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***Our Common Humanity in the Information Age  
Principles and Values for Development  
United Nations, New York  
29 November 2006***

**PROGRAMME**

8.00 a.m. - 9.30 a.m. Registration, Visitors' Entrance, General Assembly Building

**PLENARY SESSION, Conference Room 4**

9:40 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. *Portraits of Our Common Humanity at the United Nations*

9:45 a.m. – 9:47 a.m.

**Welcome remarks**

- *Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Executive Coordinator, Global Alliance for ICT and Development*

9:47 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

**Introductory remarks**

- *Mr. Shashi Tharoor, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Public Information, United Nations, Chair*

9:50 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Welcome addresses**

- *H.E. Sheikha Haya Rashed Al Khalifa, President of the General Assembly*
- *H.E. Mr. Ali Hachani, President of ECOSOC*

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Keynote speakers**

- *Mr. Kemal Dervis, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme*
- *H.E. Mr. Martti Ahtisaari, Former President of Finland, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Kosovo*
- *Ms. Julia Ormond, Actress*
- *Ms. Katherine Sierra, Vice-President, World Bank*
- *Ms. Louise T. Blouin Mac Bain, President, Louise T. Blouin Foundation*

## DIALOGUE SESSIONS ON CORE VALUES OF THE MILLENNIUM DECLARATION

Interactive and web-connected dialogue

11:00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

### **Dialogue session 1** (Conference Room 4)

**Freedom and development.** *“Men and women have the right to live their lives and raise their children in dignity, free from hunger and from the fear of violence, oppression or injustice. Democratic and participatory governance based on the will of the people best assures these rights”.\**

Freedom for peace and development, freedom from poverty (MDG 1), freedom from hunger (MDG 1), freedom from diseases (MDGs 4, 5, 6), freedom to be educated (MDG 2).

**Host:** *Mr. Sarbuland Khan*

**Moderator:** *Ms. Katty Kay, Correspondent, BBC*

#### **Panelists:**

*Mr. Uzodinma Iweala, Author, “Beasts of No Nation”*

*Mr. Jung-Dal Kwon, Korea Freedom League*

*Mr. Armen Orujyan, President, ATHGO International*

*Mr. Steven Schlesinger, Historian, The New School University*

*Ms. Franziska Seel, Taking IT Global<sup>1</sup>*

*Ms. Marianne Williamson, Founder, Peace Alliance*

*Mr. William Gyude Moore, Youth Representative, Liberian Refugee, Berea College*

**Respondents:** *Mr. Julius Coles, President, Africare*

*Mr. Allan Goodman, President and CEO, Institute of International Education*

### **Dialogue session 2** (ECOSOC Chamber)

**Respect for nature and sustainable development.** *“Prudence must be shown in the management of all living species and natural resources, in accordance with the precepts of sustainable development. Only in this way can the immeasurable riches provided to us by nature be preserved and passed on to our descendants. The current unsustainable patterns of production and consumption must be changed in the interest of our future welfare and that of our descendants”.\** Environment, sustainable development, human settlements (MDG 7).

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**Host:** *Mr. Niger Innis, Congress of Racial Equality*

**Moderator:** *Mr. Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, Zambuling Institute*

#### **Panelists:**

*Ms. Julie Fox Gorte, Vice-President, Calvert Group*

*Mr. J. Robert Hillier, CEO, The Hillier Group*

*Ms. Elisabet Sahtouris, Evolution Biologist, Futurist, Professor*

*Mr. Roberto Savio, President, Inter Press Service (IPS)*

*Ms. Tensie Whelan, Executive Director, Rainforest Alliance*

*Dr. Ross Powell and Dr. Tim Naish, Co-chief Scientists for the McMurdo Ice Shelf Project<sup>2</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup> Via videoconferencing from Canada.

*Mr. Deepen Shah, Youth Representative, Temple of Understanding*  
**Respondent:** *Ms. Shamina de Gonzaga, Special Adviser on NGO relations to the President of the General Assembly, representing CIVICUS*

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1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Luncheon hosted by the International Council for Caring Communities (ICCC), featuring Art of the Olympians, UN Delegates Dining Room No.6 (by invitation only)

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1.15 p.m. – 2.45 p.m. Youth Workshop on Millennium Development Goals – Express Bar, Third Floor of the General Assembly Building  
Millennium Development Goals via activities, such as creating a 30-second TV spot, storyboarding an online game and making a skit or a song.

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1.30 p.m. – 2.45 p.m. Registration, Visitors' Entrance, General Assembly Building

#### **PLENARY SESSION, Conference Room 4**

3:00 p.m. – 3:02 p.m. **Opening remarks**  
*Mr. Sarbuland Khan*

3:02 p.m. – 3:12 p.m. **Keynote speaker**  
*Mr. Jeffrey Sachs, Director, UN Millennium Project*

3.12 p.m. – 3.15 p.m. *Statement of Mr. Zinedine Zidane, Soccer Player*

#### **DIALOGUE SESSIONS *continue***

3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. **Dialogue session 3** (Conference Room 4)  
**Equality and opportunity.** *“No individual and no nation must be denied the opportunity to benefit from development. The equal rights and opportunities of women and men must be assured”.\** Promote gender equality and empower women. A global partnership for development (MDGs 1-8).  
**Host:** *Mr. Nikhil Seth, Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, UN-DESA*  
**Moderator:** *Ms. Carolyn Hannan, Director, Division for the Advancement of Women, UN-DESA*  
**Panelists:**  
*Ms. Renate Bloem, President, Conference of NGOs (CONGO)*  
*Mr. Allan Bradley, President, Welcome Trust Sanger Institute*  
*Ms. Dho Young-Shim, Chairperson of Board of Directors, UNWTO ST-EP Foundation*

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<sup>2</sup> Via videoconferencing from Antarctica.

