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## **Special Lecture: "The Post-2015 Development Agenda: Setting the Stage!"**

**DATE + TIME:** Wednesday, 2 April 2014, 2:00–3:00 PM

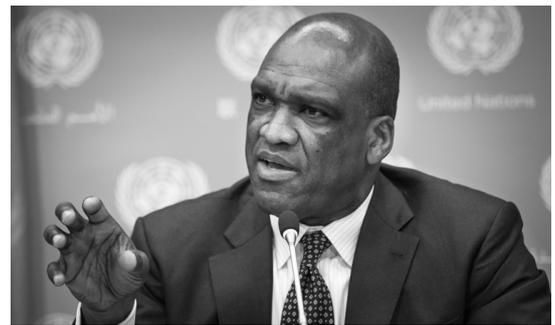
**VENUE:** U Thant Hall (3F), United Nations University Headquarters, Tokyo

**ORGANIZER:** The United Nations University (UNU)

**LANGUAGE:** English (no Japanese interpretation will be provided)

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The United Nations University, in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, is delighted to invite you to "The Post-2015 Development Agenda: Setting the Stage!", a lecture by **H.E. Mr. John W. Ashe**, President of the UN General Assembly's sixty-eighth session.



Mr. Ashe is dedicating his presidency and the sixty-eighth session to engagement with UN Member States and relevant stakeholders in an effort to "set the stage" for the Post-2015 Development Agenda. To promote consensus building among the global community and establish definitive post-2015 objectives, Mr. Ashe and his team are organizing a series of high-level meetings and thematic debates during the first half of 2014.

Coinciding with these events, this special lecture at UNU will review the pressing global issues influencing the Post-2015 Development Agenda discourse. The 30-minute lecture will highlight the need for an inclusive post-2015 agenda, and explore the essential contributions of women, youth and civil society, while gauging progress on commitments to human rights, peacebuilding and the rule of law.

This event will be an exceptional opportunity to hear Mr. Ashe's vision for the Post-2015 Development Agenda. His decades of experience in various international negotiations and at the forefront of sustainable development afford him an unparalleled perspective on the topic. The lecture will be followed by a 30-minute question and answer session during which participants are encouraged to interact with Mr. Ashe.

Advance registration (by 1 April) is required. For further details, or to register to attend, please see the event announcement on the UNU website: <http://unu.edu/events/upcoming/the-post-2015-development-agenda-setting-the-stage.html>

### **About the speaker**

H.E. Mr. John W. Ashe is President of the UN General Assembly's sixty-eighth session. A citizen of Antigua and Barbuda, Mr. Ashe served from 1989 to 1995 as Scientific Attaché, Counsellor and Minister Counsellor for his country's Permanent Mission to the United Nations, and as Antigua and Barbuda's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations from 1995 to 2004. Mr. Ashe has served on the governing boards of major United Nations funds and programmes, including as President of the UN Development Programme, UN Population Fund, and UN Office for Project Services Executive Board in 2010, and as President of the UN Children's Fund Executive Board in 2012. In 2004, he presided over the thirteenth session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development and in 2012 was co-Chair of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20). In 2007, Mr. Ashe was awarded the Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George by Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom, in recognition of his global diplomatic service.