



**Response to invitation to the Secretary-General: High-level event opening  
World Bank Group Fragility, Conflict and Violence Forum 2016 with President  
Jim Yong Kim, Tuesday 1 March 2016**

**Amy Kyaw** to: Gianluca Rampolla, Rishan Ghebreigziabher  
barahonaposada, Mary Sack, G. Cucinotta, Mattia Villa, Jackilyn  
Cc: Punsal, Daw Yi Mon Aung, Rommel Maranan, Aminata Sy,  
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19/08/2015 04:42 PM

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Dear Mr. Rampolla del Tindaro and Rishan,

I am writing on behalf of Scheduling Unit of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, in response to the note from ASG Oscar Fernandez-Taranco, dated 13 August 2015, inviting the Secretary-General to participate in the High-level event opening World Bank Group Fragility, Conflict and Violence Forum 2016 with President Jim Yong Kim, Tuesday 1 March 2016 (corlog 15-07218; attached for your reference).

I am pleased to inform you that the Secretary-General has agreed to attend the event and deliver opening remarks. In this regard, the Scheduling Office of the Secretary-General, will continue to liaise with your office to discuss the relevant arrangements for the Secretary-General's participation.



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Many thanks.

Kind regards,

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**Re: Remarks at the high level event opening World Bank Group Fragility, Conflict and Violence Forum 2016 with President Jim Yong Kim, on 1 March 2016 from 9:00am to 10:30 am**

Asif R. Khan to: Mattia Villa

18/08/2015 04:28 PM

Alexandra Barahona Posada, Aminata Sy, Amy Kyaw, Daw Yi Mon  
Cc: Aung, G. Cucinotta, Ivan Lupis, Jackilyn Punsal, Mary Sack, Rommel Maranan, Ruxandra Ferascu, Sebastien Lawson, Wook-Jin Chang

History: This message has been replied to.

Mattia Villa	Remarks at the high level event opening World Bank Group Fragility, Conflict
Ivan Lupis	<i>I am out of the office until 07/09/2015.</i>
Mattia Villa	<i>&lt;Including Dora in Ivan's absence&gt; Thanks,</i>
Asif R. Khan	<i>Dear Mattia, (Ivan is on leave.)</i>
Mattia Villa	<i>Dear Asif, Thank you for your advice, well received.</i>

Dear Mattia,

(Ivan is on leave.)

It seems as if the event does merit serious consideration by this office.

While the event is quite far off (March 2016), and it seems that the formal invitation has not yet been received (ref attached note from ASG Fernandez-Taranco), we think that SG may wish to attend this event.

Both the subject matter, as well as its relation to the SDGs may make the event worthwhile. It is also in keeping with the increased partnership and collaboration between the UN and World Bank that the two respective heads of organizations have repeatedly stressed.

Thanks.  
Asif

Mattia Villa

Dear Ivan, With reference to the event above me...

18/08/2015 12:28:34 PM

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Date: 18/08/2015 12:28 PM  
Subject: Remarks at the high level event opening World Bank Group Fragility, Conflict and Violence Forum 2016 with President Jim Yong Kim, on 1 March 2016 from 9:00am to 10:30 am

Dear Ivan,

With reference to the event above mentioned, could you kindly recommend whether (1) the SG's

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participation is warranted, (2) a representative and/or a message would be in order, or (3) the invitation merits other answer?

Please find the original invitation below for your reference.



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Grateful if you could send your recommendation by 26 August please.

Thanks and regards,  
Mattia

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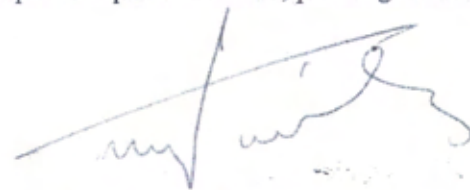
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✓ Invitation to Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to participate in high level event opening World Bank Group Fragility, Conflict and Violence Forum 2016 with President Jim Yong Kim Tuesday, March 1, 2016 9:00AM-10:30AM

