



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

25 August 2008

Excellency,

I have the honour to transmit herewith for your information the list of side events that will be taking place during the high-level meeting on Africa's development needs on 22 September 2008. This list, together with detailed concept notes for each event, is available on the website of the President of the General Assembly: <http://www.un.org/ga/president/62/>.

I would encourage delegations to participate actively in these side events. The events constitute an important part of the meeting as they will focus attention on specific issues impacting on Africa's development.

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

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Srgjan Kerim

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Side Events

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Time & Location	Event	Main Organizers	Participants
8:00-9:45am Location: International Peace Institute	CRIME AS AN IMPEDIMENT TO SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing the links between Development and the Rule of Law, and sharing best practices from the region 	UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), International Peace Institute (IPI) <i>[Focal point: Simone Monasebia, monasebian@un.org 212-963-5631]</i>	Senior Member of the AU, Permanent Representatives to the UN
10:00am-1:00pm Location: Conf. Room 7	YOUTH, EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore how to promote youth empowerment and engagement in order to address Africa's development needs 	UNFPA, ILO, UNOSDP, IOM, ECA <i>[Focal point: Obi Emekekwe, emekekwe@unfpa.org, 212 297 5173]</i>	Government Representatives, NGOs, CSOs, UN Agencies
10:00am-1:00pm Location: Conf. Room 8	THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGE IN AFRICA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health for all in Africa: Combating AIDs, TB, malaria, maternal and infant mortality • Water and Sanitation 	UNFPA, IOM, UNAIDS, UNHCR, UN-HABITAT <i>[Focal Point: Akinyele Dairo, dairo@unfpa.org, 212-297-5162]</i>	Government Representatives, Civil Society, UN Agencies
10:00am-1:00pm Location: Dag Hammarskjold Auditorium	MICROCREDIT, MICROFINANCE, INCLUSIVE FINANCE: BUILDING SUCCESS FOR INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR POVERTY ERADICATION IN AFRICA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good practices and successful experiences in Africa towards building inclusive financial sectors 	UNCDF, the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the UN, UN Advisors Group on Inclusive Finance <i>[Focal point: Monica Gaba, monica.gaba@uncdf.org, 212 906 6181]</i>	Government Representatives, NGOs, Private Sector, UN Agencies
12:00-2:45pm Location: Delegates	ACCELERATING POVERTY REDUCTION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH :	UNIDO, UNCTAD, UNDP, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)	Government Representatives, NGOs, Private

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Dining Rooms, 5, 6, 7, 8	TRANSFORMING AFRICAN COUNTRIES INTO TIGER ECONOMIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lessons learnt from Asian tiger economies • How international cooperation can facilitate growth in Africa • Economic growth vs. environmental protection 	<p>[Focal point: <i>Graham Clough, cloughg@un.org, 212 963 6885</i></p>	Sector, UN Agencies
1:15- 2:45pm <u>Location:</u> Delegates Dining Room, West Terrace	TRANSFORMING THE CLIMATE FOR BUSINESS TO ACCELERATE PRIVATE SECTOR-LED GROWTH AND PROGRESS TOWARDS THE MDGs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlight good practices and experiences in Africa of building policy and regulatory frameworks that contribute to growth and poverty reduction 	UNOP, The LTB Foundation, Business Action for Africa, Africa Investor, the Commonwealth Business Council, UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa (tbc), Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the UN, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), the Gates Foundation, Permanent Mission of Angola, and The Netherlands together with the CEO of a major corporation that would co-host the event (for example Coca-Cola, Microsoft, Nestle, Unilever, Standard Chartered Bank, etc), the Public-Private Alliance Foundation (PPAF). <p>[Focal point: <i>William Kennedy, kennedyw@un.org, 212963-6438]</i></p>	Government Representatives, NGOs, Private Sector, UN Agencies
1:15-2:45pm <u>Location:</u> Delegates Dining Room	BIOENERGY, AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT: POLICY REPORT FOR THE WEST AFRICAN ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate the launch of a report on advancing the development of bioenergy in ways supportive of sustainable development in the region 	UN Foundation, Italian Ministry of Environment, UNOP <p>[Focal point: <i>William Kennedy, kennedyw@un.org, 212963-6438; jhall@unfoundation.org, 202-887-9040]</i></p>	Government Representatives, NGOs, Private Sector, UN Agencies
1:15-2:45pm <u>Location:</u> Conf. Room 7	LAUNCH OF: AFRICA ATLAS OF OUR CHANGING ENVIRONMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atlas highlights important environmental issues of all African countries, progress towards MDG7 and provides evidence of local changes 	UNEP <p>[Focal point : <i>James Sniffen, sniffen@un.org, 212 963 8094]</i></p>	Government Representatives, NGOs, Private Sector, UN Agencies

