



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

19 June 2017

Excellency,

I am writing with regard to the General Assembly resolution 71/287, adopted on 4 May 2017, on the modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the appraisal of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons.

Further to my letter of 24 May 2017, in which I invited Member States to participate in an informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing to be held on 23 June 2017 at Conference Room 4, United Nations Headquarters in New York, I am enclosing herewith, for your consideration, the provisional agenda for the hearing.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson'.

Peter Thomson

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

Informal Interactive Multi-stakeholder Hearing

In support of the preparatory process towards the High-level Plenary Meeting to Review the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons

Conference Room 4

United Nations Headquarters, New York

23 June 2017

Provisional Agenda

Time	Morning Meeting
10.00	<p>Opening of the Informal Interactive Multi-stakeholder Hearing by the President of the General Assembly, Mr. Peter Thomson, followed by statements of the co-facilitators of the intergovernmental negotiations of the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ H.E. Ms. Alya Al-Thani, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations.▪ H.E. Mr. Marc Pecsteen de Buytsverve, Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations.
10.15-10:30	<p>Introductory statements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Trafficking Survivor, Ms. Withelma “T” Ortiz Walker Pettigrew.▪ UNODC Executive Director, Mr. Yury Fedotov. <i>ICAT Coordinator - Video message</i>▪ UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein <i>In his capacity as 2017 ICAT Chair - Video message</i>
10.30-11.45	<p>Panel 1: A Human-rights-based, survivor-centred approach to trafficking in Persons</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ms. Kay Buck, Executive Officer of the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking.▪ Dr. Beatriz Mahillo, Director of the National Transplant Organization, Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality of Spain.▪ Ms. Mira Sorvino, UNODC Goodwill Ambassador for Global Fight against Human Trafficking.▪ <i>Video message</i> from Professor Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, Dean, Faculty of Law - University of Nigeria (<i>former UN Special Rapporteur on Trafficking In Persons</i>).▪ <i>Video message</i> from Hon. Mohna Ansari, Commissioner / Spokesperson, National Human Rights Commission, Nepal.▪ Mr. Abayomi Rotimi Mighty, Executive Director, Women Trafficking and Child Labour Eradication Foundation WOTCLEF. (TBC) <p>Moderator: Ms. Purna Sen, Director, UN-WOMEN Interactive Q and A</p>

Time	
11.45-13.00	<p>Panel 2: Trafficking in Persons in armed conflict, humanitarian crises and natural disasters</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Aameena Saeed Hasan, former member of the Iraqi Council of Representatives and modern day abolitionist. ▪ H.E. Mr. Marc Van den Reeck , Head of International Cooperation and Programmes “The Smile of the Child”. ▪ Mr. Ashraf El Nour, Director of the IOM Office to the United Nations in New York. <p>Moderator: Ms. Grainne Ohara, Deputy Director of the Executive Office, UNHCR</p> <p>Interactive Q and A</p>
Afternoon Meeting	
15.00-16.25	<p>Panel 3: Trafficking in persons in the context of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ H.E. Mr. Alexis Bethancourt Yau, Vice-Chair of the UN Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children. ▪ Ms. Nancy Rivard, President and Founder of Airline Ambassadors International. ▪ Ms. Ruchira Gupta, Founder/President of Apne Aap Women Worldwide. <p>Moderator: Mr. Vinicius Pinheiro, ILO Special Representative to the UN and Director of ILO Office in New York.</p> <p>Interactive Q and A</p>
16.25-17.50	<p>Panel 4: Effective prosecution of trafficking in persons</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Professor Mohamed Mattar, Clinical Professor of Law & Director of the Law Clinic Qatar University - College of Law. ▪ Ms. Agatha Schmaedick Tan, Associate General Counsel, Coalition of Immokalee Workers. ▪ Mr. Kerry Neal, Child Protection Specialist, Justice for Children, UNICEF. ▪ <i>Video message</i> from Ms. Irina Alkhova, Chair of the Board of Gender Perspectives. <p>Moderator: Mr. Claudio Formisano, OSCE.</p> <p>Interactive Q and A</p>
17.50-18.00	<p>Closing of the hearing by the President of the UN General Assembly.</p>