



The President of the 68th session of the United Nations General Assembly, H.E. John W. Ashe, invites civil society representatives with a valid UN groundspass to a special interactive briefing to be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

**Date: 6 February 2014**

**Time: 1:15pm – 2:45pm**

**Venue: United Nations Headquarters, New York**

The briefing will take place in advance of the three high-level events and three thematic debates that the General Assembly President will host in 2014 as a contribution to the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda (see schedule below).

The primary objective of the briefing will be to inform and encourage the contributions of civil society and other relevant stakeholders in the events. The session will include a general briefing on the six events, followed by a Q&A with representatives of civil society organizations, major groups and other relevant stakeholders who will have the opportunity to focus their interventions on key issues that they would like to see reflected in the framework of the President of the General Assembly's events. The interventions have the potential to contribute to the substantive background papers that will be prepared for the six events.

The concept papers for the six events are available at:

<http://www.un.org/en/ga/president/68/settingthestage/>

Please click on the titles of the events on the left side of the page to access the papers.

#### **Schedule for High-level Events and Thematic Debates**

**18–19 February:** Thematic debate on water, sanitation and sustainable energy in the post-2015 development agenda

**6–7 March:** High-level event on the contributions of women, the young and civil society to the post-2015 development agenda

**9–10 April:** Thematic debate on the role of partnerships and their contributions to the post-2015 development agenda

**24–25 April:** Thematic debate on ensuring stable and peaceful societies

**20–21 May:** High-level event on the contributions of South-South, North-South and Triangular Cooperation and information and communication technologies for development to the post-2015 development agenda

**17–18 June:** High-level event on human rights and the rule of law in the post-2015 development agenda

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