



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

New York, 16 April 2013

Excellency,

I have the pleasure to inform that I will convene the high-level thematic debate as mandated by the General Assembly Resolution A/RES/67/202 adopted in December 2012.

Nations Headquarters in New York on Wednesday, 26 June 2013.

The thematic debate will discuss promoting entrepreneurship in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication at the national, regional and

High-Level Thematic Debate
67th Session of the United Nations General Assembly

'Entrepreneurship for Development'

New York, 26 June 2012

Background

In December 2012, the General Assembly adopted resolution A/RES/67/202, on Entrepreneurship for Development. The resolution requested the President of the General Assembly to convene a high-level thematic debate to discuss promoting entrepreneurship in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication at the national, regional and international levels. The HLTD will also focus on the role of the United Nations and the international community in promoting entrepreneurship as a tool for development.

Objectives of the High-Level Thematic Debate

In many countries around the world, particularly developing countries, aspiring entrepreneurs can face overwhelming challenges when they start up a business. This could be due to difficult regulatory frameworks, high administrative burdens, a lack of

financial support, and/or entrenched social barriers. The main objective of the high-level thematic debate is to discuss ways to create enabling environments that help entrepreneurs expand their activities, as well as to share best practices, identify gaps and develop new ideas and initiatives.

A multi-stakeholder approach to promoting entrepreneurship is necessary to progress