



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

4 December 2013

Dear Professor Heuer,


I would like to thank you for your letter of 31 October 2013. I have been following with interest the dynamic cooperation between the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) and the United Nations on the topic of science for sustainability.

I particularly appreciate the exemplar collaboration between CERN and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), including the ongoing work on digital libraries and science education training of teachers and students from developing countries. The joint events held throughout 2013 to promote women and youth in science in the context of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC); the Event Origins 2013 held simultaneously in Paris, Geneva and Bologna; and the recent celebration in UNESCO of the 10 November 2013 World Science Day for Peace and Development, proved once again that the ties between the two organizations have only grown stronger ever since CERN was first established in 1954 under the auspices of UNESCO.

I am delighted to note that you have been invited as a keynote speaker at the sixth session of the Open Working Group (OWG) on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which will focus on, inter alia, science and technology, knowledge-sharing and capacity-building as critical means of implementation for the future SDGs. The inclusion of these topics on the agenda of the OWG shows the importance that countries attribute to science and technology as a critical tool for poverty eradication and sustainable development in the context of the post-2015 development agenda.

Regrettably, I will not be available on 9 December 2013 for the meeting of the Open Working Group. However, I look forward to the continuous fruitful collaboration between CERN and the United Nations, particularly in view of the upcoming celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of CERN in 2014.

Yours sincerely,

  
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Dear Secretary-General,

Since our meeting in December 2012, followed by your visit to CERN in March, CERN has been actively cooperating with the United Nations in promoting the importance of science for the society and for its sustainable development.

Starting with the Youth Forum of March 2013 and ending with my participation to the High-Level Segment in July 2013, the Organization actively contributed to a number of ECOSOC events in this particular year when the ECOSOC's ministerial review was focused on science, technology and innovation.

In September 2013, thanks to its status of Observer, for the first time CERN participated in the opening phases of the UN General Assembly. Our participation was mainly focused on the evolution of the process for the definition of the post-2015 UN development agenda and the associated Sustainable Development Goals.

I would like first to congratulate for the great success you achieved with the acceptance by the General Assembly of your strategy and road map for the completion of such a complex process in 2015.

I would also like to inform you that, following the suggestion of some Member States, during the General Assembly CERN established contacts with the UN Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals. As a result, the two co-chairs of the Group invited me to make a presentation on 9 December 2013 at a meeting devoted to science, technology and innovation, which I accepted.

This meeting will be a unique occasion for CERN to advocate the importance of science, and of basic science in particular, for the sustainable development of the society, as well as to stress the need to keep science into account in the elaboration of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Should you plan to attend the December meeting of the Open Working Group, I hope there will be the occasion to exchange views on the present and future cooperation between the United Nations and CERN. In this respect I indeed appreciated the recent appointment of a distinguished CERN scientist in your Scientific Advisory Board, which confirms the importance that both Organizations attribute to their cooperation.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Yours sincerely,

**Rolf Heuer**

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**Note to the Chef de Cabinet  
(through the Deputy Secretary-General)**

Reply letter to Professor Rolf Heuer of European Organization  
for Nuclear Research (CERN)

Please find attached for your approval, a response letter from the Secretary-General to Professor Rolf Heuer, Director-General of the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Geneva.



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