



THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL

6 August 2014

Dear Dr. Lee,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I would like to thank you for your letter, inviting him to be the keynote speaker at the 23<sup>rd</sup> World Volunteer Conference of the International Association for Volunteer Effort, to be held in Gold Coast, Australia from 17 to 20 September 2014.

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

Yours sincerely,



Jan Eliasson

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Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

It is my great pleasure to invite you to serve as the keynote speaker at the 23<sup>rd</sup> World Volunteer Conference of IAVE – The International Association for Volunteer Effort which will take place from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2014 in Gold Coast, Australia.

IAVE is the only worldwide network of individuals, NGOs, government agencies and global corporations that exists to promote, strengthen and celebrate the wide diversity of ways that volunteering occurs throughout the world. Our biennial World Volunteer Conference is the only regularly scheduled meeting ground for leaders of volunteering from throughout the world.

We are very pleased to have developed, over the past 14 years, an increasingly close working relationship with the United Nations Volunteers programme (UNV), complementing one another in our respective global leadership roles for volunteering.

As we look ahead, we are convinced that the next global development agenda post 2015 will require heightened awareness and concerted action by people throughout the world. The active engagement of volunteers at the local, national and global level in support of the next generation of Sustainable Development Goals will be critical to achieve Sustainable Human Development for all.

We believe this year's World Volunteer Conference provides an excellent forum for you to call upon volunteers throughout the world to commit themselves to building support for internationally agreed goals and commit their time, talent and energy to achieve them.

As I approach the conclusion of my six years as World President of IAVE, with our leadership transition to take place at the conference, it is my dream that this conference will mark a new level of visibility for the power of volunteers in the world and a new degree of focus for them on sustainable development.

It would be the greatest possible honor to have you with us to make that dream a reality.

With best wishes,

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