



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

19 September 2013

Excellency,

I refer to the letter dated 5 September 2013 sent by the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session regarding the inaugural meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development.

I am pleased to attach herewith the programme for this event, which will be held on Tuesday, 24 September 2013 from 3:00 to 8:30 p.m. under the theme: "Building the future we want: from Rio+20 to the post-2015 development agenda".

Many Member States and other stakeholders have expressed their interest to speak and I did my utmost to accommodate all of these expressions in light of the importance of this inaugural meeting of the forum under the auspices of the General Assembly. At this juncture, it will however not be possible to include additional interventions from the floor, and the programme should therefore be considered as final.

It is my intention to start and conclude each Leaders Dialogue punctually at the scheduled time. The only way that the speakers' list can be exhausted is if all speakers strictly respect the allotted time limits for their interventions, namely a maximum of four minutes for opening statements and maximum of three minutes for keynote speakers and speakers from the floor. Any written intervention can be sent to the Secretariat (dsd@un.org) before or after the meeting so that it can be posted on the website of the high-level political forum.

I very much look forward to what promises to be an inspiring and substantive inaugural meeting of the forum.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John W. Ashe", written in a cursive style.

John W. Ashe

To All Permanent Representatives
And Permanent Observers
To the United Nations
New York

**INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**
“Building the future we want: from Rio+20 to the post-2015 development agenda”
24 September 2013, 3:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Trusteeship Council Chamber*

3:00 p.m.- Opening of the High-level Political Forum

3:45 p.m.

Opening statements by:

- H.E. Mr. John W. Ashe, President of the General Assembly
- Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the UN
- H.E. Mr. Nestor Osorio, President of ECOSOC
- Brazil (President)
- Italy (Prime Minister)
- Mr. Jim Yong Kim, President of the World Bank Group
- Ms. Christine Lagarde, Managing Director of IMF
- Representative of Major Groups

3:45 p.m.-

Leaders Dialogue: High-level Political Forum - From vision to action

5:15 p.m.

Keynote speakers (maximum 3 minutes each):

1. G77 and China (Prime Minister of Fiji)
2. European Union (President of the European Commission)
3. Peru (President)
4. Turkey (President)
5. Bangladesh (Prime Minister)

Remarks from the floor (maximum 3 minutes each)

6. Kenya (President)
7. Mongolia (President)
8. Belgium (Prime Minister)
9. Switzerland (Vice President and Foreign Minister)
10. Venezuela (Vice President)
11. Slovakia (Deputy Prime Minister)
12. Greece (Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister)
13. China (Foreign Minister)
14. Egypt (Foreign Minister)
15. Japan (Foreign Minister)
16. India (Foreign Minister)
17. Indonesia (Foreign Minister)
18. France (Minister for Development)

5:15 p.m. -

Leaders Dialogue: Global partnerships for development to create jobs and improve sustainable lifestyles

6:45 p.m.

Keynote speakers (maximum 3 minutes each):

1. South Africa (President)
2. Nauru (President)
3. Colombia (President)
4. Norway (Prime Minister)
5. Pakistan (Prime Minister)

Remarks from the floor (maximum 3 minutes each)

6. Benin (President)
7. Mozambique (President)
8. Sri Lanka (President)
9. Netherlands (Prime Minister)
10. Montenegro (Prime Minister)
11. Samoa (Prime Minister and Foreign Minister)
12. Croatia (First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs)
13. Ecuador (Foreign Minister)
14. Malaysia (Foreign Minister)
15. Kazakhstan (Foreign Minister)
16. Finland (Foreign Minister)
17. Lithuania (Foreign Minister)
18. Germany (Foreign Minister)

6:45 p.m.-

Short key messages on sustainability issues

7:10 p.m.

(maximum 3 minutes each)

1. Mr. Wu Hongbo, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs: Strengthening the science-policy interface: Global Sustainable Development Report and the need for a data revolution
2. Mr. Guy Rider, Director-General of ILO
3. Mr. Achim Steiner, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme
4. United Nations Development Programme
5. Mr. Kadir Topbaş, Mayor of Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality: Key messages from the special event on sustainable cities and human settlements
6. Mr. Miguel Pestana, Vice President Global External Affairs and Media Relations, Unilever
7. Ms. Phillipa Gardner, Youth representative

7:10 p.m.-

8:30 p.m.

Leaders Dialogue: Mapping the way forward for eradicating poverty and achieving sustainable development

Keynote speakers (maximum 3 minutes each):

1. Guyana (President)
2. Swaziland (President)
3. Kiribati (President)
4. Ethiopia (Prime Minister)
5. Seychelles (Vice-President)

Remarks from the floor (maximum 3 minutes each)

6. Bolivia (President)
7. Denmark (Foreign Minister)
8. Israel (Minister for Intelligence and International Relations)
9. Qatar (Foreign Minister)
10. Saudi Arabia (Head of Delegation)
11. Lao PDR (Vice-Foreign Minister)
12. US (Head of US Agency for International Development)

13. UK (International Development Secretary)
14. Gabon (Vice-Minister for Sustainable Development, Economy)
15. Spain (Vice-Minister for International Cooperation and Ibero-America)
16. Ukraine (First Deputy Minister of Economy and Trade)
17. African Union
19. UNCTAD
20. IUCN

- Mr. Eiso Vaandrager and Mr. Kunal Sood: Key message from TEDxUNPlaza

8:30 p.m. **Closing of the meeting**

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Colour-coded access cards are **limited to two per delegation** with the exception of **delegations who have keynote speakers on the podium. They will receive three colour-coded access cards** so that a delegate can sit behind the keynote speaker.

The colour-coded access cards will be ready for collection at the Protocol and Liaison Service (room CB-0201) starting on **Friday, 20 September 2013**, after 10 a.m.