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Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to confirm that you have now been registered as a representative of your organization to attend, as an observer, the General Assembly interactive hearings with NGOs, civil society and the private sector, to be held on 14 and 15 June 2010 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

With regard to the format and organization of the hearings, it was decided that the hearings will consist of a brief opening plenary meeting followed by four sequential sessions on the basis of two sessions a day. The following themes based on the comprehensive report of the SG have been established.

- Thematic Session 1: Building a better tomorrow: local actions, national strategies and global structures;
- Thematic Session 2: Equal and inclusive partnerships: Accountability in the fight against poverty;
- Thematic Session 3: Sustaining development and withstanding crises;
- Thematic Session 4: From voice to policy: 1660 days left

Each session will consist of presentations by invited participants from NGOs, civil society organizations and the private sector and respondents, and involve an exchange with Member States. Sessions will be held on each day from 10:00 to 13:00 hours, and from 15:00 to 18:00 hours.

An extensive list of speakers has been finalized by the President of the General Assembly in consultation with a Task Force of civil society representatives that was established to assist in the organization of the event. More information on this process is available from [www.un-ngls.org/mdg2010](http://www.un-ngls.org/mdg2010). As has been indicated in the registration form, unfortunately, confirmed observers should not expect to be able to make statements during the event. Observers to the Hearings will need to secure their own funding for travel and subsistence, and will need to make their own U.S. visa arrangements, if applicable.

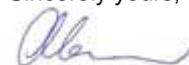
Registration for the event will be open from 8:00 hours on Monday 14 June at United Nations Headquarters. Upon arrival at the United Nations, please use the visitor's entrance at 1st Avenue and 46th Street and proceed to the NGO registration desk in the lobby of the General Assembly Building.

You will need to present a copy of this confirmation letter, as well as a government-issued official photo ID to obtain a grounds pass. Please be advised that large bags, suitcases, trolleys and carry-on luggage will not be permitted on United Nations premises. Exhibit materials and objects for sale or for display will not be allowed on United Nations premises.

Due to limited capacity at UN Headquarters, pre-registration has been limited to 3 representatives per organization. We will not be able to entertain additional representatives of your organization. We will also not be able to accommodate requests for replacements of representatives of your organization.

We look forward to your participation!

Sincerely yours,



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