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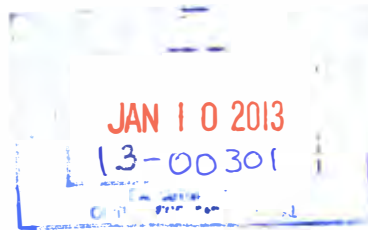
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Mr Ban Ki Moon
Secretary General
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Your Excellency,

**HIGH LEVEL AFRICA INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE ON
AFRICAN RENAISSANCE AND THE POST 2015 AGENDA
YOUNG WOMEN AND THE FUTURE WE WANT**

I am writing to invite you to participate in the High Level Inter-generational Dialogue on the Future Young Women Want on 27 January 2013 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to coincide with the African Union Summit. ✓

The World YWCA in partnership with UN Women, Urgent Action Fund-Africa, Action Aid International, Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, Girls Not Brides, Femme Afrique Solidarité, Angie Brooks International Centre and other partners is organising a series of events on the role of young women in the African renaissance and the post MDG process during the African Union Summit from January 21-28th, 2013. This will include a one day forum for young women leaders from sub-Saharan Africa; engagement in the Gender is My Agenda Campaign meeting and a series of dialogues among young women and policy makers.

These events follow the commitments to implementation of regional and global instruments such as CEDAW, the Millennium Development Goals and the African Protocol on Women's Rights, and are designed to foster the leadership of young women to effectively contribute to shaping policy. Our goal is to unleash the potential of young women in Africa as leaders, champions and advocates for human rights and development, especially related to violence against women, health, leadership, education and economic empowerment.

The series of events come at a time when Africa is celebrating great strides with increased numbers of women at the highest levels of decision making, such as the appointment of Dr Nkosazana Dhlamini-Zuma to the chair of the African Union; the ascendancy of President Joyce Banda of Malawi as the first female Head of State in Southern Africa and the re-election of President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf as President of Liberia.

The High Level Intergenerational Dialogue is being co-convened with the Government of Liberia. It will be an opportunity for direct engagement with young women around the Future they Want post-2015 and to engage in crucial inter-generational conversations connecting the

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highest levels of policy making with community voices. The World YWCA has also extended an invitation to the Chair of the AU Commission, the President of Malawi; and Executive Directors of UN Women and UNFPA, as well as leaders from regional and global women's networks to participate in the dialogue.

I valued deeply the opportunity to serve as Commissioner in the United Nations Commission on Information and Accountability on Women and Children's Health, and its follow up mechanisms. The World YWCA has continued to receive significant support from your office as well as other UN agencies such as UN Women and UNFPA over the recent years and in preparation of this event.

The World YWCA appreciates your consideration of this invitation and your availability to join us for this high level dialogue. Should you not be available to attend in person, we also welcome your nominee to contribute to the dialogue. Please have your office contact me on nyaradzai.gumbonzvanda@worldywca.org should you have further questions and to confirm your availability. ✓

We look forward to your leadership in this special event.

Yours sincerely,



Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda
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