



**Response to Invitation to the Secretary-General: Global South-South
Development Expo 2012, Vienna, 19-23 November 2012**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please convey the attached scan of formal communication from the Executive Office of the Secretary-General to H.E. Mr. John W. Ashe, in regard to the above-mentioned subject.

The original has been sent via special mail.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,
Rommel

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL

15 August 2012

Excellency,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I would like to thank you for your letter dated 26 June 2012, inviting him to attend the Global South-South Development Expo 2012, to be held in Vienna from 19 to 23 November 2012.

The Secretary-General appreciates your kind invitation. Unfortunately, I regret to inform you that he will be unable to attend the Expo, owing to prior commitments and pressing demands already on his schedule during the said dates. Nevertheless, allow me to take this opportunity to convey his best wishes for a successful event.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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His Excellency
Mr. John W. Ashe
President of the United Nations
General Assembly Bureau of the High-Level
Committee on South-South Cooperation
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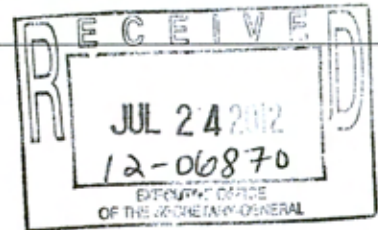


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26 June 2012

Secretary-General,

It is my privilege to invite you to attend this year's Global South-South Development Expo 2012 (GSSD Expo 2012), which will be hosted by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, *in close coordination with the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation* in UNDP, from 19 to 23 November 2012 at the Hofburg Palace in Vienna, Austria. The theme of this year's event will be *"Energy and Climate Change: Inclusive Partnerships for Sustainable Development."* ✓

The remarkable successes of past GSSD Expos are due to invaluable partnership with many United Nations agencies through the sharing of their resources and expertise. The innovative southern development solutions as well as informative forum discussions of the Expo have validated the enormous demand for replication and transfer of technology and development solutions through South-South and triangular cooperation. The collective engagement and resource sharing of United Nations agencies has proven that a lot can be accomplished through united effort. We look forward to building on past accomplishments for the success of future GSSD Expos as we commit ourselves to scaling-up innovative and inclusive partnerships toward achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the MDGs and beyond. We are confident that your presence in this year's Expo will serve to further advance our jointly held goal of promoting and encouraging the achievements of the global South.

✓ Through your leadership, the entire UN system's commitment to South-South cooperation has remained steadfast. It would be an honour, therefore, if you could deliver a statement at the **High-level Opening Ceremony, 19 November 2012**. Your presence and participation will ensure that the GSSD Expo 2012 gets off to a good start. As it was in previous years, senior government delegates, high-level officials, and senior private sector and civil society representatives will attend the event.

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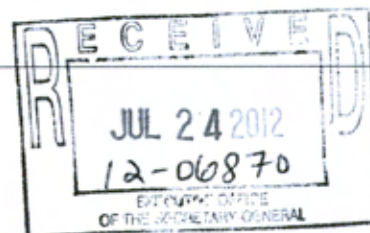


Yours truly,

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H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon
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