Special event on the World Day of Social Justice

Theme: If You Want Peace & Development, Work for Social Justice

20 February 2019

1:15-2:45 pm
Conference Room 6, UN Headquarters

Draft Programme

1:15 Welcome remarks by H.E. Ms. Mirgul Moldoisaeva, Permanent Representative of the Kyrgyz Republic to the UN and sponsor of the World Day of Social Justice

1:25 Special Message by Mr Guy Ryder, ILO Director General, delivered by Mr. Vinicius Pinheiro, Special Representative and Director of the ILO Office to the United Nations

1:30 Interactive exchange

- **Mr. Henk-Jan Brinkman**: Chief Policy, Strategy and Partnerships in the UN Peacebuilding Support Office.
- **Mr. Owen Shumba**, Team Leader, UNDP Division on Livelihoods & Economic Recovery in Crisis Situations.
- **Prof. Séverine Autesserre**, Professor of Political Science at Barnard College, Columbia University (USA).

2:45 Conclusion

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Speakers

H.E. Mrs. Mirgul Moldoisaeva is the Permanent Representative of the Kyrgyz Republic to the United Nations since February 2016. Previously, she was Head of the International Cooperation Department of the Government Office of the Kyrgyz and Expert, Chief of the Situational and Analytical unit of the Foreign Policy Department of the President’s Office of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Mirgul holds a B.A. in International Law from the International University of Kyrgyzstan and a M.A. in Civil Law from the Kyrgyz State National University.

Henk-Jan Brinkman has been Chief of the Peacebuilding Strategy and Partnerships Branch in the UN Peacebuilding Support Office since 2010. Previously, he was Chief Economic Analyst in the World Food Programme and Senior Economic Affairs Officer in the Executive Office of the Secretary General of the United Nations. He started his career in the UN in 1989 in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Henk-Jan holds a B.A. and M.A. in economics from the University of Groningen and a Ph.D. in economics from the New School for Social Research in New York City.

Owen Shumba is the team leader for the Livelihoods and Economic Recovery Group in the United Nations Development Programme’s Bureau for Policy and Programme Support. He is a livelihoods/local economic recovery expert with 19 years of experience working with rural/urban communities, refugees (with NGOs and UNHCR), natural resources management, food security, local and national governments on community livelihoods, economic recovery and disaster risk reduction.

Owen holds a MSc. from the University of Leipzig, Germany in Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture with a focus on Natural Products.

Séverine Autesserre is since July 2007 a Professor in the Department of Political Science of the Barnard College of Columbia University. She is an award-winning researcher and author on war and peace, an expert in peacebuilding, peacekeeping, international aid, and African civil wars and has authored the books Peaceland and The Trouble with the Congo in addition to a magnitude of scholarly, policy, and news articles.

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