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## Programme of meetings and agenda

### Official meetings

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#### Security Council

##### Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

#### General Assembly

##### Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

2009 substantive session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 208th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

3–6 p.m. . . . . 209th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

General debate ([A/AC.121/2009/L.1](#), [A/AC.121/2009/L.2](#), [A/AC.121/2009/1](#), [A/63/615](#), [A/63/615/Add.1](#), [A/63/630](#) and [A/63/666-S/2008/813](#)) . . . . . [5]

[*Note:* Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers at <[www.c34.unlb.org/](http://www.c34.unlb.org/)>.]

#### Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE)
2. Executive session



**General Assembly**

Sixty-third session

The General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting on Monday, 2 March 2009, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall, on agenda item 105 (k) (Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal) and agenda item 105 (l) (Appointment of the judges of the United Nations Appeals Tribunal) (resolution 63/253, [A/63/700](#) and [A/63/701](#)).

**General Assembly**

Sixty-third session

An informal briefing by the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force will be held on Tuesday, 3 March 2009, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The briefing will be followed by a discussion with Member States.

**General Assembly**

Sixty-third session

The 4th informal meeting of the plenary (closed) on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters, will take place on Wednesday, 4 March 2009, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

**General Assembly**

Sixty-fourth session

*General debate*

In accordance with General Assembly decision 63/552 of 20 February 2009, the general debate of the sixty-fourth session will be held from Wednesday, 23, to Saturday, 26 September, and from Monday, 28, to Wednesday, 30 September 2009.

As in the past, a note verbale regarding modalities for inscription to the list of speakers will be communicated to all delegations at a later date.

## Economic and Social Council

### Commission on Sustainable Development

#### Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 3rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation . . . . . [2]

(a) Agriculture ([E/CN.17/2009/3](#))

Inter-linkages and cross-cutting issues ([E/CN.17/2009/9](#))

*Panel presentations*

*Interactive discussion*

3–6 p.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation . . . . . [2]

(b) Rural development ([E/CN.17/2009/4](#))

Inter-linkages and cross-cutting issues ([E/CN.17/2009/9](#))

*Panel presentations*

*Interactive discussion*

[*Note:* Background information on the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting is available at [www.un.org/esa/dsd/csd/csd\\_csd17\\_ipm.shtml](http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/csd/csd_csd17_ipm.shtml). Members of the Commission, as well as observers who wish to attend, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting, Ms. Vivian Pliner (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). Information on major groups participation to the session can be found at [www.un.org/esa/dsd/dsd\\_aofw\\_mg/mg\\_csd17\\_ipm.shtml](http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/dsd_aofw_mg/mg_csd17_ipm.shtml).]

### Statistical Commission

#### Fortieth session

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Opening of the session
2. Address by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs
3. Election of officers . . . . . [1]
4. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters ([E/CN.3/2009/1](#) and [E/CN.3/2009/L.1](#)) . . . . . [2]
5. Items for discussion and decision . . . . . [3]
  - (a) Programme review: climate change and official statistics ([E/CN.3/2009/2](#))
  - (b) Agricultural statistics ([E/CN.3/2009/3](#))

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3–6 p.m. . . . .	2nd meeting. . . . .	Conference Room 3
	Items for discussion and decision . . . . .	[3]
	(c) Energy statistics ( <a href="#">E/CN.3/2009/4</a> , <a href="#">E/CN.3/2009/5</a> and <a href="#">E/CN.3/2009/6</a> )	
	(d) Environmental-economic accounting ( <a href="#">E/CN.3/2009/7</a> )	
	(e) National accounts ( <a href="#">E/CN.3/2009/8</a> )	

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### United Nations Chief Executives Board for Coordination

#### Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality

Eighth session

9.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . .	Closed meeting. . . . .	Conference Room 7
3–6 p.m. . . . .	Closed meeting. . . . .	Conference Room 7

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### Economic and Social Council

#### Commission on the Status of Women

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution on the future organization and methods of work of the Commission on the Status of Women, convened by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Julio Peralta (Paraguay), will be held *today*, 24 February 2009, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

### Other meetings

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**Tuesday, 24 February 2009**

