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Subject: Fwd: PC Minutes #7 and Agenda for 3 Mar 05

Attended by  
Susan Engo/AAA

Please note I am in attendance

----- Message from DPI NGO Section2 <section2@un.org> on Tue, 1 Mar 2005 19:28:22 -0500 -----

**To:** undisclosed-recipients.;

**Subject** PC Minutes #7 and Agenda for 3 Mar  
:05

Dear members of the Planning Committee,

Please find attached the Minutes from our previous meeting and the updated Agenda.

Regards,

Virginia Resende

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(See attached file: Conference Planning Committee minutes revised 1 March 2005.doc) (See attached file: 20050303-Agenda.doc)

58th DPI/NGO Annual Conference  
7-9 September 2005  
Planning Committee Meeting Minutes  
Meeting # 7  
Thursday, 24th February, 2005  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Conference Room B

Committee Co-Chair  
Paul Hoeffel chaired the meeting.

Handouts Distributed  
Agenda Minutes from last week's meeting

Adoption of Agenda  
The agenda was adopted without changes.

Review of Minutes  
The minutes were accepted with one minor change.

Opening Remarks  
Paul Hoeffel gave an update on his meeting with the Art Center College of Design in California. He met with students and staff to discuss the Planning Committee's thinking regarding the themes of the Conference in order to help them create an appropriate Conference design. The students have familiarized themselves with the issues of the Millennium Declaration, the MDGs and UN reform. With the guidance of faculty members, students will submit their designs by April and from these, a final design will be chosen. He said that it would be best if the Conference title will be decided by the Planning Committee in the next week.

Discussion of Proposed Themes  
The challenge is to create a linkage of themes between "global security",

"MDGs", and "UN reform". The term "renewal" is part of Conference theme, along with other points mentioned. Also discussed, was the option to leave out the phrase "Millennium +5" on the basis that audiences may not understand the term. "Bridging the Gap" remained a favored phrase, specifically in regards to the "partnership" sought by NGOs and governments. In response, some pointed out that the phrase "partnership" may suggest that NGO and governments are on an equal playing ground, which could be viewed as misleading. Catch phrases, which could be turned against the Organization, need to be avoided although some would venture that any media attention achieved could actually be beneficial. Above all the title should be bold, strong and dynamic, while remaining realistic and constructive.

Reconsidered combinations of Themes/Titles included:

- 1) Millennium+5: Voices for Partnership and Change
- 2) Linking Development & Global Security: UN at the Crossroads
- 3) Reform or Languish: UN at the Crossroads
- 4) Fulfilling the Promise of the UN: A Time for Partnership and Renewal
- 5) Envisioning 2015: Voices for Partnership and Change
- 6) Toward 2015: Voices for Partnership and Change
- 7) Fulfilling the Promise of the UN: Voices for Partnership & Change
- 8) Millennium +5: A Time for Partnership & Renewal
- 9) Partnering to Bridge the Gap Between Policy & Practice
- 10) The Phoenix of Partnership: UN Renewal Through the MDGs & Civil Society's Role
- 11) The UN at 60: Voices for Partnership and Renewal
- 12) The UN at 60: Time for Partnership and Renewal
- 13) The UN at the Millennium: Voices for Partnership and Renewal
- 14) Voices From Partners for UN Renewal
- 15) Does Peace Pay? NGO Voices for Partnership and Renewal
- 16) Voices for Partnership and Renewal: Bridging the Gap Between Policy and Practice
- 17) Fulfilling the Promises of the MDGs by the year 2015
- 18) Transparency & Accountability at the UN: A Time for Renewal
- 19) Fulfilling the Promises of the Millennium Declaration

The above titles may also be used for the Plenary sessions, Roundtables and Workshop titles.

#### Subcommittees Updates

12 of 14 subcommittee Co-Chairpersons have now been confirmed. The remaining two will be confirmed by next week. Subcommittee members should familiarize themselves with the mandate of their particular committee. Daniela will send out the existing list of NGO representatives who have signed up for the seven committees. In order to serve on one or two of the Planning Committees Subcommittees, please contact Daniela and fill out the Planning Registration Form. Please note - all Planning Committee members are expected to serve at least on one Subcommittee. Inquiries to Joseph Donnelly, at the following E-mail address: chair05dpingocon@aol.com

#### Interactive Media Committee:

##### Co-Chairs:

Stephanie Sigg (The Art Center College of Design)

The Interactive Media Committee plans to start meeting soon in order to brainstorm on expanding the website. From mid-May and onwards, it will be assisted by an intern from the Art Center College of Design in California. The Committee anticipates that the website will be active well before the date of the Conference.

