



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

16 April 2015

Excellency,

I refer to my letters dated 16 March 2015 and 8 April 2015, as well as the Concept Note for the High-level Thematic Debate on Promoting Tolerance and Reconciliation: Fostering Peaceful, Inclusive Societies and Countering Violent Extremism, which I will convene in conjunction with the Secretary-General and the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations on 21 and 22 April 2015 at United Nations Headquarters in New York, I am pleased to forward the attached programme of the event.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam K. Kutesa', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sam K. Kutesa

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

**High-Level Thematic Debate of the UN General Assembly
Promoting Tolerance and Reconciliation:
Fostering Peaceful, Inclusive Societies and Countering Violent Extremism
UNHQ– April 21-22, 2015**

Programme

April 21, 2015

9:00 am – 9:30 pm (General Assembly Hall)

- **Opening Session:** Fostering Peaceful, Inclusive Societies and Countering Violent Extremism
 - **H.E. Sam K. Kutesa**, President of the General Assembly
 - **H.E. Ban Ki-moon**, Secretary-General
 - **H.E. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser**, High Representative of the Alliance of Civilizations

9:30 am – 1:00 pm (General Assembly Hall)

- **High-level Plenary Session:** High-level representatives, Permanent Missions, Observers

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm (Trusteeship Council Chamber)

- **Interactive panel discussion:** Practical Strategies for fostering peaceful, inclusive societies and countering violent extremism
- **Chair:** **H.E. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser**, High Representative of the Alliance of Civilizations
 - **Moderator:** **Ms. Pamela Falk**, UN Resident Correspondent, CBS News
 - **Mr Dendeu Badarch**, Director of Division of Social Transformations and Intercultural Dialogue, UNESCO
 - **H.E. Francisco Caetano José Madeira**, AU Special Representative for Counter-Terrorism Cooperation
 - **Ms. Naureen Chowdhury Fink**, Head of Research, Global Center on Cooperative Security, NY
 - **Ms. Mossarat Qadeem**, PAIMAN Trust, Pakistan
 - **Mr. Maqsoud Kruse**, Executive Director, Hedayah
 - **Dr. Patrick Ho**, Deputy Chairman and Secretary-General, China Energy Fund Committee

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm (Trusteeship Council Chamber)

- **Plenary Session** (continued)

April 22, 2015

9:00 am – 9:10 pm (General Assembly Hall)

- **Opening Session: The Potential for Religion in Building Bridges of Tolerance and Reconciliation**
 - **H.E. Ban Ki-moon**, Secretary-General

9:10 am – 1:00 pm (General Assembly Hall)

- **Plenary: Priority given to religious leaders**

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm (Trusteeship Council Chamber)

- **Interactive panel discussion: Highlighting a counter-narrative that emphasizes tolerance for diversity, freedom of expression and human rights**
- **Introductory remarks: H.E. Ban Ki-moon**, Secretary-General
- **Moderated by Ms. Laura Trevelyan**, BBC
- **Closing remarks: H.E. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser**, High Representative of the Alliance of Civilizations

4:30 pm – 5:50 pm (Trusteeship Council Chamber)

- **Plenary Session** (continued)

5:50 pm – 6:00 pm (Trusteeship Council Chamber)

- **Closing Session**
 - **H.E. Sam K. Kutesa**, President of the General Assembly