

# *The High Level Event on Supporting Civil Society*

September 23, 2013  
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
New York Hilton  
Grand Ball Room

## **Sequence of Events**

### **President Barack Obama, United States**

*An intensive global effort to defend, support, and sustain civil society*

### **U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon**

*Harnessing the United Nations to promote and protect civil society*

### **Mr. Alejandro González Arreola, Director General, GESOC and Open Government Partnership Steering Committee Member, Mexico**

*The Open Government Partnership: redefining the relationship between governments and civil society*

### **President Tsakhiagiin Elbegdorj, Mongolia**

*The Community of Democracies: a global platform for action to empower civil society*

### **U.N. Special Rapporteur Maina Kiai, Rights to Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and of Association**

*Sounding the Alarm: emerging threats to civil society and the need for a coordinated international response*

### **Ms. Khin Lay, Triangle Women Support Group, Burma**

*Creating a supportive policy environment for civil society: an activist's perspective*

### **Mr. Douglas Rutzen, President, International Center for Not-for-Profit Law and Lifeline Consortium Partner, United States**

*Living up to our values: conclusions and the road ahead*

### **President Barack Obama, United States**

*Closing remarks and call to action*