



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

22 January 2017

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 10 January, I have the honor to share herewith the latest information regarding the High Level Dialogue entitled ‘Building Sustainable Peace for all: Synergies between 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Sustaining Peace’, that I will convene on 24 January at UN Headquarters.

Please find enclosed an updated programme for the meeting. Please note that the meeting will take place in Trusteeship Council Chamber and will begin at 9am.

With regard to the general debate, I encourage Member States to be mindful of the need to provide all members with an opportunity to contribute. Ministers speaking in the high level segment will be given 5 minutes to make their statements. All other delegations, speaking in the afternoon, are asked to keep statements to three minutes. Member states also have the option of delivering abbreviated statements in the debate and uploading the full version through UN Papersmart. Please note that it is not possible to provide interpretation in the afternoon workshops.

Further updates on the event can be found on the dedicated page on my website <http://www.un.org/pga/71/event-latest/building-sustainable-peace-for-all-synergies-between-the-2030-agenda-for-sustainable-development-and-sustaining-peace/>. Please contact my office for further information.

I look forward to your active engagement in this important High Level Dialogue.

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

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

Peter Thomson

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

**“Building Sustainable Peace for All: Synergies between the 2030 Agenda  
for Sustainable Development and Sustaining Peace”  
High-Level Dialogue of the President of the General Assembly for the 71<sup>st</sup>  
session**

Draft Programme

TUESDAY 24 JANUARY 2017, TRUSTEESHIP Chamber	
09:00 – 10:00 a.m.	<p><b>Opening segment:</b></p> <p>H.E. Mr Peter Thomson, President of the General Assembly  H.E. Mr Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General  H.E. Ms Margot Elisabeth Wallström, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sweden and  President of the Security Council  H.E. Mr Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava, President of the Economic and  Social Council  Ms Julienne Lusenge, SOFEPADI/Fonds pour les femmes congolaises, NGO,  Democratic Republic of Congo</p>
10.00 – 11.00 a.m.	<p><b>High-level segment and plenary debate:</b></p> <p>H.E. Mr Samura M. W. Kamara, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sierra Leone  H.E. Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Slovakia  H.E. Mr. Sven Mikser, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Estonia  H.E. Mr. Agio Pereira, Minister of State and of the Presidency of the Council of  Ministers, Timor Leste  H.E. Mr. Rafael Pardo, High Counselor for Post-Conflict, Human Rights and  Security, Colombia  Message from H.M. King Abdullah II ibn Al Hussein of Jordan delivered by H.E.  Ms Sima Sami Bahous; Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of  Jordan  H.E. Mr. Valentin Rybakov, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of  Belarus  H.E. Mr. Yerzhan Ashikbayev, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of  Kazakhstan  H.E. Mr. Jean-Marie Le Guen Minister of State for Development and  Francophonie, France  H.E. Ms. Tone Skogen, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Norway  H.E. Ms. Pascale Baeriswyl, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Switzerland  H.E. Ms. Sujata Mehta, Secretary (West) Ministry of External Affairs, India</p>

11.00 – 1.00 p.m.	<p><b>Interactive panel discussion on taking a comprehensive approach to sustainable development and sustaining peace</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms Elizabeth Cousens, UN Foundation</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b>  H.E. Mr Macharia Kamau, Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission  Mr. Ján Kubiš, Special Representative of the Secretary General for Iraq  Mr Peter Wallensteen, Senior Professor of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, Sweden  Ms Joy Onyesoh, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), NGO, Nigeria  H.E. Mr. Juan José Gómez Camacho, Permanent Representative of Mexico and Chair of the Group of Friends of Sustaining Peace</p>	
<b>Lunch break</b>		
3.00 - 5.15 p.m.	<p><b>Plenary debate (continued)</b>  (TRUSTEESHIP Chamber)</p>	<p><b>Workshops focusing on linkages across three themes:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Empowering women and youth for peace and sustainable development. (CR1)</li> <li>2. Managing Natural Resources for peace and sustainable development (CR11)</li> <li>3. Strengthening transparent, inclusive, and accountable institutions (CR12)</li> </ol>
5.30 – 5.55 p.m.	<p><b>Interactive discussion on key issues arising from the workshops</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Ms Sarah Cliffe, Director, Center for International Cooperation, NYU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Graeme Simpson, Director of InterPeace USA</li> <li>• Mr. Manish Bapna, World Resources Institute</li> <li>• Mr Youssef Mahmoud, International Peace Institute</li> </ul>	
5.55 – 6.00 p.m.	<p><b>Closing remarks</b></p> <p>H.E. Mr Macharia Kamau, Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission  H.E. Mr Peter Thomson, President of the General Assembly</p>	
<b>Evening reception hosted by the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea, incoming Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission</b>		

