, available through the eDelegate Portal at <https://delegate.un.int>. Delegations wishing to obtain information on the system may refer to the updated “Guidelines on eAccreditation” and “Frequently Asked Questions” posted on the Protocol website at www.un.int/protocol. It should be noted



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that all accreditation requests, including requests for VIP passes, must be submitted via the eAccreditation system.

Media accreditation

19. There may be some limited time-slots available for press briefings in the UN Press Briefing Room, S-0237. Please contact the PGA's communications team in advance: Communications Director and Spokesperson Daniel Thomas daniel.thomas@un.org +1 917 225 1913, Special Adviser Ulla Oestergaard oestergaard@un.org +1 646 334 4440 and Digital Media Specialist Katharina Kandt kandt@un.org +1 917 244 3890.

20. A Media Advisory will be issued prior to the event and a press release will be issued immediately afterwards.

21. The event will be webcast at WEBTV.un.org and OPGA and others will be reporting on the meeting on social media using the hashtag #commit2peace.

22. You are encouraged to promote the event on social media and share as much as you like during the two days. Event hashtag is #commit2peace. Please also keep an eye on the main Twitter account @un_pga

23. All members of the media accompanying high-level guests or Heads of Delegation, **including official photo/video**, must submit a letter of assignment from the Permanent Mission concerned. The letter listing the names of the media representatives with their functional titles and affiliation, should be sent to the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit, Department of Public Information, fax: 212-963-4642 or email: malu@un.org. First time applicants must create an online account: <http://www.un.org/en/media/accreditation/form/>

24. Members of the media accompanying Heads of State/Government or Heads of Delegation must present themselves to the Media Accreditation



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Office, where they will have their photographs taken and be issued a United Nations grounds pass upon presentation of national passports.

25. All media representatives will be required to present a valid United Nations grounds pass to the United Nations security officers at the gate.

26. Members of the media need to be escorted to the media booths from the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit office (S-250) or liaison desks. For some meetings, tickets to the gallery will be available for print press, on a first-come first-served basis.