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#### ACTIVITIES OF SECRETARY-GENERAL IN NORWAY, 10-11 OCTOBER

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon arrived in Oslo from New York on Monday morning, 10 October.

He [delivered](#) the keynote address at the "Energy for All: Financing Access for the Poor" Conference. He said that energy is at the centre of the sustainable development agenda and called for universal access by 2030. (See Press Release [SG/SM/13862](#).)

The Secretary-General then participated in a high-level debate on "Energy and the Road Towards Rio+20", together with Prime Minister Raila Odinga of Kenya, Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg of Norway, and Prime Minister Meles Zenawi of Ethiopia.

[Speaking to reporters](#), the Secretary-General thanked Norway for helping to bring energy for all to the top of the political agenda.

He later attended a working lunch on Rio+20 with those leaders, as well as the Deputy Prime Minister for Energy of Iraq.

The Secretary-General also held bilateral meetings with Prime Minister Stoltenberg, and the two [addressed the press](#) on the launch of the Norwegian Government initiative "Energy +". The Secretary-General praised the Government's commitment to multilateralism and lauded the entire country for safeguarding its open society after the attacks of 22 July.

The Secretary-General then paid a [solemn visit](#) to the Oslo site of the 22 July bomb attack, and also to Oslo Cathedral, where he expressed condolences and solidarity.

There were other [meetings](#) that day with Foreign Minister Jonas Gahr Støre, and Erik Solheim, Minister of the Environment and International Development.

That afternoon, the Secretary-General also went to the Storting, the [Norwegian Parliament](#), where he addressed members of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Scrutiny and Constitutional Affairs and answered their questions.

In the early evening, he attended a [commemoration](#) of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Fridtjof Nansen in the presence of Their Majesties King Harald V and Queen Sonja, as well as top Government officials. He praised Nansen as a great explorer who "helped map the way to a better world" and urged all to continue along this journey. (See Press Release [SG/SM/13865](#).)

In the evening, the Secretary-General attended a dinner, hosted by Ola Borten Moe, Norway's Minister of Petroleum and Energy, at the Oslo City Hall for participants at the "Energy for All" conference.

The Secretary-General departed Oslo early on Tuesday morning and flew to Copenhagen, Denmark.

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