#### Intergenerational Committee:

##### Co-Chairs:



Michaela Walsh Manhattanville College

Media Coordination Committee:

Co-Chairs:

Carol Zinn Congregations of St. Joseph  
Shamina de Gonzaga Fundacion Cultural Baur

The Media Coordination Committee plans to work very closely with the Interactive Media Committee and also encourages everyone to contribute articles, contacts and ideas to the Committee. Committee members should jumpstart communication with speakers on an ongoing basis and continue building these networks after the Conference.

Midday Interactive Workshop Committee:

Co-Chairs:

Elisabeth Shuman SOS-Kinderdorf International/Children's Villages  
Jeffrey Huffines Baha'is of the United States

This Committee anticipates working closely with the Media- and Interactive Committees. A change in the workshop format is under discussion. The Midday Interactive Workshop's Committee is considering inviting speakers to a briefing prior to the Conference. There was further discussion of purpose, content and logistics involved with the annual Midday Workshop's programme, and the Committee will benefit from previous lessons learned and is eager for new possibilities to insure maximum participation and interest by the Conference attendees.

Networking Sessions Committee:

Co-Chairs:

Jackie Shapiro Zonta International - (CONGO - Conference of NGO's)  
Lawrence Konmla Bropleh World Council of Churches

This Committee hopes to replicate the success of last year's Networking Committee.

Events Committee:

Co-Chairs:

Fannie Munlin National Council of Negro Women  
Sherrill Kazan World Council of Peoples for the UN

The Events Committee was formally known as the Reception Committee. The Committee is directly associated with the NGO/DPI Executive Committee and focuses on all special events including raising funds and additional resources in support of the Conference. Anyone interested in discussing this effort is encouraged to write Fannie Munlin at E-mail: fnnmnl@aol.com

Resource Center Support Committee:

Co-Chairs:

Joan Boyle International Association of Schools  
Gloria Landy World Council of Conservative/Masorti Synagogues

Conference Chair Joseph Donnelly reported on their unfolding work to upgrade information technology to support the Conference planning, registration and the DPI/NGO staff who manage the Resource Center.

Other Business:

Limiting Conference participation to a maximum of 2 500 persons, while at the same time opening it up to members of civil society, continues to pose a logistics problem. The DPI section and the Planning Committee continue to encourage the multi-media communication options with all schools/universities, both in the metropolitan region and beyond to engage as many youth in the UN Conference and global issues and the general public interest etc. Once more, member NGOs will be strongly encouraged to send at least one of their younger representatives to the Annual Conference.

Planning Committee Co-Chairs reviewed the proposal for alternate weekly meetings of the full Planning Committee and the Committee Co-Chairs. It was decided to continue meetings of full Committee until the theme and title are decided on to maximize input.

#### Point of Information

Weekly Minutes will be sent out on the Tuesday before Thursday meetings with the agenda for upcoming meetings. Planning Committee members have agreed that it is not necessary to print copies after minutes have been sent out as E-mail. Members are reminded to review and print out copies of minutes to expedite discussion and minimize excessive copying.

#### In Attendance:

Alexanian Adrienne, Barry Maria, Chitayat Deanna, Cho Choon Whe, Davis Joan, de Gonzaga Shamina, Donnelly Joseph, Engo Susan, Fischel Gloria, Gallagher-Labiner Eileen, Himaduna Nita, Hoeffel Paul, Jadwat Chung-Ja, Huffines Jeff, Jones Margaretha, Kazan Sherrill, Kirby Joan, Lerner Judy, Levy Joan, Lombardo Claudia, London Masako, Lubin Carol, Malaman Maria, Misek-Falkoff Linda, Munlin Fannie, Narezo Gala, Norton Mary, Parmegiani Danilo, Prunhaber Dorthy, Shapiro Jackie, Shmigel Nadia, Shuman Elisabeth, Song Changqing, Toumayan Mary, Valk Sarah, Valdov Elaine, Walsh Michaela, William Moses, Woods Joan, Zanes Anne, Ölmunger Daniela

Next Meeting: Thursday, 3rd March, 1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Conference Room D

Please send any minor corrections of the minutes (name/spelling, etc.) to the following E-mail addresses:

section2@un.org (Virginia) or section6@un.org (Daniela).

58th Annual DPI/NGO Conference (7-9 September 2005)

Planning Committee Meeting #8

Thursday, 3 March 2005

1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Conference Room D

#### Agenda

1. Adoption of agenda
2. Review of minutes
3. Discussion of Conference theme and title
4. Subcommittee Reports
  - a. Interactive Media Committee
  - b. Intergenerational Committee
  - c. Media Coordination Committee
  - d. Midday Interactive Workshops Committee
  - e. Networking Committee
  - f. Events Committee
  - g. Resource Centre Support Committee
5. Other business
6. Next meeting
  - a. Thursday, 10th of March 2005, Conference Room D, 1:15 to 2:45 p.m.