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Dear Mr. Levin,

Thank you very much for your kind letter inviting me to be a keynote speaker at the Gender Symposium on Tuesday, 18 March on the margins of the Comparative and International Education Society's Gender Symposium.

While I am honoured by this invitation and would have liked to address the Symposium, I deeply regret that I am unable to accept due to a prior commitment which coincides with the proposed date.

I appreciate your understanding and send my best wishes for a successful event.

Yours sincerely,

Asha-Rose Migiro

Mr. Henry Levin  
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Dear Dr. Migiro,

With the deepest respect for your work as United Nations Deputy Secretary-General, as a Minister and Member of Parliament in Tanzania who addressed numerous gender issues, as a leader in the field of international development and law, and as a participant in CEDAW and the SADC peacekeeping efforts, we would like to extend to you an invitation to serve as the **Keynote Speaker at this year's Comparative and International Education Society's Gender Symposium**. This invitation is being co-sponsored by the Comparative and International Education Society Program Committee, the CIES Gender Committee, and the Society's Africa Special Interest Group.

The Comparative and International Education Society, founded in 1956, fosters cross-cultural understanding, scholarship, academic achievement and societal development through the international study of educational ideas, systems, and practices. The Society's members include more than 1200 academics, practitioners, and students from around the world. The Society's Africa Special Interest Group was formed in 2005 to develop an active and vibrant community for scholarly exchanges and deliberation between, amongst, and for African and Africanist scholars and other interested parties on current and relevant educational research on the continent. Additional information about the Society and the African Special Interest Group may be found, respectively, at: <http://www.cies.ws/home.htm> and [http://www.cies.ws/ASIG\\_02\\_20\\_2007/index.htm](http://www.cies.ws/ASIG_02_20_2007/index.htm).

The Society's Gender Symposium was founded in 1996 to provide a forum for members to engage in-depth with issues related to gender, comparative education, and international development. The Gender Symposium hosts a day-long series of presentations during the annual CIES meeting, the highlight of which is the keynote luncheon speaker. This year's panels will address issues including: peace, gender, and education; the effects on girls' and boys' schooling of international development education funding for primary versus secondary schooling; and globalization, gender, and education.

This year's Comparative and International Education Society conference will be held in New York City at Teachers College, Columbia University from March 17 to 21, 2008. The Gender Symposium keynote address is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18th from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m., and it would be open to all conference attendees.

If you are available and willing to participate as the Society's Gender Symposium's Keynote Speaker, we would be honored to hear about your experiences advocating for women's rights, peacekeeping in the Great lakes region, and human development the world over through the different roles and institutions of which you have been part.

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We would be very happy to provide you with any additional information about the conference or the keynote address that might be useful to you. As we are in the midst of finalizing the conference schedule, would you please let us know at your earliest convenience whether this speaking engagement is possible by contacting Nancy Kendall, the Gender Committee Co-Chair, at 608-692-0749 or via email at [nkendall@education.wisc.edu](mailto:nkendall@education.wisc.edu)? We hope that your schedule will allow you to participate in the conference, and we look forward to the possibility of working with you.

Warmest regards,



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