

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

15 August 2012

Your Highness,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the launch of Education First, my new global initiative that seeks to make education a universal right, not a privilege of a few. I will launch Education First on 26 September 2012 in the margins of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

Quality, relevant and inclusive education is the single best investment that nations can make towards building prosperous, healthy and equitable societies. Education First will rally together a broad spectrum of actors with a bold vision of a transformative education that brings shared values to life.

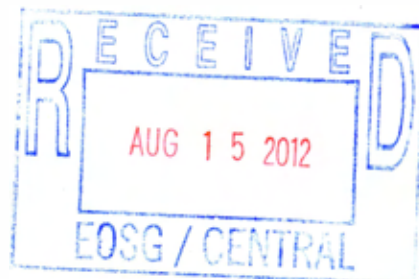
The launch, which will be held at the ECOSOC Chamber, will begin at 1.15 p.m. with announcements of commitments. This will be followed, from 2.30 to 4.00 p.m., by a substantive panel discussion on the three priority areas of Education First: access to education, quality of learning and global citizenship. I hope that you will be able to participate as a panelist and share your views on the importance of putting every child in school.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support in making universal education a reality. My office will follow up with you on this matter.

Please accept, Your Highness, the assurances of my highest consideration.


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