#### Group of 77 (on the modalities of the conference on the world financial and economic crisis and its impact on development)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . .	Closed meeting. . . . .	Conference Room C
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#### Group of 77 (on the theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of the 2009 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . .	Closed meeting. . . . .	Conference Room 6
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**Group of 77 (on the Commission on the Status of Women)**

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

**Group of 77 (on the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting for the seventeenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development)**

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

**European Union Troika meeting with the JUSCANZ Group**

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

**Group of Latin American and Caribbean States**

5–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

## Other activities

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**Tuesday, 24 February 2009**

**Presentation and panel discussion on “Self-determination: International law and politics” (organized by the Permanent Mission of Bolivia and Nord-Sud XXI)**

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Virginia Ott, Nord-Sud XXI (tel. 1 (203) 918-7027; e-mail [virginiaott@gmail.com](mailto:virginiaott@gmail.com)).]

**UNU Lecture Series “Emerging thinking on global issues: Explaining the financial crisis and what it means for the future of global development” (organized by the United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))**

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. To register and for more information for the event, please visit [www.ony.unu.edu](http://www.ony.unu.edu); or contact Ms. Jin Zhang, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail [jin@ony.unu.edu](mailto:jin@ony.unu.edu)).]

## Announcements

### Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on the United Nations Stand-by Arrangements System with Honduras

The Permanent Representative of Honduras, H.E. Mr. Jorge Arturo Reina Idiaquez, and the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, Mr. Alain Le Roy, will sign the Memorandum of Understanding on the United Nations Stand-by Arrangements System (UNSAS) *today*, 24 February 2009, at 9.30 a.m. in room S-3727A.

### Briefing on procedures regarding the Trust Fund established for the purpose of facilitating the preparation of submissions to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

The other briefing on procedures regarding the Trust Fund established for the purpose of facilitating the preparation of submissions to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, will be held *today*, 24 February 2009, at 3 p.m. in the Conference Room of DOALOS (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Interested delegations from States seeking financial assistance from the Trust Fund are invited to attend a briefing regarding the terms of reference, guidelines and rules of the Trust Fund (resolution 55/7, Annex II ([A/RES/55/7](#))), as well as procedures related to the preparation, submission and processing of applications. Interested delegations from donor States or States that are considering making a contribution to the Trust Fund are also invited to attend the briefing.

During the briefing, an overview of the activities carried out in connection with the Trust Fund will be provided together with a description of the modalities to make contributions to the Trust Fund. To register, please contact the Division for Oceans Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 1 (917) 367-8079). In view of the limited seating capacity, delegations are kindly requested to reserve a place well in advance.

## Press conferences

*The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <[www.un.org/News/press/conf.htm](http://www.un.org/News/press/conf.htm)>.*

### Tuesday, 24 February 2009

Room S-226

Guest at 12 noon . . . . Mr. Carlos Castresana Fernández, Head of the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala (CICIG) (on the achievements of the International Commission since it became operational early last year)

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## Forthcoming official meetings

### General Assembly

Sixty-third session

#### Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The first part of the resumed session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly at its sixty-third session will begin on Monday, 2 March 2009, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. The status of preparedness of documentation will be issued in document [A/C.5/63/L.30](#).

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including the tentative and provisional programme of work, is available at <[www.un.org/ga/fifth](http://www.un.org/ga/fifth)>.

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### General Assembly

#### Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization

The Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization will hold its 256th meeting, to consider and adopt its report, on Wednesday, 25 February 2009, in the morning, following the adjournment of the meeting of the Working Group, in Conference Room 1.

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#### Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Organizational meeting of the 2009 session

The first organizational meeting of the 2009 session of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will be held on Friday, 27 February 2009, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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#### Open-ended Working Group towards an arms trade treaty: establishing common international standards for the import, export and transfer of conventional arms

2009 first substantive session

The Open-ended Working Group towards an arms trade treaty: establishing common international standards for the import, export and transfer of conventional arms will hold its first substantive session from 2 to 6 March 2009. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 2 March 2009, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

## United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

### Meeting of States Parties

#### Special Meeting

The Special Meeting of States Parties to the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea will be held at Headquarters on 6 March 2009, to elect one member of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in accordance with article 4 of Annex VI to the Convention (Statute of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea). The Meeting will be convened on Friday, 6 March 2009, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The provisional agenda of the Meeting is contained in document [SPLOS/L.58](#).

