

DPI/NGO Relations invites you to a
Discussion

2009 in Review

**Discussions on activities of the NGO Relations Cluster of
the Department of Public Information**

*Special Slideshow of the 62nd Annual DPI/NGO Conference
in Mexico City to follow*

Thursday, 17 December 2009

10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

Conference Room 1

Background Information

As we close our 2009 season, we would like to take this time to look back on all of the activities that we have accomplished. Although this season has been a challenging one, especially with the CMP and lack of a permanent venue for our briefings, it was nonetheless exciting and successful. From understanding Islam, discussing children's rights, and policing corruption, this briefing season has certainly remained both interesting and engaging. Our Communications Workshop provided us with communication strategies to incorporate into campaigns. This knowledge was conveyed by both UN communication experts and outsiders, who helped NGOs discover how they could become more engaged in UN initiatives and also effectively convey their own messages.

This year also marked the 62nd Annual DPI/NGO Conference "For Peace and Development: Disarm Now!" in Mexico City. The conference was an extraordinary experience for all that were involved. We will review the success of our signed Declaration and reminisce on everything from Jody Williams to the Ballet Folklorico.

This discussion will be an opportunity to hear feedback from the NGO community. We hope that you can join us for this reflective discussion. As we work as an "outreach" to you, your feedback is very important to us.

All Briefings Begin Promptly At 10:15 a.m. and we ask that our audience is seated by 10:00 a.m. sharp.

Discussion will include staff members from the NGO Relations Cluster.

Venues for the weekly Briefings will be provided as soon as the information is available. Videos relevant to the theme of the Briefing are often screened. For Briefing information please call the DPI/NGO Information Lines at +1-212-963-7232 / 7233 / 7234 or e-mail dpingo.briefings@un.org. To receive Briefing information electronically, please email dpingo.briefings@un.org. To be added to our e-mail list please e-mail dpingo@un.org. You may also visit the DPI/NGO Cluster website at www.un.org/DPI/NGOsection, where archived web casts and audio of the Briefing (both, when available) may also be accessed.

Requests for guest passes should be faxed on your organization's letterhead to the NGO Resource Centre at +1 212-963-2819 or e-mailed to dpingo.briefings@un.org at least two days prior to the Briefing (Please note that requests for guest passes received at any other address other than that provided will not be processed). Guest passes should be picked up from the Lobby of the General Assembly Building between 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Those who arrive after 10.00 a.m. will have to pick up their passes from the NGO Resource Centre located in the First Basement of the Secretariat Building GA-37. NGOs are reminded that all Briefings start promptly at 10:15 a.m.