



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

27 April 2015

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 24 February 2015 by which I forwarded the Concept Note for the High-Level Thematic debate on Strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and Regional and sub-regional organizations, I have the honour to transmit herewith the provisional programme for the event scheduled for 4 May 2015.

I look forward to the participation of Member States and Observers at high level.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam K. Kutesa', written over a printed name.

Sam K. Kutesa

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

Provisional Programme

High-Level Thematic Debate

Strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and regional and sub-regional organizations

4 May 2015, Trusteeship Council Chamber

Morning	
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<p><u>Opening remarks:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. Sam K. Kutesa, President of the United Nations General Assembly• H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations <p><u>Keynote speaker</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. Yoweri Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<p><u>Plenary</u></p> <p>This Session will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to further enhance the cooperation and strategic partnership between the UN and regional and sub-regional organizations? <p>Remarks by Ministers, Heads of regional and sub-regional organizations and high-level speakers (7 minutes each)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.E. Mr. Fred Mitchell, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Immigration of the Bahamas and Chair of the Caribbean Community• H.E. Mr. Georges Rebelo Chikoti, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Angola and Chair of ICGLR• H.E. Mrs. Annika Soder, Vice Minister and State Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Sweden• H.E. Mr. Jose Miguel Insulza, Secretary-General of the Organization of American States• H.E. Dr. Nabil El Araby, Secretary-General of the Arab League• H.E. Amb. Lamberto Zannier, Secretary General, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe• H.E. Mr. Iyad Ameen Madani, Secretary-General, Organization of Islamic Cooperation• H.E. Mr. Erastus Mwencha, Deputy-Chairperson, African Union Commission• H.E. Mr. Alain Le Roy, Secretary-General, European External Action Service <p>Statements/interventions by Member States and stakeholders (3 minutes each)</p>

Afternoon	
3:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.	<p><u>Interactive panel 1</u></p> <p>Strengthening the strategic cooperation between the UN and regional and sub-regional organizations in the three pillars of the UN system, namely: peace and security, human rights and development</p> <p>Moderator: H.E. Mr. Jeffrey Feltman, Under Secretary-General for United Nations Department of Political Affairs</p> <p><u>Panellists</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Mahboub Maalim, Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Authority on Development • Mr. Le Luong Minh, Secretary-General, ASEAN Secretariat • Dr. Molefi Kete Asante, Professor of African-American Studies, Temple University • Mr. Peter Van Tuijl, Executive Director, Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict • Ms. Lyazzat Kaltayeva, Association of Women with Disabilities <p>Interactive discussion and remarks by Member States and other Stakeholders (2-3 minutes)</p>
4:35 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.	<p><u>Interactive panel 2</u></p> <p>Galvanizing support of regional and sub-regional organizations towards the implementation of a transformative post-2015 development agenda</p> <p>Moderator: H.E. Mr. Vuk Jeremic, President, Center for International Relations and Sustainable Development</p> <p><u>Panellists</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Alicia Barcena Ibarra, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Latin America and Caribbean • Dr. Carlos Lopes, Executive Secretary, Economic Commission for Africa • Mr. David Steven, Senior Fellow and Associate Director, Center on International Cooperation • Prof. Alioune Sall, Founder and Executive Director, African Futures Institute • Mr. Ali Shahbaz, Sustainable Development Policy Institute <p>Interactive discussion and remarks by Member States and other Stakeholders (2-3 minutes)</p>
6:00 p.m.	<p><u>Conclusion of the High-level Thematic Debate</u></p>