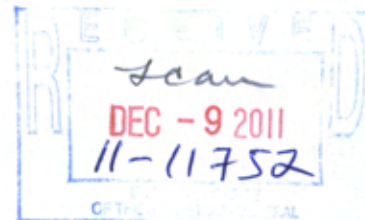




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Mr Ban Ki-moon  
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26 April 2011

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

✓ **INVITATION TO SPEAK AT INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND POLICY  
CONFERENCE "PLANET UNDER PRESSURE", LONDON, MARCH 2012**

On behalf of the International Council for Science and its co-organizing partners, it is my pleasure to invite you to address the major international conference entitled **Planet Under Pressure: new knowledge towards solutions**, being held on 26-29 March 2012 in London, UK.

The world's leading scientists in the fields of global environmental change, climate change and global sustainability would be very much honoured by your presence at this important international gathering, which aims to enhance the science-policy interface in the lead-up to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) in June 2012. The four-day London conference will also attract leading policy makers and leaders from industry, finance, technology and development from all parts of the world, to discuss solutions to move society onto sustainable pathways and help develop political momentum at the highest of levels.

During your period of office as Secretary-General you have shown great interest and leadership in addressing issues of climate change and sustainable development. Your initiative to convene the High-Level Panel on Global Sustainability has been greatly welcomed by the scientific community. In fact, ICSU and the international organizing committee for the London conference have established good working links with your High-Level Panel process and its Secretariat.

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Our community shares your vision of the important role of multilateralism, and the United Nations in that regard, in pursuing the necessary transition to global sustainability. Interconnections between science, policy, industry and civil society must be improved in order to strengthen the work of the United Nations system on climate change and sustainable development.

The Rio+20 Conference in 2012 will provide a unique opportunity to address the defining challenge of our age: for humanity to achieve the transition to a sustainable path of development, including the eradication of poverty. Human societies must succeed in integrating the pursuit of economic prosperity, social equity and planetary stewardship. Humanity has reached a point in history at which the prerequisite for development – the very functioning of the Earth system, as we know it – is at risk.

Solutions can only begin with understanding the complex interplay between natural and socio-economic systems on all scales. We must advance knowledge on future risks and on global sustainability solutions and enhance the science-policy interface. Harnessing science, technology and innovation will be crucial for ensuring a new era of sustainable development.

It is with this in mind that, two months ahead of Rio+20, the international global change research programmes of the International Council for Science (ICSU) and the International Social Science Council (ISSC) will jointly host the London conference focussing on global sustainability solutions.

The conference will:

- Highlight the current “State of the Planet” regarding the environmental, social and economic dimensions of global sustainability, and promote solutions.
- Discuss a new vision for humanity on our planet.
- Propose a new contract between science and society for achieving global sustainability.
- Propose mechanisms for strengthening the science base in global governance, particularly in the UN system.
- Launch an Apollo-scale programme for global sustainability, a ten-year international research programme to deliver solutions.

An address from you in person in London would have a particularly high impact on the final day of the conference, 29 March 2012. This is envisioned as a High-level Policy Day, on which high-profile politicians, scientists, business and media representatives will come together. Among the political leaders who have also been invited for this day are the British Prime Minister, David Cameron, and the Brazilian President, Dilma Rousseff. Invited leaders from the business sector include James Balsillie and Bill Gates. Finally, some of the leading scientists who will speak on this final day are Elinor Ostrom, Paul Krugman, Joseph Stiglitz and Johan Rockström.

Your presence on this day would position you to receive the results of the conference and, if you deem it appropriate, pledge to carry the recommendations from the international scientific community forward to Rio+20. This day would also provide a high-profile international opportunity to promote and discuss the Report of your High-Level Panel on Global Sustainability, which has many synergies with the themes of the conference.





26-29 MARCH 2012, LONDON, UK

## PLANET UNDER PRESSURE



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*"I am pleased to welcome the "Planet under Pressure" conference to the UK. This landmark international meeting will bring together the key players to plan the integration of science, policy, industry and society to tackle what is arguably mankind's greatest challenge for the next decades. Its success is vital for all our futures."*

**Sir Paul Nurse**, Nobel Laureate and President of The Royal Society.

### State of the planet and a vision for the future

The 2012 international Planet Under Pressure conference will provide a comprehensive update of the pressure planet Earth is now under. The conference will discuss solutions at all scales to move societies on to more sustainable pathways and will provide scientific leadership towards the 2012 UN Conference on Sustainable Development - Rio+20.