With regard to the composition of delegations, States Parties are requested to submit their credentials as far in advance as is practicable and no later than *Thursday, 5 March 2009*, to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (room DC2-450). Credentials should be submitted in due form as required by rule 13 of the rules of procedure for the Meeting of States Parties ([SPLOS/2/Rev.4](#)).

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## General Assembly Security Council

### Peacebuilding Commission

#### Third session

#### Organizational Committee

The Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission will hold its 3rd meeting (open) on Wednesday, 25 February 2009, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. An informal meeting (closed) will then be held, immediately following the adjournment of the formal meeting.

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## Economic and Social Council

### Organizational session for 2009

#### *Informal consultations*

The Vice-President of the Council, H.E. Ms. Tiina Intelmann (Estonia), will hold informal consultations on the theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of the 2009 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, on Wednesday, 25 February 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

#### *Informal meeting*

There will be an informal meeting of the Economic and Social Council on Thursday, 26 February 2009, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber



## Commission on the Status of Women

### *Informal consultations*

The informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution on the future organization and methods of work of the Commission on the Status of Women, convened by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Julio Peralta (Paraguay), will continue in Conference Room 9, on Wednesday, 25 February, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and on Thursday, 26, and Friday, 27 February 2009, from 3 to 6 p.m.

### *Fifty-third session*

The fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held from 2 to 13 March 2009 in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in document E/CN.6/2009/1. Background information in English can be obtained at the following address: <[www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm](http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm)>.

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session and be included on the list of participants, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

### *High-level round table*

The Commission will hold a high-level round table on the priority theme “Equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS” on Monday, 2 March 2009, at 3 p.m. Delegations are also kindly requested to communicate the name of the senior official expected to participate in the high-level round table to the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

### *List of speakers*

The list of speakers is open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list are kindly requested to contact Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail [fidler@un.org](mailto:fidler@un.org)). (Name and functional title of speaker would be appreciated.)

The general discussion under agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”) will begin on Monday, 2 March, in the morning, and resume on Wednesday, 4 March 2009 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in Annex I to document [E/CN.6/2009/1](http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm)).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual delegations should not exceed five minutes; statements made on behalf of a group of States *should not exceed ten minutes*.

[*Note:* The list of side events on the occasion of the fifty-third session of the Commission can be consulted at <[www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm](http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm)>.

**United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues**

## Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing by the Secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on the activities of the Trust Fund on Indigenous Issues, on Wednesday, 25 February 2009, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 5. All interested members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Dorte Lindegaard Madsen, Secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (tel.1 (212) 963-3203; e-mail [madsend@un.org](mailto:madsend@un.org)).

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**Commission on Sustainable Development**

## Informal briefing

The Chairperson of Commission on Sustainable Development, Ms. Gerda Verburg (Netherlands), will hold an informal briefing on issues related to the seventeenth session of the Commission on Thursday, 26 February 2009, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2. All interested members of delegations, representatives of major groups and United Nations agencies and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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**United Nations Forum on Forests****Open-ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework**

## Informal consultation

A consultation to further the work of the UNFF Open-ended Ad Hoc Expert Group to Develop Proposals for the Development of a Voluntary Global Financial Mechanism/Portfolio Approach/Forest Financing Framework (Vienna, 10-14 November 2008) will take place on 12 and 13 March 2009, at FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy. Registration information can be obtained by contacting FAO directly via e-mail ([COFO2009@fao.org](mailto:COFO2009@fao.org)). Information on the consultation, including regarding the availability of travel support for a limited number of participants (no air travel, daily subsistence allowance only), has been sent to the Chairmen of United Nations regional groups for the month of February 2009. For additional information, please contact Ms. Barbara Tavora-Jainchill, United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (tel. 1 (917) 367-3265).

