



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3 July 2013

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to refer to the informal interactive hearings on international migration and development with representatives of non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 67/219. The hearings will take place in the General Assembly Hall (NLB) on Monday, 15 July 2013, from 10.00 – 13.00 and 15.00 – 18.00 hrs.

The hearings are a mandated preparatory event to be organized prior to the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development scheduled to take place at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 3 and 4 October 2013.

The informal interactive hearings will focus on the overall theme of the 2013 High-level Dialogue, which is to “Identify concrete measures to strengthen coherence and cooperation at all levels, with a view to enhancing the benefits of international migration for migrants and countries alike and its important links to development, while reducing its negative implications”.

The one-day informal interactive hearings will commence with opening remarks, followed by an opening panel featuring representatives of civil society as well as Mr. Peter Sutherland, Secretary-General’s Special Representative on International Migration and Development. The hearings will also comprise four interactive segments focused on the following themes: (a) migrant labour and mobility; (b) migrant rights and protection; (c) human development and diaspora action; and (d) migration and governance.

The draft programme is enclosed herewith.

Active participation of Member States would be an important positive signal to non-governmental, civil society and private sector organizations, as well as the contribution to the preparations for the High-level Dialogue.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vuk Jeremić', written over a horizontal line.

Vuk Jeremić

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

**Office of the President of the General Assembly
Informal Interactive Hearings on International Migration and Development
General Assembly Hall (NLB), New York, 15 July 2013**

Preparatory event for the 2013 High-level Dialogue on
International Migration and Development

Draft Programme

Rapporteur: Ms. Cathi Tactaquin, Executive Director of the National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights
Moderators: Ms. Susan Martin, Georgetown University and Mr. Khalid Koser, Geneva Centre for Security Policy - tbc

10:00 - 10:15	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. H.E. Vuk Jeremić, President of the General Assembly - Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General - <i>tbc</i>
10:15 - 10:50	<p>Opening panel – looking back and beyond the HLD 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Civil Society's 5-Year-Action Agenda for collaboration and change</i> Mr. William Gois, HLD Civil Society Steering Committee, Regional Coordinator Migrant Forum in Asia - <i>Migrants and diaspora; partners in development</i> Mr. Gibril Faal, HLD Civil Society Steering Committee, Director GK Partners & Chairman African Foundation for Development (AFFORD) - <i>Migration and decent work</i> Mr. Ambet Yuson, Chairperson of the Council of Global Unions, General Secretary Building and Wood Workers International - <i>Looking back and moving forward: key achievements and expectations for the 2013 HLD and beyond</i> Mr. Peter Sutherland, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for International Migration and Development
10:50 - 11:55	<p>Action theme 1 – Migrant labour and mobility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>A private sector perspective on regulating the migrant labour recruitment industry</i> Mr. Tristan Forster, CEO FSI Worldwide - <i>tbc</i> - <i>A workers' perspective on migrant labour mobility and the labour rights of migrants</i> Ms. Ana Avendano, Director of Immigration and Community Action at the AFL-CIO - <i>An employers' perspective on labour mobility, skills and rights</i> Mr. Randel K. Johnson, US Chamber of Commerce – <i>tbc</i> - <i>Recommendations on labour mobility, rights and recruitment</i> Representative from regional consultations

	<p><i>Responses by Member States</i></p> <p><i>Interactive debate</i></p>
11:55 - 13:00	<p>Action theme 2: Migrant rights and protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Protecting and empowering children in the context of mobility</i> Mr. Ignacio Packer, Secretary General Terre des Hommes - <i>Protecting and empowering women in the context of mobility</i> Ms. Milka Isinta, Pan African Network in Defense of Migrants' Rights, - <i>Migrants in Crisis and Transit Situations</i> Ms. Eva Sandis, Chair of the NGO Committee on Migration (CoNGO) - <i>Recommendations on women, children and migrants in distress</i> Representative from regional consultations <p><i>Responses by Member States</i></p> <p><i>Interactive debate</i></p>
15:00 - 15:35	<p>Youth perspectives; voices of change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>The story of a migrant youth organizer</i> Mr. Rishi Singh, Desis Rising up and Moving (DRUM), New York - <i>The story of a migration journey</i> Ms. Clariste Soh-Moube, Centre Amadou HampâtéBâ (CAHBA), Mali, researcher, social activist and author of "The Trap" - <i>tbc</i> - <i>The story of a young migrant entrepreneur</i> Ms. Ola Orekunrin. Flying Doctors Nigeria, doctor
15:35 - 16:40	<p>Action theme 3: Human development, diaspora action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Engaging migrants and diaspora as social actors and policy advocates in development</i> Ms. Claudia Lucero, President of Durango Unido - <i>Diaspora youth, global citizens</i> Mr. Karim Saafi, African Diaspora Youth living in Europe - <i>Ensuring migrants' and migration's rightful place on the post-2015 development agenda</i> Ms. Kathleen Newland, Head of Policy, Migration Policy Institute, <i>tbc</i> - <i>Recommendations on human development and diaspora action</i> Representative from regional consultations <p><i>Responses by Member States</i></p> <p><i>Interactive debate</i></p>
16:40 - 17:45	<p>Action theme 4: Migration governance and partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Towards better international collaboration on migration in the next 5 years</i> Mr. John K. Bingham, Head of Policy, International Catholic Migration Commission

	<p>- <i>A business case for multi-stakeholder partnerships and migration governance</i> Ms. Isabel de Sola, Senior Knowledge Manager, World Economic Forum</p> <p>- <i>Rights-based governance of migration</i> Ms. Claire Courteille, Equality Director, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC), Global Unions</p> <p>- <i>Recommendations and actions on international mechanisms and national implementation, including enforcement policies and social protection</i> Mr. Colin Rajah, Global Coalition on Migration</p> <p><i>Responses by Member States</i></p> <p><i>Interactive debate</i></p>
<p>17:45 – 18:00</p>	<p>Concluding session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms. Cathi Tactaquin, Rapporteur - Office of the President of the General Assembly