Join more than 2500 participants from the global-change science and policy, business and development communities to promote trans-disciplinary research and identify opportunities for enhanced partnerships.

#### Conference themes will include:

- ▶ Meeting global needs: food, energy, water and other ecosystem services
- ▶ Transforming our way of living: development pathways under global environmental change
- ▶ Governing across scales: innovative stewardship of the Earth system

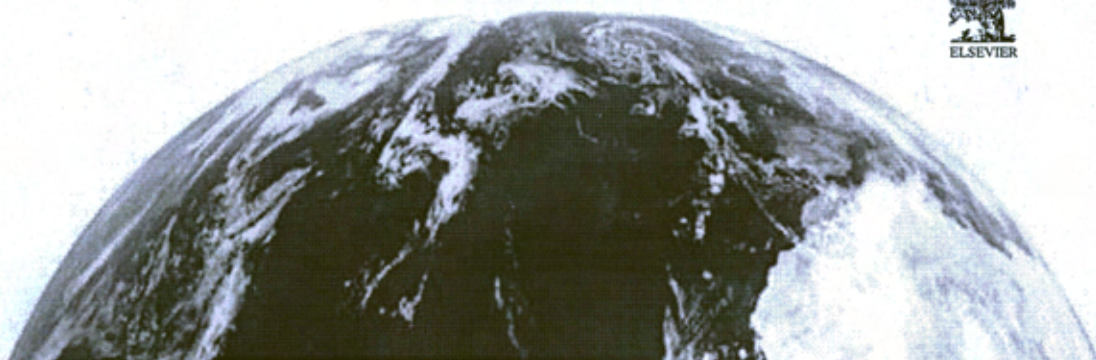
#### Visit [www.planetunderpressure2012.net](http://www.planetunderpressure2012.net) to:

- ▶ Submit session proposals – deadline 18 March 2011
- ▶ Submit abstracts for conference sessions – deadline 19 August 2011
- ▶ View conference themes
- ▶ Identify the contribution of, and benefits to, wide-ranging research communities

*"This conference will be of great importance not only for Rio+20, but for the whole sequence of international cooperation that will be necessary to turn world affairs in a sustainable direction - with the next ten years a most crucial period."* **Bo Kjellen**, Chair of the 1992 Earth Summit Preparatory Committee (Working Group One).

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Alternatively, the opening session on 26 March would also provide an appropriate opportunity for you to address the conference. In such a scenario, the conference would benefit greatly from your advice on directions for the forthcoming discussions, and from your support for the process. The opening session would again enable the conference participants to discuss the Report by your Global Sustainability Panel.

I look forward to your reply and very much hope that you will feel able to bring your wise counsel and the authority of your office to the conference in person.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Catherine Bréchnignac  
President, International Council for Science (ICSU)

With:

Professor Elinor Ostrom,  
Nobel Laureate 2009, Economics, Conference Chief Scientific Advisor

Dr Lidia Brito,  
Former Minister of Science and Technology, Mozambique, Conference Co-chair

Dr Mark Stafford Smith,  
CSIRO (Australia), Science Director, Climate Adaptation, Conference Co-chair

The conference has been developed by ICSU's four global change research programmes and their Earth System Science Partnership, as described in the attached conference flyer. These programmes are sponsored or co-sponsored by the International Council for Science (ICSU) and the International Social Science Council (ISSC), as well as by UNESCO and its IOC, WMO and UNU, depending on the topical focus of the research programme. The conference will be hosted by the Royal Society of the United Kingdom.

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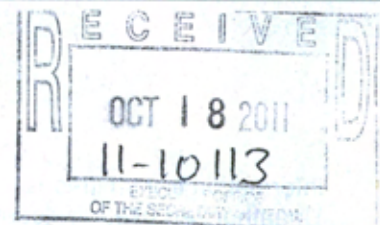
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Dear Ms Hla,

following-up to today's phone conversation between the OSCE SG, Ambassador Lamberto Zannier with the Executive Office of the UN SG, I am sending you in attachment the draft internal concept paper on the planned meeting. Please note that the attached paper is still being considered and finalized by the OSCE Lithuanian Chairmanship and is therefore confidential.

As mentioned by the SG, so far US Secretary of State Ms Clinton, High Representative Ashton and Russian MFA Mr Lavrov already announced their participation. We are also working on ensuring the presence of OSCE Mediterranean Arab Partners at Ministerial level. Of course, should UN SG participation be confirmed, it would surely encourage all participating States and Partners to attend at the highest level.

With best regards,  
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