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**Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund**

## Informal consultation

There will be an informal consultation of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA on the operationalization of the UNDP strategic plan, 2008-2011 (methodological approach), on Monday, 2 March 2009, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

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## Other forthcoming meetings

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### **OIC Group (with the Chairmen of the OIC Group, the Non-Aligned Movement, the African Group and the Arab Group)**

*Wednesday, 25 February 2009, from 10 to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.*

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### **Arab Group (First Committee experts)**

*Wednesday, 25 February 2009, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.*

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### **Asian Group (monthly meeting)**

*Wednesday, 25 February 2009, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.*

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### **Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled “Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination for the human and ecological rehabilitation and economic development of the Semipalatinsk region of Kazakhstan” (under agenda item 65 (b)) (General Assembly) (convened by the delegation of Kazakhstan)**

*Thursday, 26 February 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.*

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### **African Group (Fifth Committee experts)**

*Thursday, 26 February 2009, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1.*

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### **Southern African Development Community (SADC) (Third Committee experts) (Commission on the Status of Women)**

*Friday, 27 February 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.*

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### **Group of Latin American and Caribbean States**

*Friday, 27 February 2009, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.*

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### **UNITAR English-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions**

*Monday, 2 March 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9;*

*Tuesday, 3 March 2009, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and*

*Wednesday, 4 March 2009, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.*

[For further information, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-9196; e-mail [falls@un.org](mailto:falls@un.org)).]

**Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau**

*Monday, 2 March 2009, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.*

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**International Criminal Court: Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties**

*Tuesday, 3 March 2009, from 9.15 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 6.*

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**OHCHR/UNITAR briefing on human rights**

*Wednesday, 4 March 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and*

*Thursday, 5 March 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.*

[The briefing is open to delegates of the Permanent Missions only. To register, please visit [www.unitar.org/ny](http://www.unitar.org/ny). For further information, please contact Mr. David Koschel, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail [koschel@un.org](mailto:koschel@un.org)).]

## **Forthcoming other activities**

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**Panel discussion on “Volunteerism at the crossroads in a changing world” (organized by the NGO Relations Cluster, Department of Public Information, in cooperation with the NGO/DPI Executive Committee)**

*Thursday, 26 February 2009, from 10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. and from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.*

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Jennifer Basch, DPI (tel. 1 (212) 963-7709; e-mail [section1d@un.org](mailto:section1d@un.org)); or Ms. Tatiana Alvarado (e-mail [section2@un.org](mailto:section2@un.org)).]

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**Round table discussion on “Increasing dialogue and collaboration between the United Nations and regional organizations to enhance the implementation of Security Council resolutions 1325 and 1820” (organized by the European Commission and the African Union)**

*Friday, 27 February 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.*

[All are invited to attend. For further information please contact Ms. Adelinah Molato (e-mail [adelinamolato@yahoo.com](mailto:adelinamolato@yahoo.com)); or Ms. Sarah Curran (tel. 1 (212) 401-0137; e-mail [sarah.curran@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sarah.curran@ec.europa.eu)).]

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**UNITAR Migration and Development Series — Panel discussion on “Migration, brain drain and caregiving” (organized in collaboration with IOM, UNFPA and the MacArthur Foundation)**

*Friday, 6 March 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.*

[All are invited to attend. To register, please visit the following Web site: <[www.unitary.org/en/braindrain.html](http://www.unitary.org/en/braindrain.html)>. For further information, please contact Ms. Victoria Rietig, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail [victoriarietig@unitary.org](mailto:victoriarietig@unitary.org)).]

## Announcements

### United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2009

Applications for the 2009 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from 6 July to 14 August 2009, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Wednesday, 25 February 2009*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in English. Application forms can be obtained directly from the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) (tel. 011-41-22-917-8578; fax 011-41-22-917-8993; e-mail [ilp@unitar.org](mailto:ilp@unitar.org)) or downloaded at <[www2.unitar.org/diplomacy/fell\\_applicationforms.htm](http://www2.unitar.org/diplomacy/fell_applicationforms.htm)>.

For additional information, please consult the UNITAR Web site at the following address: <[www2.unitar.org/diplomacy/fell\\_internationallaw\\_E2.htm](http://www2.unitar.org/diplomacy/fell_internationallaw_E2.htm)>.