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1:15-2:45pm Location: Conf. Room 8	GLENEAGLES SCENARIOS: APPROACH FOR SCALING UP ODA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations on experiences in developing a “Gleneagles” scenario to mobilize and deliver more effective, predictable and coordinated scaled-up resources for accelerated progress toward the MDGs 	UNDP/MDG, two member states, World Bank, IMF, EC, AfDB and Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) <i>[Focal point: Brett House, brett.house@undp.org, 646 379 9841; boubou.camara@undp.org]</i>	Government Representatives, NGOs, UN Agencies, WB and IMF
2:00 pm-4:30pm Location: Dag Hammarskjold Auditorium	STRENGTHENING AFRICAN PRIVATE SECTOR COMPETITIVENESS IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO (ITC) World Bank, UN Global Compact <i>[Focal point: Yuvan A. Beejadhur, ybeejadhur@worldbank.org 212- 355-6114; Ashish Shah, shah@intracen.org, 41-22-730-0351]</i>	Government Representatives, NGOs, Private Sector, UN Agencies
3:00-5:30pm Location: Conf. Room 8	GOVERNANCE CHALLENGE IN AFRICA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Democratic governance; state and non-state capacity • Impacts of the APRM • Equality, Opportunity and the Rule of Law 	UNU, OSAA, UN-HABITAT, ECA, UNIFEM, UNODC, IPU <i>[Focal point : Jin Zhang, jin@ony.unu.edu, 212 963 6387 ; Katrin Toomel, toomel@un.org]</i>	Government Representatives, UN Agencies, NGOs, Private Sector,
3:00-5:30pm Location: Conf. Room 2	A RESPONSE TO THE WORLD FOOD CRISIS : SMALLHOLDER AGRICULTURE, FOOD SECURITY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considers key elements of a possible plan to enhance agricultural productivity, raise incomes, reduce hunger and improve nutrition in Africa 	FAO, IFAD, WFP, Permanent Mission of the republic of Malawi to the UN, UNDP, Earth Institute at Columbia University, UN-NGLS, UNAIDS, WB, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) <i>[Focal point: Themba N. Masuku, masuku@un.org, 212 963 6319 Sharon Brennen-Haylock, brennen-haylock@un.org, 212 963 0977]</i>	Government Representatives, UN Agencies, NGOs, CSOs and Private Sector
3:00-6:00pm Location: Conf. Room 3	AFRICA WOMEN FORUM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accountability to commitments made regarding gender equality and women’s rights in Africa • Measures to address the needs of the poor most marginalized and excluded women • Roles of various stakeholders in promoting women leadership and engendering local development plans 	UNIFEM, UNFPA, IOM, UNICEF, UNAIDS, UNV, ECA, ITC, UNCTAD/WTO, OSAA, Co-Hosts: Rwanda, Iceland, Denmark, African Union, European Commission <i>[Focal point : Micheline Ravololonarisoa, micheline.ravololonarisoa@unifem.org, 212 906 5025]</i>	Government Representatives, NGOs CSOs, Private Sector, UN Agencies

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3:00-5:30pm Location: Conf. Room 9	AFRICA'S VULNERABILITY: THE ENERGY CRISIS, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implications on achievement of MDGs and sustainable growth • How to ensure environmental and sustainable energy production and consumption 	ECA, UNIDO, UNEP, FAO, UNHCR <i>[Focal point : Amr Nour, nour@un.org 212-963-5565 Daniela Simioni, simioni@un.org 917-367-2003]</i>	Government Representatives, NGOs, Private Sector, UN Agencies
3:00- 5:30pm Location: Conf. Room C	MIGRATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore potential contribution of migrants to the development of the countries of origin and destination • Identify how solutions for internally displaced persons can be connected to sustainable development efforts 	IOM, ECA, UNDP, UNHCR <i>[Focal point: Amy Muedin, AMUEDIN@iom.int, 212-681-7000 Ext. 212]</i>	Government Representatives, UN Agencies, NGOs
3:00- 6:30pm Location: Japan Society	CONFRONTING THE DISEASE OF POVERTY TO MEET THE MDGs: "DIGITAL HEALTH AND AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT" INTERACTIVE ROUNDTABLE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to engage the health, technology and development communities on common goals in order to provide a common language to address challenges and progress 	UN Office for Partnerships, UN "Health 8" partners, the Earth Institute at Columbia University, Commonwealth Business Council, African Business Roundtable, International Business Leaders Forum, Business Action for Africa, Oxford Health Alliance, The Rockefeller Foundation <i>[Focal point: Denis Gilhooly, gilhooly@un.org]</i>	Government Representatives, UN Agencies, NGOs, Private Sector