

Dear NGO Representative,

You are cordially invited to participate in the 65th Annual United Nations Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI), which will be held at United Nations Headquarters, from Wednesday, 27 August, to Friday, 29 August, 2014. This will be the first time since 2007 that the Conference has returned to the UN Headquarters in New York.

The Conference, whose title is “2015 and Beyond: Our Action Agenda”, is being organized through a partnership of the United Nations Department of Public Information and civil society, through the NGO/DPI Executive Committee which represents the more than 1,300 NGOs worldwide associated with DPI.

A major civil society gathering at the UN, the Conference will provide an opportunity for civil society international networks and activists to develop an “Action Agenda” to mobilize messaging, advocacy strategies, partnerships and accountability frameworks in the lead up to the start of the intergovernmental negotiations which will culminate in the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda at a summit in September 2015. The Conference outcome declaration will aim to inform the Secretary-General’s September 2014 Climate Summit the Secretary-General’s Synthesis Report on the post-2015 development agenda, due out in December 2014, , and the Lima (2014) and Paris (2015) UNFCCC COPs.

The purpose of this Conference is to harness the strategies, expertise and resources across the broadest spectrum of civil society to move poverty eradication, sustainability, human rights and climate justice into the mainstream discourse, and spark sustained public demand for lasting political action in support of ambitious SDGs. A Conference Declaration will be produced through an open process to frame an ambitious “Action Agenda” for civil society. Please visit the conference website and provide your inputs to the “zero draft” document, which will serve as the basis for the declaration, by July 15, 2014.

The Conference will provide valuable network-building opportunities for all participants. In addition to representatives of NGOs, also present will be civil society organizations, grassroots constituencies, the UN system and Member States, representatives of the media, academia, the private sector and other institutions.

The Conference is expected to engage participants in sharing experiences and articulating perspectives on how to enhance their activities in the promotion of an ambitious and successful post-2015 development through roundtable panel discussions, interactive dialogues, workshops, building partnerships for the green economy, and other activities.

Background documents and information on the programme will be available on the Conference website. All NGOs, regardless of their association with DPI or consultative status with ECOSOC, are invited to register for the Conference. Please extend this invitation to members and staff of your organization, including youth and grassroots representatives. Please also note that this year the number of participants from any one organization is unlimited. There is no registration fee to attend the Conference.

All participants are required to register for the Conference regardless of whether they already hold a UN grounds pass or not. On-line registration has already begun. Please take note of future announcements that will appear regularly on <http://outreach.un.org/ngorelations/conference-2014/>, and on Twitter [@undpingo](https://twitter.com/undpingo) and Facebook [facebook.com/undpingo](https://www.facebook.com/undpingo). Registration deadline is Wednesday, 13 August.

Kindly note that DPI/NGO Relations cannot assist NGO representatives in obtaining visas to the United States and cannot fax confirmation letters to embassies or consulates. Arrangements for travel, visas and accommodations, as well as all expenses related to participating in the Conference, must be provided for entirely by the participants or their sponsoring organizations.

We look forward to your participation in the 2014 UN DPI/NGO Conference in United Nations Headquarters. Join the conversation with #unngo2014.

Yours Sincerely,

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