



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3 August 2017

Excellency

Further to resolution 71/252, entitled “Follow-up to the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace”, I have the honor to inform you that I will convene a one-day High Level Forum on a Culture of Peace on Thursday, 7 September in the General Assembly Hall and Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The High Level Forum aims to highlight emerging trends that impact on the realization of a culture of peace and to enable Member States and other stakeholders to exchange ideas on further promoting a Culture of Peace, including as it relates to early childhood development. It will consist of an opening segment, a plenary debate, a panel discussion and a closing segment.

Please see attached Concept Note and provisional programme. For further information, please see my website: <http://www.un.org/pga/71/> or contact my Senior Adviser, Mr. Oyama Mgobozi (mgobozi@un.org).

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson'.

Peter Thomson

To all Permanent Representatives
And Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

High Level Forum on the Culture of Peace
convened by the President of the 71st session of the UN General Assembly

Thursday, 7 September 2017
General Assembly Hall and Trusteeship Council Council,

Overview

Recognizing the need to further promote the Culture of Peace, particularly in the current global context, and responding to paragraph 13 of Resolution 71/252, the President of the General Assembly, H.E Peter Thomson, will convene a one-day High Level Forum on Culture of Peace, on 7 September 2017, at UN Headquarters, New York.

Background and objectives

On 13 September 1999, the General Assembly adopted, by consensus and without reservation, resolution 53/243 on the **Declaration and Programme of Action on Culture of Peace**. Amongst others, it provided the driving force for the advancement of the UN-declared International Decade for Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010).

Through annual substantive resolutions for the last 20 years as well as annual High Level Forums since 2012, the General Assembly has highlighted the priority it attaches to the full and effective implementation of these forward-looking objectives which are universally applicable and sought after by the vast majority of peoples in every nation.

In keeping with this approach, the 7 September High Level Forum aims to highlight emerging trends that impact on the realization of a culture of peace and to enable Member States and others to exchange ideas on further promoting a Culture of Peace.

Participation

Member and Observer States are invited to participate at the highest possible level. The meeting is also open to UN agencies, civil society organisations, the private sector and other stakeholders.

Format, outcome and further information

The Forum will consist of an opening session, a plenary segment, an interactive panel discussion and a closing segment. The opening session and plenary segment will be held in the General Assembly Hall. The panel discussion will take place in the Trusteeship Council Chamber and will focus on “*Sowing the Seeds of the Culture of Peace : Early Childhood Development is the Beginning*”.

A President’s summary of the meeting will be circulated to Member States.

Further information regarding this meeting will be available on the PGA’s website:
<http://www.un.org/pga/71/>

**High Level Forum on the Culture of Peace
convened by the President of the 71st session of the UN General
Assembly**

*10am-6pm, Thursday 7 September 2017
UN Headquarters, New York*

Provisional programme

<i>10am- 1pm</i>	<i>General Assembly Hall</i>
10.00am	Opening Segment
10.45 am	Plenary debate
<i>3.00-5.30pm</i>	<i>Trusteeship Council Chamber</i>
3pm	Panel discussion entitled “Sowing the Seeds of the Culture of Peace : Early Childhood Development is the Beginning”
5.30pm	Closing segment