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Excellency,

In reference to letter from H.E. Vuk Jeremić, the President of the General Assembly, dated 21 March 2013, I have the pleasure to share with Your Excellency the draft program and indicative guidelines on the format of the thematic debate entitled **“Sustainable Development and Climate Change: Practical Solutions in the Water-Energy Nexus”**, to be held at UN Headquarters in New York on Thursday, 16 May 2013.

Please note that the draft program is subject to changes and updated information and further documentation about the event will be available on the website of the President of the General Assembly.

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

  
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All Permanent Representatives and  
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New York



**UN General Assembly**

**Thematic Debate**

**Sustainable Development and Climate Change:  
Practical Solutions in the Energy-Water Nexus**

**16 May 2013, New York**

**Draft programme  
(9 May 2013)**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>PROGRAMME</b>
10:00 – 10:30am	<b>OPENING SESSION</b>
	H.E. Mr. VukJeremic, President of the General Assembly Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs H.E. Dr. Sultan Ahmed al-Jaber, UAE Minister of State, Special Envoy for Energy and Climate Change
10:30 – 11:15am	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESSES</b> (Confirmed as of 9 May 2013)
	Mr. JanezPotočnik, European Commissioner for Environment H.E. Ms. IzabellaTeixeira, Minister of Environment of Brazil H.E. Mr. KapparovNurlanZhambulovich, Minister of Environment Protection of Kazakhstan Ms. BeataJaczewska, Deputy Minister of Environment of Poland Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, SDSN and The Earth Institute, Columbia University
11:15- 11:45 am	<b>VIEWS FROM THE FRONTLINE</b>
	Dr. Rajendra Kumar Pachauri, Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and Director-General of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) The Hon.Craig Knowles, Chair, Murray-DarlingBasin Authority of Australia Prof. Laurence Tubiana, Director, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations, Sciences Po Prof. Johan Rockström, Stockholm Resilience Centre
11.45 am -1.00 pm	<b>INTERACTIVE DEBATE</b>

3:00 – 4:30 pm	<b>INTERACTIVE ROUNDTABLE PANEL DISCUSSION I: ENERGY-WATER NEXUS/ GLOBAL GOALS AND FRAMEWORKS</b>
	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.E. Mr.Geir O. Pedersen, Permanent Representative of Norway to the UN</li> </ul> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, Special Advisor of the Secretary-General on Post-2015 Development Planning</li> <li>- Ms. Gisela Alonso Domínguez, President, Cuban Agency of Environment</li> <li>- Ms. Samantha Smith, Director of WWF Global Climate Change and Energy Initiative</li> <li>- Mr. Zhou Dadi, Director General (Emeritus)Energy Research Institute of the National Development and Reform Commission</li> <li>- Prof. Mark A. Cane, G. Unger Vetlesen Professor of Earth and Climate Sciences, The Earth Institute, ColumbiaUniversity</li> </ul>
4:30 – 5:45pm	<b>INTERACTIVE ROUNDTABLE PANEL DISCUSSION II: ENERGY-WATER NEXUS/TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS AND INVESTMENT</b>
	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Adnan Z. Amin, Director-General, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)</li> </ul> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.E. Ms. RazanKhalifa Al Mubarak, Secretary General, Environment Agency- Abu Dhabi</li> <li>- Prof. Vijay Modi, Columbia University</li> <li>- Mr. Brice Lalonde, Special Advisor on Sustainable Development, Global Compact</li> <li>- Mr. Jeff Seabright, Vice President of Environment and Water Resources, The Coca-Cola Company</li> </ul>
5:45 – 6:00pm	<b>CLOSING SESSION</b>
	<p>Mr. Jeffrey Sachs, SDSN and Earth Institute, ColumbiaUniversity</p> <p>H.E. Dr. Sultan al-Jaber, UAE Minister of State, Special Envoy for Energy and Climate Change</p> <p>H.E. Mr. VukJeremic, President of the General Assembly</p>

### Indicative Guidelines on Format

These indicative guidelines are applicable to all segments of the thematic debate.

In order to promote the interactive nature of the thematic debate, there will not be a pre-determined speakers list. It is kindly requested that keynote speakers listed in the program limit their remarks to 7 minutes. All other speakers are kindly requested to limit their interventions to 3 minutes. In order to have the discussions in the round tables of the afternoon session as interactive as possible, it is also kindly requested to limit interventions/questions to 3 minutes as well.

Longer versions of the speeches can be shared with the Office of the President of the General Assembly to be posted on the website of the President of the General Assembly.