*Ms. June Zeitlin, Executive Director, Women's Environment and Development Organization*

*Ms. Stacey S. Roussel, Youth Representative, Young Professionals for International Cooperation, The Savita Society*

**Respondents:** *Ms. Linda Grover, Global Family Foundation*  
*Mr. Dennis Anderson, Associate Dean, Seidenberg School of Computer Science and Information Systems, Pace University,*

**Dialogue session 4** (ECOSOC Chamber)

**Tolerance and dialogue.** *“Human beings must respect one other, in all their diversity of belief, culture and language. Differences within and between societies should be neither feared nor repressed, but cherished as a precious asset of humanity. A culture of peace and dialogue among all civilizations should be actively promoted”.\* Education (MDGs 1-8)*

**Host:** *Mr. Georg Kell, Executive Head, United Nations Global Compact Office*

**Moderator:** *Ms. Katherine Marshall, Senior Advisor, World Bank*

**Panelists:**

*Ms. Karen Armstrong, Author, Historian of Religion*

*Ms. Audrey Kitagawa, Chair of the NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values, and Global Concerns*

*Mr. Faouzi Skali, Director-General, Festival de Fès*

*Ms. Floor van Spaendonck, Waag Society/for Old and New Media and Mr. Alexander Nikolic, SLUM-TV<sup>3</sup>*

*Ms. Natasha P. Ghent-Rodriguez, Youth Representative, Young Professionals for International Cooperation, University of South Florida*

**Respondents:** *Mr. Tomonobu Fuchigami, President, Harmony Association*

*Ms. Deborah Moldow, Friends of the United Nations*

4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

**Dialogue session 5** (Conference Room 4)

**Solidarity and equity.** *“Global challenges must be managed in a way that distributes the costs and burdens fairly in accordance with basic principles of equity and social justice. Those who suffer or who benefit least deserve help from those who benefit most”.\* (MDG 8)*

**Host:** *Ms. Aliye Celik, Senior Adviser, GAID Secretariat*

**Moderator:** *Ms. Pera Wells, Secretary-General, World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA)*

**Panelists:**

*Mr. Rodrigo Baggio, Executive Director, Committee for Democracy in Information Technology (CDI), Brazil*

*Mr. Alain Lemieux, World Sports Alliance*

*Dr. Mehmet Oz, Professor of Surgery, Columbia University*

*Mr. Joseph Salim, President, Virtue Foundation*

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<sup>3</sup> Via videoconferencing from Amsterdam.

*Ms. Jessica Rimington, Youth Representative, One World Youth Project,  
Georgetown University*

**Respondent:** *Ms. Diane Miller, International Education Collaborative  
Foundation, Director of Global Operations*

**Dialogue session 6** (ECOSOC Chamber)

**Shared responsibility and partnership.** *“Responsibility for managing  
worldwide economic and social development, as well as threats to  
international peace and security, must be shared among the nations of the  
world and should be exercised multilaterally. As the most universal and  
most representative organization in the world, the United Nations must play  
the central role”.\* (MDG 8)*

**Host:** *Mr. Amir Dossal, Executive Director, United Nations Fund for  
International Partnerships (UNFIP), Executive Director, United Nations  
Office o Partnerships*

**Moderator:** *Mr. Pete Engardio, Senior News Editor, ” Business Week”*

**Panelists:**

*Mr. Liston Bochette, Secretary- General, World Olympian Association*

*Mr. Larry Brilliant, President, Google Foundation*

*Mr. Robert Nagel, ICT Specialist*

*Mr. Dominik Salvatore, Economist, Fordham University*

*Mr. Seth Werfel, Youth Representative, Positive Foundations, Brandeis  
University*

**Respondent:** *Ms. Carolyn Miles, Chief Operating Officer and Executive  
Vice-President, Save the Children (US)*

5:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Closing** (Conference Room 4)

**Presentation of Forward-Looking Strategies from the Dialogue Sessions**

*Mr. Shashi Tharoor and Hosts of the Dialogue sessions*

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6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Reception hosted by Friends of the United Nations and Congress of Racial  
Equality, (Third Floor), featuring actress Ms. Susan Lucci and the Broadway  
Musical *The Color Purple* (by invitation only)

\*Millennium Declaration Res 55/2 paragraph 1.

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*Videoconference and the blog website were organized by Dennis Anderson, Ph.D., Associate Dean,  
Seidenberg School of Computer Science and Information Systems, Pace University, his students and  
Fulbrighters including Ms. Josephine Dorado.*