1. The Fragility, Conflict, and Violence Forum 2016 is a high-profile event organized by the World Bank Group and its partners, which brings together practitioners and policymakers from around the world to exchange knowledge and experience on driving the development agenda forward in places challenged by fragility, conflict and violence. Through the three-day event, March 1-3, 2016, innovative work and groundbreaking research will be presented, with rich discussions engaging participants from the private sector, civil society, government, multilateral agencies and donors.
2. The 2016 fragility forum will have as its main theme the challenge of making progress on the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and in particular Goal 16 on peace, access to justice and effective institutions.
3. The World Bank is proposing a joint UN-WB convened one-and a half hour high-level panel on March 1, 2015 to be opened by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and President Jim Yong Kim to discuss what it would take to turn the ambition of the SDGs into a reality in fragile and conflict-affected states.
4. The opening remarks by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and President Jim Yong Kim will be followed by a multi-stakeholder high-level discussion, which will include three panellists, including a representative from a government (e.g. a former/existing head of state or government) and a high-profile representative from civil society (e.g. his Highness the Aga Khan).
5. I should be grateful if you could bring the invitation and attached concept note to the attention of the Secretary-General requesting his in principle acceptance/refusal, pending formal invitation from the President.



Oscar Fernández-Taranco  
13 August 2015

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DRAFT CONCEPT NOTE

World Bank Group Fragility, Conflict and Violence Forum 2016

**Meeting the Challenge of Building Peaceful and Inclusive Societies:  
Leaving No One Behind**

Joint World Bank-United Nations High-Level Opening Session

*Leaving No One behind in Fragile Contexts: What will it take?*

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and President Jim Yong Kim

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

9:00AM-10:30AM

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Addressing fragility, conflict and violence is a strategic priority for the World Bank Group, as the institution works to meet its twin goals of ending extreme poverty and promoting shared prosperity. The fifty countries and economies on the 2015 fragile states list compiled by the OECD are home to 43% of the world's population living in absolute poverty. Poverty is forecast to become increasingly concentrated in fragile states: even under the best-case scenario, 62% of the global poor will be located in fragile states in 2030.

Exiting from fragility and conflict takes time and requires multidimensional innovative policies that integrate economic, social, security, justice and political concerns. By convening a broad spectrum of partners and drawing on their collective knowledge and expertise, the Fragility Forum seeks to contribute and stimulate a debate on how the international community be more efficient at addressing issues of fragility, conflict and violence.

The 2016 fragility forum will have as its main theme the challenge of making progress on the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and in particular Goal 16 on peace, access to justice and effective institutions. The SDGs are in



line with initiatives of fragile states and their partners in recent years, such as the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States, and are also aligned with the main recommendations of the World Bank's World Development Report of 2011 on Conflict, Security and Development. But, four years following the WDR report, it has appeared very difficult to reorient development programs in these areas and make them effective.

Looking at the limited progress of conflict-affected and fragile states in meeting the MDGs, it is apparent that an agenda of 17 goals and 169 targets will be difficult to achieve in countries struggling to meet the most basic needs of citizens. The task is urgent given the time it takes for effective institutions to develop. Progress in building more cohesive societies and building better functioning states will therefore need to accelerate rapidly in the post-2015 era for any realistic hope of meeting the proposed targets, including the once on poverty.

The concept note proposes a jointly convened one-and a half hour high-level panel on March 1, 2016 to be opened by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and President Jim Yong Kim to discuss what it would take to turn the ambition of the SDGs into a reality in fragile and conflict-affected states. The opening remarks by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and President Jim Yong Kim will be followed by a multi-stakeholder high-level discussion, which will include three panelists, including a representative from a government (e.g. a former/existing head of state or government) and a high-profile representative from civil society (e.g. his Highness the Aga Khan). The session will be facilitated by a high-profile moderator. The session will address some of the following questions:

- 1) What needs to happen at the global level in order to support SDG implementation at the national levels as it relates to peaceful and inclusive societies?
- 2) How do various partners need to adjust to improve effectiveness and ensure progress towards the SDGs in conflict-affected states?
- 3) What needs to change at the national level to accelerate implementation?
- 4) What are the different approaches to global partnerships and lessons learned from existing global initiatives?



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Subject: Fw: A note from ASG Fernandez-Taranco re Joint UN-World Bank High Level Opening Event at FCV Forum 2016

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Date: 14/08/2015 06:06 PM

Subject: A note from ASG Fernandez-Taranco re Joint UN-World Bank High Level Opening Event at FCV Forum 2016

Dear all,

Please find attached on behalf of ASG Fernández-Taranco a note to the CdC regarding an invitation to the SG to participate to the Joint UN-World Bank High Level Opening Event at FCV Forum 2016. Please note the note is accompanied by the event's draft concept note.

Best regards,  
Rishan

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