

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs has the pleasure of inviting you to a:

Special Event to mark the International Year for the Rapprochement of Cultures

> Wednesday, 21 April 2010 3 to 6 p.m.

Location: Conference Room 2, North Lawn Building (NLB), United Nations Headquarters

Objectives: The special event will provide an opportunity to promote a shared conceptual framework on intercultural issues, to showcase successful experiences in this field and to share updated information on forthcoming United Nations activities that pertain to the intercultural, interreligious and intercivilizational arenas.

Opening remarks by:

- Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations
- H.E. Dr. Ali Abdussalam Treki, President of the 64th session of the General Assembly (*tbc*)

Presentations by:

- H.E. Mr. Gaziz Telebayev, Vice-Minister of Culture of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- H.E. Mr. Libran Cabactulan, Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations and Chairman of the Tripartite Forum for Interfaith Cooperation for Peace
- Ms. Thoraya Ahmed Obaid, Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- Chief Wilton Littlechild, Commissioner with the Canadian Truth and Conciliation Commission for Boarding Schools and former Member of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
- Mr. Marc Scheuer, Director, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations
- Mr. Hans d'Orville, Deputy Director-General a.i. and Assistant Director-General for Strategic Planning, UNESCO

Please be advised that if you do not have a United Nations grounds pass, you must RSVP Ms. Rosalinda Sanchez (<u>sanchez2@un.org</u>) by 19 April 2010