



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

6 February 2015

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to forward a letter from the Co-Facilitators of the intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda, H.E. David Donoghue, Permanent Representative of Ireland, and H.E. Macharia Kamau, Permanent Representative of Kenya, providing details on the forthcoming negotiation session scheduled for 17-20 February, 2015.

Also attached is a copy of an "Elements Paper" to stimulate discussion on the Declaration component of the post-2015 development agenda.

I encourage you to participate actively in the upcoming session with a view to shaping a visionary and ambitious Declaration.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam K Kutesa', written over a horizontal line.

Sam K Kutesa

All Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York



PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS



Bunú-Múscara na hÉireann chun na Níisiún Aontaithe
Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations

5 February 2015

Excellency,

In advance of the 17-20 February meeting of the intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda, which will deal with the Declaration component, we are pleased to share with you an elements document to stimulate discussion at that meeting.

This document is not prescriptive in terms of the shape or content of the future Declaration; it merely reflects some views expressed on this subject during our recent Stocktake meeting. We look forward to Member States using the forthcoming meeting to amplify their initial views and interact with each other on what might be the shape and content of the Declaration.

We found agreement at the Stocktake that the Declaration should be visionary and ambitious and couched in concise and easily understood terms.

Member States might wish to consider what our world should look like in 2030 and what challenges we must overcome to make this collective vision a reality. What underpins our vision, what are the common principles on which the post-2015 development agenda will be built? And what is meant by “transformative” in the context of this agenda? What are we transforming and how?

We are also pleased to share with you the programme of work which we envisage for our February meeting.

We look forward to fruitful discussions during the meeting and count on your continued cooperation.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest considerations.

Macharia Kamau
Permanent Representative
Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya
to the United Nations

David Donoghue
Permanent Representative
Permanent Mission of Ireland
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ELEMENTS PAPER FOR DECLARATION DISCUSSION

(based on views expressed during stocktaking session 19-21 January)

General: Declaration should be concise, visionary, ambitious, actionable, communicable and simple. **A call to action by all.** It should have a compelling and simple title and draw on important source documents.

1. A collective vision of the road to 2030

- Today's challenges: poverty, climate change, the degradation of the natural world, inequality within and between countries, vulnerability and exclusion, institutional failures, economic/social/environmental shocks and challenges, including those undermining peaceful and just societies.
- The tomorrow we want: irreversible end to poverty and shared well-being for all, to be achieved through the laying of strong economic foundations, social development and environmental stewardship.

2. What we must do to get there

- An ambitious and transformative agenda
- Goals and targets which member States have defined; national ownership and leadership
- Global goals and targets, to apply universally
- Goals and targets which leave no one behind and which balance and integrate the economic, social and environmental dimensions of development
- What the new framework will set out to do (possibly framed in part using the six essential elements of the SG's Synthesis Report : dignity, people, prosperity, planet, justice, partnership)
- Building on the MDGs
- But with new ambition, addressing structural drivers of poverty, inequality and unsustainable development

- A framework which responds, in particular, to the needs of countries in special situations.
- And which takes account of differing national circumstances and respects national positions and priorities.

3. How we will do this

- Mobilise the means of implementation
- A revitalized global partnership to:
 - build an enabling environment for development, including through good governance and the rule of law at all levels;
 - create and nourish a diversity of multi-stakeholder partnerships, including with the business sector, civil society, academia, parliaments, local authorities and international institutions.
- Strengthening of the United Nations to respond to needs on the road to 2030

4. Follow-Up and Review

- Recognising the importance of a robust and transparent framework for follow-up and review at all levels.

5. Our commitment: global solidarity, common principles

- Charter of the United Nations and respect for international law
- Reaffirmation of common values including freedom, equality, solidarity, tolerance, respect for all human rights, including gender equality, the right to development, respect for national sovereignty and right to self-determination
- Principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, including, inter alia, CBDR
- Political commitment to complete the unfinished business of the MDGs and implement the post-2015 development agenda.

6. Final call to action

Draft programme
Intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda
 17-20 February 2015, UN Headquarters, Trusteeship Council Chamber

TUESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2015		
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Opening	▪ Co-facilitators introduce elements document
10:15 AM – 1:00 PM	Elements document	▪ Open discussion of elements document
3:00 – 6:00 PM	Elements document	▪ “ “ “
WEDNESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2015		
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Elements document	▪ “ “ “
3:00 – 6:00 PM		▪ Preparation of draft of Declaration
THURSDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2015		
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Interactive dialogue with Major Groups and other stakeholders	
5:00 – 6:00 PM	Draft Declaration	▪ Open discussion of draft Declaration
FRIDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2015		
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Draft Declaration	▪ “ “ “
3:00 – 5:00 PM	Draft Declaration	▪ “ “ “
5:00 – 6:00 PM	Closing	