



62ND ANNUAL DPI/NGO CONFERENCE
FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT: DISARM NOW!
¡DESARME AHORA! TRABAJEMOS POR LA PAZ Y EL DESARROLLO
(MEXICO CITY, MEXICO, 9-11 SEPTEMBER 2009)

August 13, 2009

INFORMATION SHEET
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Conference Website

The Conference website has been launched. The URL is:
<http://www.un.org/dpi/ngosection/conference/>. **Please consult the website regularly for ongoing updates about the conference.**

Registration

Registration has begun. Packets have been sent out to the entire NGO Listserv and note that the deadline for registration has been extended to 21 August 2009.

Tentative Conference Schedule

Wednesday, 9 September 2009

Opening Ceremony
Metropolitan Theatre
10:00 A.M.

United Nations Welcome
Kiyo Akasaka, Under Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information

Host Country Welcome
Felipe Calderón Hinojosa (To be confirmed)

President of Mexico

Address

Ban Ki-moon

Secretary-General, United Nations

Welcoming Address

H.E. Miguel d'Escoto Brockmann

President of the 63rd session of the General Assembly (video message)

Keynote Addresses

Miguel Marin Bosch,

Mexican Diplomat and collaborator with Nobel Laureate Ambassador Alfonso Garcia Robles in drafting the Treaty of Tlatelolco

Jody Williams

Nobel Peace Prize laureate and founder of the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines

NGO Welcome

Chair, 62nd Annual DPI/NGO Conference
Charles Hitchcock, Peace Action International

Lunch

1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Late Afternoon Workshops

Various Sites
3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Roundtable I: Zero Nuclear Weapons, Zero Weapons of Mass Destruction: Why, How, When?

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Thursday, 10 September 2009

Roundtable II: Removing the Tools of Armed Violence

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

10:00 A.M.– 11:30 A.M.

Breakout Sessions

12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.

Lunch

1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Late Afternoon Workshops

Various Sites
3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Roundtable III: Human Development is Global Security

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Friday, 11 September 2009

NGO/DPI Executive Committee Consultation

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

9:00 A.M.

Roundtable IV: New Challenges and Perspectives for Global Development and Security for the 21st Century

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

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Closing Ceremony

Metropolitan Theatre

5:30 P.M. –

Keynote Address

Roberto Zamora

Lawyer and member of Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict

Concluding Overview

Sergio Queiroz Duarte

United Nations High Representative for Disarmament Affairs

Call to Action

Tadatoshi Akiba

Mayor of Hiroshima

NGO Closing Remarks and Presentation of Conference Declaration

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Invitations have been sent to keynote and inspirational speakers as well as Roundtable participants and we are awaiting their replies. The complete list will be posted on the Conference website.

Late Afternoon Workshops and breakouts are still being finalized. The latest list of confirmed Late Afternoon Workshops can be seen on the website

<http://www.un.org/dpi/ngosection/conference/>.

Special activities

The Youth Subcommittees of New York and Mexico has planned a series of high-profile, interesting activities in Mexico City during the conference. In preparation for the conference, video conferences on disarmament were held at UNHQ (<http://www.ony.unu.edu/events-forums/events/2009/youth-forum-arming-the-world-w.html>) and Mexico with the assistance of **United Nations University**, the Office for Disarmament Affairs, and United Nations Information Centre of Mexico.

We strongly encourage any NGOs that involve youth in their work to participate in the following event. It benefits NGOs and youth.

NGO Career Fair and Networking Luncheon for Youth

Date: Thursday 10 Sept, 2009

Time: 1:30 pm – 3 pm (conference lunch break)

Where: Alameda Park, across from Ministry of Foreign Affairs at conference HQ

Organizers: NY/Mexico Youth Committees of the 62nd annual DPI/NGO Conference.

Sponsors: Fordham University (New York), Felician College (New Jersey) and Fairleigh Dickinson University (New Jersey).

Purpose: Involve, Engage, Empower and Educate Youth about the work of NGOs. This event offers an exciting opportunity for young people to meet NGO representatives from all over the world and learn about youth initiatives, internships and international careers. Come enjoy a Mexican lunch and meet new international colleagues from many sectors related to the Millennium Development Goals including: HIV/AIDS, Education, Human Rights, and Sustainability & Development.

NGOs that involve youth in their work are invited to participate in this event! Please contact the NY Youth Subcommittee Co-Chair, Kelly Roberts, at

keroberts@fordham.edu. Please contact her soon because complimentary space is limited. Youth that want to attend the luncheon **must RSVP** to Kelly Roberts at **keroberts@fordham.edu**.

Conference Sidelights: Check the Travel Arrangements tab on the Conference website for a sample of what Conference attendees will see in Mexico and Mexico City during their stay.

Media

The Department of Public Information, as well as the Media Subcommittees of New York and Mexico, have finalized a comprehensive Media Strategy that will promote the principal messages of the Conference regionally as well as globally.

Visual Identity

The Planning Committee has approved a visual identity which features a plant growing out of a cracked hand grenade, with a Conference motto overprinting the image.



Latin American and Caribbean NGOs

Effective January 2009, association priority was given to NGOs where the annual conference will be held. Since the Conference is taking place in the Latin America and the Caribbean region, the United Nations Information Centres and the United Nations Information Services in the region organized workshops to inform non-governmental organizations about the process of affiliation with the Department of Public Information. As a result of their work and the support of the Government of Mexico, DPI associated a total of 57 NGOs in the first half of 2009 with 49 NGOs coming from the Latin American region with 43 based in Mexico.