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### International Law Commission Trust Fund

Pursuant to paragraph 21 of General Assembly 62/66 ([A/RES/62/66](#)), the Secretary-General last year established a trust fund to accept voluntary contributions so as eliminate the backlog of the *Yearbook of the International Law Commission*. Under paragraph 22 of its resolution 63/123 ([A/RES/63/123](#)), the General Assembly acknowledged the establishment of the Trust Fund and invited voluntary contributions. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, private institutions and individuals. A circular letter has been issued to Governments through their Permanent Missions. Should additional information be required on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Marianne Sooksatan (tel. 1 (212) 963-5378; e-mail [sooksatan@un.org](mailto:sooksatan@un.org)).

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### Security Council

#### Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <[www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp](http://www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp)>.

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## Summary of official meetings

**Monday, 23 February 2009**

**General Assembly****Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations**

2009 substantive session

206th meeting	<i>Opening of the session</i> . . . . . [1]	
	The Under Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations opened the 2009 session of the Special Committee.	

*Election of officers* . . . . . [2]

The Special Committee elected, by acclamation, H.E. Mrs. U. Joy Ogwu (Nigeria) as Chairperson; Mr. Diego Limeres (Argentina), H.E. Mr. Henri-Paul Normandin (Canada), Mr. Tetsuya Kimura (Japan) and Mr. Zbigniew Szlek (Poland) as Vice-Chairpersons; and Mr. Amr El-Sherbini (Egypt) as Rapporteur.

*Adoption of the agenda* . . . . . [3]

The Special Committee adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document [A/AC.121/2009/L.1](#).

*Organization of work* . . . . . [4]

The Special Committee established an open-ended working group to consider the substance of the mandate entrusted to the Special Committee by the General Assembly and elected H.E. Mr. Normandin (Canada) as Chairman of the Working Group.

The Special Committee approved its draft programme of work, as contained in document [A/AC.121/2009/L.2](#).

*General debate* . . . . . [5]

The Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and the Under-Secretary General for Field Support made introductory statements.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand), the Czech Republic (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Armenia and Georgia, which aligned themselves with the statement), Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Nigeria, Egypt and Brazil.

207th meeting

*General debate* . . . . . [5]

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, China, Jordan, the Russian Federation, Kazakhstan, Bangladesh, Viet Nam, Algeria, the United Republic of Tanzania, Turkey, Thailand, Fiji, Kenya and Benin.

A statement was made by the observer for the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

## Economic and Social Council

### Commission on Sustainable Development

#### Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting

1st meeting

*Opening of the Meeting*

The Chairperson of the seventeenth session of the Commission, H.E. Ms. Gerda Verburg (Netherlands), opened the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting and made an introductory statement.

A statement was made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

*Adoption of the agenda and organization of work* . . . . . [1]

The Meeting adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document [E/CN.17/IPM/2009/1](#), and approved its organization of work, as outlined in the annex to the document.

*Vice-Chairpersons from the African, Eastern European and Latin American and Caribbean States Groups*

The Meeting agreed to allow the candidates for Vice-Chairpersons endorsed by the African States Group, H.E. Mr. Kaire Munionganda Mbuende (Namibia), the Eastern European States Group, Ms. Tania Raguz (Croatia), and the Latin American and Caribbean States Group, Ms. Ana Bianchi (Argentina), to act in that capacity during the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting until their formal election at the beginning of the seventeenth session of the Commission.

*Designation of a Rapporteur*

The Meeting was informed that the Vice-Chairperson-designate, Ms. Tania Raguz (Croatia), would also serve as Rapporteur of the seventeenth session of the Commission and its Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting.

*Policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation* . . . . . [2]

- (a) *Agriculture*
- (b) *Rural development*
- (c) *Land*
- (d) *Drought*
- (e) *Desertification*
- (f) *Africa*

The Meeting began its consideration of the item.

The Director of the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, introduced the reports of the Secretary-General on the six thematic issues, as well as on inter-linkages and cross-cutting issues.

*Reporting on intersessional meetings*

A statement was made by the Vice-Chairman-designate, H.E. Mr. Kaire Munionganda Mbuende (Namibia), on the outcome of the regional meeting on “African Agriculture in the Twenty-first Century: Meeting the Challenges, Making a Sustainable Green Revolution”.

A statement was also made by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Javad Amin Mansour (Islamic Republic of Iran), on the outcome of the intersessional event on “Capacity Development Workshop for Improving Agricultural Productivity, Water Use Efficiency and Rural Livelihoods”.

