

THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3 February 2015

Excellency,

Further my letter dated 28 January 2015 informing you of the special event of the General Assembly titled "World Interfaith Harmony: Multi-religious Partnership for Sustainable Development", to be held on 6 February 2015, I am pleased to share the attached detailed programme.

I look forward to your personal participation.

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

\_Va Sam K. Kutesa

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

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

## Special Event of the President of the General Assembly on the occasion of World Interfaith Harmony Week World Interfaith Harmony: Multi-religious Partnership for Sustainable Development 6 February 2015, Trusteeship Council Chamber

10.00 - 10.30	Opening Session
	• H.E. Mr. Sam Kahamba Kutesa, President of the General Assembly
	• Ms. Cristina Gallach, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations
	• Dr. William F. Vendley, President of the RNGO Committee at the UN
	• Ms. Sara Rahim, UN Youth Representative of the Parliament of the World's Religions
10.30 - 10.40	Artistic Expression: Performance by Michael Katz, Cellist
10.40 - 11.45	Panel Discussion I
	<b>Topic:</b> Interfaith Collaboration for Post 2015 Sustainable Development Agenda The role of the religious communities, with a particular focus on interfaith collaboration, to advance post 2015 development agenda. Religious leaders (including women and youth) will share concrete actions, best practices and lessons learned from the field
	• CHAIR: H.E. Ambassador U. Joy Ogwu, Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the United Nations
	• H.E. Archbishop Bemardito Auza, Permanent Observer of the Holy See Mission to the United Nations
	• Imam Shamsi Ali, Chairman of the Al-Hikmah Mosque and Director of the Jamaica Muslim Center
	Rev. Dr. Usman J. Fornah, Secretary General of the Inter-Religious Council of Sierra Leone
	• <b>Rabbi Roger Ross,</b> Executive Director of the Rabbinical Seminary of America, Chair International Seminary for Interfaith Studies
	• Dr. Uma Mysorekar, President of the Hindu Temple Society of North America
	Moderated Q&A: The session will be opened to the floor to take questions and comments from the audiences.
11.45 - 11.50	Video: Produced by Rev. Doyeon Park, Won Buddhism International

11.50 - 12.55	Panel Discussion II
	<b>Topic: Multi-religious and Multi-sectoral Partnership in Achieving Sustainable</b> <b>Development Goals</b> Advancing action partnership between religious communities and other stakeholders to expedite and improve the progress being made in sustainable development
	• CHAIR: H.E. Ambassador Irene Susan B. Natividad, Charges d'Affaires of Philippines Mission to the United Nations
	• H.E. Ambassador Ufuk Gokcen, Permanent Observer of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to the United Nations
	• <b>Dr. Azza Karam,</b> Senior Culture Advisor of the UNFPA and Coordinator of the UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Faith-Based Engagement
	• <b>Dr. Katherine Marshall,</b> Senior Fellow at Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs
	• Mr. Doug Hostetter, Director of the Mennonite Central Committee
	Moderated Q&A: The session will be opened to the floor to take questions and comments from the audiences.
12.55 – 13.00	Closing Session
	• H.E. Mr. Sam Kahamba Kutesa, President of the General Assembly