



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

28 April, 2014

Excellency,

Further to my letter of 7 March, 2014 concerning the convening of a one-day thematic debate “...to give due consideration to the role of **culture and sustainable development in the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda...**”, as mandated in paragraph 20 of General Assembly Resolution 68/223, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the draft Programme for the thematic debate. This document can also be accessed on my website at <http://www.un.org/en/ga/president/68/events/> under the Calendar tab.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John W. Ashe".

John W. Ashe

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

**CULTURE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT  
IN THE POST-2015 DEVELOPMENT AGENDA**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**5 May 2014, New York  
Trusteeship Council Chamber**

10:00 - 10:20	<p><b><u>Opening remarks:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Mohamed Khaled Khiari</b>, Acting President of the United Nations General Assembly</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Jan Eliasson</b>, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General</li> </ul>
10:20 - 11:00	<p><b><u>Keynote addresses:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Ms. Irina Bokova</b>, Director-General of UNESCO</li> <li>• <b>The Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean</b>, Former Governor General of Canada and UNESCO Special Envoy for Haiti</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Hao Ping</b>, President of the UNESCO General Conference and Vice-Minister of Education of the People's Republic of China</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Mr. Taleb Rifai</b>, Secretary General of UNWTO</li> </ul>
11:00 - 13:00	<p><b><u>High-Level Segment</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ <b>H.E. Mr. YUN Byung-se</b>, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the <b>Republic of Korea</b></li> <li>❖ <b>Hon. Minister Dr. Daniel Johnson</b>, Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture of <b>The Bahamas</b></li> <li>❖ <b>H.E. Ms. Rose-Anne Auguste</b>, Minister for Human Rights and the Fight against Extreme Poverty, <b>Haiti</b></li> <li>❖ <b>H.E. Ms. Ramatoulaye Diallo N'Diaye</b>, Minister of Culture of <b>Mali</b></li> <li>❖ <b>H.E. Mr. Pablo Croux</b>, Minister of Culture and Tourism of <b>Bolivia</b></li> <li>❖ <b>H.E. Mr. Mohamed Amine Sbihi</b>, Minister for Culture of Kingdom of <b>Morocco</b></li> <li>❖ <b>H.E. Ms. Lisa Hanna</b>, Minister for Youth and Culture of <b>Jamaica</b></li> <li>❖ <b>H.E. Ms. Mirela Kumbaro</b>, Minister of Culture of <b>Albania</b></li> <li>❖ <b>H.E. Ms. Graciela Bartolizzi</b>, Minister of Culture of <b>Paraguay</b></li> </ul>
13:00 - 15:00	Break

15:00 - 16:15	<p><b><u>High-Level Segment (continuation)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ H.E. Mr Hoang Tuan Anh, Minister for Culture, Sports and Tourism of <b>Vietnam</b></li> <li>❖ H.E. Maurice Kouakou Bandama, Minister for Culture and the Francophonie of <b>Côte d'Ivoire</b></li> <li>❖ H.E. Mr. Hariandi Todirjo, Deputy Permanent Secretary of Culture of <b>Suriname</b></li> <li>❖ H.E. Ms. Vatna Vall Mint Soueina, Minister of Culture and Sports of the <b>Islamic Republic of Mauritania</b></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Interventions of Representatives of Member States</u></b></p>
16:15 – 17:45	<p><b><u>Thematic Interactive Panel Discussion</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Topic: The power of culture for poverty eradication and sustainable development</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Panelists:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. Mohamed Sameh Amr, Chairperson of the UNESCO Executive Board</li> <li>• Ms. Farida Shaheed, UN Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights</li> <li>• Ms. Marianne Fay, Sustainable Development Network Chief Economist and Focal Point on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, World Bank</li> <li>• Ms. Youma Fall, Director for Diversity and Cultural Development, Organisation internationale de la Francophonie</li> <li>• Ms. Claudia Restrepo, Vice-Mayor of Medellín</li> <li>• Mr. Charles Vallerand, General Secretary of the International Federation of Coalitions for Cultural Diversity</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Video Message:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. Joan Clos, Executive Director of UN Habitat</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Interventions from the floor</u></b></p>
17:45 – 18:00	<p><b><u>Closing remarks</u></b></p>