



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

5 September 2013

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly Resolution 65/1, paragraph 78, which requests the President of the General Assembly at its 68th session to organize a special event in 2013 to follow up on efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

I have the pleasure to forward to you the programme for the Special Event, to be held on Wednesday, 25 September 2013, from 9:00 am to 6:30 pm, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber and CR 2.

The Special Event will deal with the implementation of the MDGs, identify existing gaps to be addressed and pave the way for a transition from MDGs to SDGs. It will be opened in plenary session (9:00 am to 10:30 am), followed by two parallel roundtables in the morning (10:30 am – 1:00 pm) and two parallel roundtables in the afternoon (3:00 pm – 6:00 pm). The subject of the Special Event is also the subject of each of the four roundtables.

The programme has been established drawing on consultations with regional groups, requests made by individual Member States, while aiming to take into consideration the level of speakers and overall geographical balance throughout the high-level week meetings.

I would like to use this opportunity to emphasize again the importance of this meeting in the context of the overall efforts of the United Nations to advance towards the post-2015 development agenda and express my appreciation and support to the two co-facilitators, the Ambassador of Ireland and the Ambassador of South Africa, for their work on the outcome document.

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

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

Vuk Jeremic

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

**Special Event of the President of the General Assembly follow up on efforts made towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)**

**Wednesday, 25 September 2013, New York**

9:00-10:30	<p><b>Opening of the Special Event</b>  <i>Room: Trusteeship Council Chamber</i></p> <p>Opening remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• H.E. Mr. John Ashe, President of the General Assembly</li> <li>• H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, Secretary-General of the UN</li> <li>• EU: President of the European Commission</li> <li>• G77: Prime Minister of Fiji</li> <li>• Rwanda (President)</li> <li>• Japan (Prime Minister)</li> <li>• United States of America (Secretary of State)</li> <li>• Belarus (Foreign Minister)</li> <li>• Jim Yong Kim, President of the World Bank</li> <li>• Helen Clark, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</li> <li>• Jeffrey Sachs, Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on the Millennium Development Goals</li> <li>• William and Melinda Gates (Bill &amp; Melinda Gates Foundation)</li> <li>• Barbara Martinez, Latin American &amp; Caribbean Network of Young People Living with HIV</li> </ul>
10.30-13.00	<p><b>Round Table 1</b>  <i>Room: Trusteeship Council Chamber</i>            Co-chairs: South Africa (President); Turkey (President)            NGO representatives: Réseau des agriculteurs et de producteurs agricoles des organisations de l'Afrique de l'Ouest; China Energy Fund</p>
10.30-13.00	<p><b>Round Table 2</b>  <i>Room: CR 2</i>            Co-chairs: Bangladesh (Prime Minister); Ireland (Dep. Prime Minister)            NGO representatives: Center for Autonomy and Development of Indigenous Peoples; World Vision</p>
15.00-18.00	<p><b>Round Table 3</b>  <i>Room: Trusteeship Council Chamber</i>            Co-chairs: Benin; Sweden (Prime Minister)            NGO representatives: National Foundation for India/Global Call to Action Against Poverty; Arab NGO Network for Development; Save the Children</p>
15.00-18.00	<p><b>Round Table 4</b>  <i>Room: CR 2</i>            Co-chairs: Montenegro (Dep. Prime Minister); UAE            NGO representatives: CARITAS Internationalis; Volunteer Service Abroad</p>

18.00-18.30

**Closing remarks**

*Room: Trusteeship Council Chamber*

*Format: 1+1*

Closing remarks by:

- One representative of each Round Table for a brief wrap-up
- Secretary General
- H.E. John Ashe, President of the 68<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly