

<p style="text-align: center;">DPI/NGO Annual Orientation Programme 25-26 February 2004</p>

The NGO Section of the Department of Public Information is pleased to announce its Annual Orientation Programme for newly accredited NGO representatives and representatives of the NGOs newly associated with the Department of Public Information (DPI), which will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from Wednesday, 25 February to Thursday, 26 February 2004.

Although the Annual Orientation Programme is organized for representatives of organizations newly associated with DPI and newly appointed NGO representatives, it is open to other interested NGOs that are currently associated with the DPI. Please find the link to the programme overview above. A more detailed programme will be available before the event.

The Annual Orientation Programme provides an opportunity for NGO representatives to acquaint themselves with services provided by DPI and the NGO Section as well as other UN officers at the UN Headquarters. Sessions include information on the organization of weekly briefings and communication workshops, the annual DPI/NGO Conference, the use of the NGO Resource Centre. The NGO/DPI Executive Committee will organize a special session. The participants will also learn about the identification and retrieval of United Nations documents and other UN materials in print and electronic formats, the use of UN audio, photo and video libraries, educational outreach and the use of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library. Several representations of other offices in the UN system, including Security and Conference Services, and various NGO Committees will also provide information of interest to NGOs.

Registration forms are being sent to the representatives of organizations newly associated with DPI and newly appointed NGO representatives, as well as to all NGOs that are currently associated with the DPI. If you do not receive the registration form by 15 February 2004, please contact the NGO Resource Centre at tel.: (212) 963-7233/7234/7078, fax: (212) 963-2819 or e-mail: dpingo@un.org. We look forward to your participation in this event.