*Presentation of regional perspectives*

A statement was made by the representative of the Economic Commission for Africa on behalf of the regional commissions.



*General statements*

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Czech Republic (on behalf of the European Union), Bangladesh (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries), Grenada (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States), Tonga (on behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States), Oman (on behalf of the Arab Group), Senegal (on behalf of the African Group), Canada, the United States, the Russian Federation and Australia.

*Organization of work*

The Vice-Chairman-designate, H.E. Mr. Kaire Munionganda Mbuende (Namibia), made a statement.

2nd meeting

*Policy options and possible actions to expedite implementation* . . . . . [2]

- (a) *Agriculture*
- (b) *Rural development*
- (c) *Land*
- (d) *Drought*
- (e) *Desertification*
- (f) *Africa*

The Meeting continued its consideration of the item.

*Dialogue with major groups*

Statements were made by the representatives of the following major groups: women; children and youth; indigenous peoples; non-governmental organizations; local authorities; workers and trade unions; business and industry; scientific and technological communities; and farmers.

A statement was made by the representative of the Czech Republic (on behalf of the European Union).

*Panel discussion on Small Island Developing States*

General statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Grenada (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States) and Tonga (on behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States).

Presentations were made by the following panellists: Ms. Djaheezah Subratty (Ministry of Environment, Mauritius), Mr. Donovan Stanberry (Ministry of Agriculture, Jamaica) and H.E. Mr. Ali'ioaiga Feturi Elisaia (Permanent Representative of Samoa to the United Nations).

An interactive discussion with the panellists ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of the Czech Republic (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Japan, Australia, China, Switzerland, Nigeria, Jamaica, the Federated States of Micronesia, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Fiji, Guatemala, India, Norway and Chile.

The panellists made concluding remarks.

The Chairperson summarized the salient points that resulted from the interactive discussion.

*Organization of work*

The Chairperson made a statement.

## Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

### [Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

*European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC). Geneva, 1 February 1991*

*Acceptance of amendments to Annexes I and II to the AGTC (21 February 2009)*

## General information

### Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *February 2009* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

*African States:*

Senegal  
H.E. Mr. Paul Badji

*Asian States:*

Tonga  
H.E. Mrs. Fekitamoeloa 'Utoikamanu

*Eastern European States:*

Hungary  
H.E. Mr. Gábor Bródi

*Latin American and Caribbean States:*

Cuba  
H.E. Mr. Abelardo Moreno Fernández

*Western European and other States:*

Liechtenstein  
H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser

## Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

*With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Monday, 23 February 2009.*

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	<b>Sixth Committee</b>
<a href="#">A/C.6/63/SR.16</a>	Meeting held on 27 October 2008, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]
<a href="#">A/C.6/63/SR.18</a>	Meeting held on 29 October 2008, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]
<a href="#">A/C.6/63/SR.19</a>	Meeting held on 29 October 2008, 3 p.m. [A C E F R S]
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<a href="#">A/63/703</a>	Item 132 — Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations — Budget for the Office of Internal Oversight Services under the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 — Report of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee [A C E F R S]
<a href="#">A/63/719</a>	Item 23 — Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) — Letter dated 12 February 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
<a href="#">A/63/722</a>	Item 31 — Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects — Letter dated 9 February 2009 from the Permanent Representatives of Australia and Uruguay to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
	<b>Fifth Committee</b>
<a href="#">A/C.5/63/1/Add.1</a>	Allocation of agenda items to the Fifth Committee — Letter dated 20 February 2009 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]

**Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations**

[A/AC.121/2009/L.2](#) Draft programme of work [A C E F R S]

**Committee on Information  
Thirty-first session**

[A/AC.198/2009/1](#) Provisional agenda and annotations/programme of work [A C E F R S]

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**Security Council****Documents**

[S/2009/102](#) Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 6 of resolution 1830 (2008) [A C E F R S]

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**Economic and Social Council****Documents****Resumed organizational session for 2009**

[E/2009/2/Add.1/Corr.1](#) Item 4 of the provisional agenda — Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments — Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

[E/2009/9/Add.4](#) Item 4 — Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments — Election of 14 members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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