

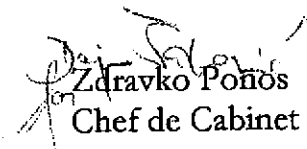
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

New York, 22 February 2013

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to enclose herewith a letter by the Co-Facilitators for the preparatory process of the Special Event in 2013 to follow up efforts made towards achieving the MDGs, H.E. Ms. Anne Anderson, Permanent Representative of Ireland and Mr. Doctor Mashabane, Chargé d'affaires a.i. of South Africa, transmitting a draft modalities decision and inviting members to a second round of informal consultations to be held on Thursday, 28 February 2013.

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


Zdravko Pošos
for
Chef de Cabinet

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



22 February 2013

Excellency,

In our role as Co-Facilitators for the preparatory process of the Special Event to follow up efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals we wish to express our gratitude to Member States for their constructive participation in the first informal consultations we held on 15 February 2013 to begin consideration of the Special Event.

We undertook at that meeting to reflect further on the views expressed with respect to the organisational aspects of the Special Event. In our view there was broad support for the approach set out by the co-facilitators in our Food for Thought paper, including the date, duration and format. It is with pleasure that we attach a draft decision on modalities for the Special Event for your consideration which has been drafted with a view to finding general acceptance. We would again stress the urgency of moving to an early decision on modalities. Additionally, please find attached an outline of the format for the day.

To consider the modalities further, we have pleasure in inviting you to a second round of informal consultations on **Thursday, 28 February 2013 at 10:00 am in Conference Room 4**. (Please confirm the venue in the Official Journal).

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

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H.E. Anne Anderson
Permanent Representative of Ireland

Handwritten signature of Mr. Doctor Mashabane.

Mr. Doctor Mashabane
Deputy Permanent Representative
of the Republic of South Africa

**Draft decision on modalities for the Special Event of the
President of the General Assembly**

The General Assembly

Recalls its request to the President of the General Assembly to organize a special event in 2013 to follow-up efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals at the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly.

Decides to hold the Special Event as a one-day event on Wednesday, 25 September 2013 at United Nations Headquarters in New York;

Decides also that the Special Event shall comprise an opening and a closing plenary meeting, and up to four high-level interactive multi-stakeholder roundtable sessions which will focus in particular on acceleration of implementation of the Millennium Development Goals as well as looking forward to the post-2015 framework;

Decides further that the Special Event shall result in a short, concise and forward-looking outcome document and that open and inclusive consultations will continue in this regard.

Organisation of 2013 Special Event

Wednesday 25 September 2013

Opening Plenary Session 9 am-11am

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome by PGA

Statement by UN Secretary General

9:15 – 11:00 Statements by limited number of HOSGs

Time to be allocated in a fair and representative manner, with an opportunity for statements to be made on behalf of political groupings.

Round Tables

- *Member states would be invited to inscribe on a High Level Speaker's list (HOSGs or Ministers) for the round tables. Each round table would be co-chaired by two representative HOSGs/Ministers. Panellists for each round-table would be drawn from member states/UN agencies/civil society and other stakeholders.*
- *The theme for all round tables would be identical, addressing both the challenge of MDG achievement and looking to the Post-2015 Framework.*
- *The initial half hour at each round table would be allocated for panel presentations. The remaining hour and a half would be available for interactive debate. 45 speakers per round table could be accommodated if interventions were limited to 2 minutes each (with 4 round tables accommodating a maximum of 180 speakers). The speakers lists would be closed well in advance, and the time allocated per speaker would be adjusted depending on the demand for speaking slots.*
- *Written statements would be posted on the UN MDG website*

11 am – 1 pm: Round Table 1 and Round Table 2 to be held simultaneously

3 pm – 5 pm: Round Table 3 and Round Table 4 to be held simultaneously

5 pm – 6:30 pm: Closing Plenary

Summary of 4 round table discussions by co-chairs

Closing remarks by SG

Closing by PGA (including Outcome of the Special Event)