## Workshop I: Empowering women and youth for peace and sustainable development

In partnership with UN Women

Venue: Conference Room 1

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3:00 – 3:10 p.m.	<p><b>Opening:</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Mr. Yannick Glemarec, Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director, Policy and Programme Bureau, UN Women</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Graeme Simpson, <i>Director of InterPeace USA</i></p>
3:10 – 3:15 p.m.  3:15 – 3:30 p.m.	<p><b>Introduction of Panelists and of the workshop format by Moderator</b></p> <p><b>Overview by 4 panelists of themes based on concept note questions (3 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Visaka Dharmadasa, Chair, Association of War Affected Women, Sri Lanka;</li> <li>• Ms. Hager Sharief, Libya, Youth Advocate and member of the UN Advisory Group for the Progress Study on UNSCR 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security;</li> <li>• Mr Henk-Jan Brinkman, Peace Building Support Office, UN Secretariat</li> <li>• Dr. Punam Yadav, Centre for Women, Peace and Security, London School of Economics</li> </ul>
3:30 – 4:10 p.m.	<p><b>Interactive discussion with the audience</b> Comments and/or questions from the floor and answers by the Panelists</p> <p><b>Discussion leaders from the floor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Gwendolyn Myers, Liberia, founder and Executive Director of the non-profit Messengers of Peace (MOP);</li> <li>• Ms. Saba Ismail, Pakistan, Executive Director and Co-founder of “Aware Girls”;</li> <li>• Mr. Cedric de Coning, Senior Research Fellow, NUPI and ACCORD (South Africa)</li> <li>• H. E. Ms. Pascale Baeriswyl, State Secretary of Switzerland</li> </ul>
4:10 – 4:25 p.m.	<p><b>Panelists address new questions on the theme, to be posed by the Moderator</b> (3 minutes speaking time for each panelist)</p>
4:25 – 5:05 p.m.	<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> round interactive discussion with the audience</b> Comments and/or questions from the floor and answers by the Panelists</p>
5:05 – 5:15 p.m.	<p><b>Closing – Wrap up</b> Chair’s remarks</p>

## Workshop II: Managing Natural Resources for Peace and Sustainable Development

In partnership with the World Resources Institute

Venue: Conference Room 11

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3:00 – 3:20 p.m.	<p><b>Opening:</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Manish Bapna, World Resources Institute  <i>Introduction and presentation of the state of play on the subject,</i></p>
3:20 – 4:00 p.m.	<p><b>Land degradation</b>  <i>From the panel:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Adriana Dinu, Executive Coordinator, UNDP Global Environmental Finance</li> </ul> <p><i>From the floor:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. Abdallah Wafy, Permanent Representative of Niger (Regreening Africa initiative);</li> <li>• H.E. Mr Macharia Kamau, Permanent Representative of Kenya (tbc)</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion including contributions from Civil Society</i></p>
4:00 – 4:40 p.m.	<p><b>Water resources</b>  <i>From the panel:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Pasquale Steduto, Regional Strategic Programmes Coordinator for the Near East and North Africa, FAO</li> </ul> <p><i>From the floor:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. Yerzhan Ashikbayev, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Kazakhstan (tbc)</li> <li>• Mr. Ádám Zoltán Kovács, Deputy Secretary of State for International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary;</li> <li>• H.E. Muhammad Anshor, Deputy Permanent Representative of Indonesia;</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion including Civil Society contribution</i></p>
4:40 – 5:10 p.m.	<p><b>Extractive industries</b>  <i>From the panel:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Elliott Harris, Assistant Secretary General and head of New York office, UNEP</li> </ul> <p><i>From the floor:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Ms. Maria Helena Lopes de Jesus Pires, Permanent Representative of Timor Leste</li> <li>• H.E. Mr. Charles Thembanani Ntwaagae, Permanent Representative of Botswana</li> <li>• Ms. Karla Basselier, Head of Public Affairs, Antwerp World Diamond Centre</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion including Civil Society contribution</i></p>
5:10 – 5:15 p.m.	<p><b>Closing – Wrap up</b>  Chair's remarks</p>

<b>Workshop III: Strengthening transparent, inclusive, and accountable institutions</b> In partnership with the International Peace Institute Venue: Conference Room 12 Draft Programme	
3:00 – 3:10 p.m.	<b>Opening</b>  Moderator: Mr. Youssef Mahmoud, International Peace Institute  <i>Introduction and presentation of the state of play on the subject, introduction of Panelists</i>
3:10 – 3:40 p.m.	Panelists from Member States to discuss best practices and experiences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Ms. Tone Skogen, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Norway.</li> <li>• H.E. Mr. Jorge Skinner-Klée, Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations.</li> <li>• H.E. Mr. Mohamed Khaled Khair, Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations.</li> <li>• France, Open Government Partnership, OGP. (TBC).</li> </ul>
3:40 – 3:55 p.m.	Discussants from the UN: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Magdy Martínez-Solimán Assistant Secretary General, Assistant Administrator and Director Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP.</li> <li>• Ms. Marta Santos Pais, SRSG for Violence against Children.</li> </ul> <i>Discussion amongst participants</i>
3:55 – 4:15 p.m.	Participation from the Civil Society and other organizations from the floor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. John Romano, Transparency, Accountability &amp; Participation (TAP) Network</li> <li>• Ms. Judit Arenas, Director of External Relations and Deputy Permanent Observer to the United Nations of the International Development Law Organization (IDLO).</li> <li>• Mr. David Steven, Senior Fellow of Center on International Cooperation, NYU (CIC).</li> <li>• Mr. Filiep Decorte, Land and Conflict Coalition.</li> </ul>
4:15 – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Other interventions</b>
5:00 – 5:10 p.m.	<b>Closing – Wrap up by the moderator</b>