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Yours sincerely,

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Susana Malcorra
Chef de Cabinet

Mr. David Archer
Head of Programme Development
ActionAid International
Washington, D.C.

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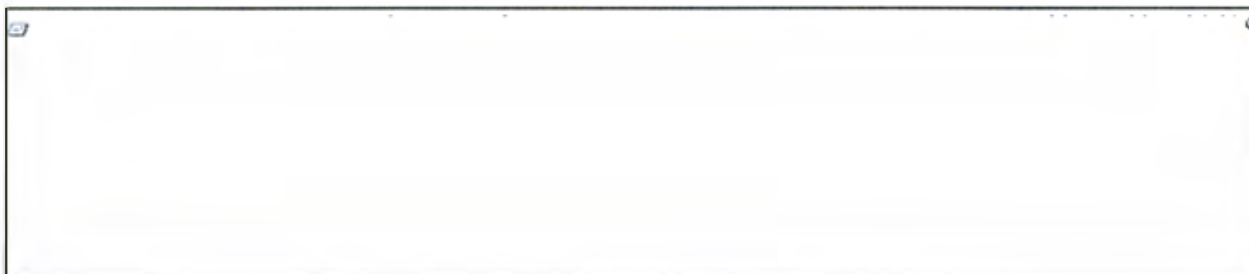


**Response to Invitation to the Secretary-General: "From Rhetoric to Action",
Addis Ababa, 28 and 29 January 2014**

Jackilyn Punsal to: mercy.erhiawarien
Cc: Alexandra Barahona Posada, Daw Yi Mon Aung

24/01/2014 10:55 PM

From: Jackilyn Punsal/NY/UNO
To: mercy.erhiawarien@one.org,
Cc: Alexandra Barahona Posada/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Daw Yi Mon Aung/NY/UNO@UNHQ



Dear Ms. Erhiawarien,

Grateful if you can convey the attached scan of formal communication from the Executive Office of the Secretary-General to Dr. Sipho S. Moyo, Africa Director of ONE, and Mr. David Archer, Head of Programme Development of ActionAid International, in regard to the above-mentioned subject.



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The originals have been sent via mail to the respective offices. Kindly confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Ms. Jackilyn Punsal
Scheduling Office of the Secretary-General
Executive Office of the Secretary-General
United Nations
Room S-3862
Tel: 212-963-7428
e-mail: punsal@un.org

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Re: Time Sensitive -- For DU/ODSG Colleagues - Advice on Need of Representation + DSG's Availability to Represent SG: Event entitled, "From Rhetoric to Action: Towards a Transformed Agriculture and a Food Secure Africa" to be held in Addis Ababa on 28-29 January 2014.

Lenni Montiel to: Alexandra Barahona Posada

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Cc: Deirdre Boyd, Elizabeth Rolando, ferascu, Georgia Ardizzzone,
Jackilyn Punsal, lee19, Pim Valdre

Dear Alex -

(1) A simple regret will be sufficient.

(2) FYI - the DSG will be in Ethiopia on 29th but his programme is full already. Thus my point (1)

Alexandra Barahona Posada

Dear Lenni, The SG has been invited...

22/01/2014 01:12:38 PM

From: Alexandra Barahona Posada/NY/UNO
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Dear Lenni,

The SG has been invited to attend the above mentioned event

Hence our office would like to know:

A) If this event merits the need of representation or whether it should be simply regretted.

B) In the case that DU's advise is that a representation from the SG is recommended, can ODSG colleagues let us know whether the DSG will also be available to attend the above mentioned event on SG's behalf (invitation attached for ease of reference)

Upon your feedback, CdC will proceed to revert back to the organisers of the event.

Regards,

Alex

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE
OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Dear Secretary General Ban Ki-moon,

Re: Invitation to speak at the "From Rhetoric to Action: Towards a Transformed Agriculture and a Food Secure Africa" January 28-29, 2014, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Warm greetings and happy New Year! I hope my letter finds you well. ONE, the Pan African Farmers Association (PAFO), ActionAid International, Acord International, Oxfam and the Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) in partnership with the African Union-Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture, cordially invite you to provide brief remarks in support of farmers' policy recommendations at a forum entitled "From Rhetoric to Action: Towards a Transformed Agriculture and a Food Secure Africa" on the 29th of January. This forum will be held on the 28- 29th of January 2014 in Addis Ababa and will bring together key agriculture leaders from public, private and civil society organisations driving agriculture transformation reforms.

This is a 10 year follow up to the 2003 African Union Maputo Declaration on Agriculture and Food Security, the African Union in 2012 declared 2014 the AU's Year of Agriculture and Food Security. The African Union's official theme for this year is "Transforming Africa's Agriculture for Shared Prosperity, through Harnessing Opportunities for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development." We believe 2014 is a critical policy opportunity for agriculture and economic development in Africa given that agriculture growth in Africa is now reported to be 11 times more effective in reducing poverty than other sectoral growth. The forum aims to set the tone for the discussion of these opportunities. It will consist of a technical session on the first day and a high level engagement of African heads of states on the second day. The overall objectives of the one and half day forum are:

- To discuss issues and prospects for improving agriculture performance on the continent as a way of creating jobs and increasing economic opportunities for Africans and ending food insecurity.
- To present common policy messages on proven policy options that enable quality investment in agriculture that ensures success in Agriculture.
- To launch a petition calling for transformative agriculture agenda building on the "Sustaining the CAADP Momentum".
- Identify opportunities and responsibilities for various stakeholders in spearheading the success of CAADP momentum and ending hunger in Africa by 2024.
- For African leaders to elaborate on their commitments to promote and fund the CAADP programme within the framework of an enhanced Maputo policy framework that benefits the growth of smallholder farmers more directly.

Given your work in championing the role that smallholder farmers play in securing an end to hunger in Africa at various international fora, we would like you to bring your experience to bear among other heads of state on 28th of January and during a the high level session on the 29th of January 2014. We believe your vast experience will be useful as smallholder farmers, non-state actors, and African leaders establish consensus on the best policy options that will enable smallholder farmers to thrive. We hope you will join us on this momentous occasion and lend your voice as smallholder farmers and non-state actors put forward the best policy options that will enable themselves and other farmers across Africa to thrive.

Currently, ONE, with its partners, have embarked on a campaign to build national and regional support for the AU's agriculture transformation goals. We are advocating for a recommitment to the 2003 Maputo Declaration goals, but seeking an enhanced agriculture policy framework to accelerate progress by all 54 African governments. We believe that commitment on the part of all African leaders can lead to rapid pan-African progress in line with the vision and objectives of CAADP.

We hope you will consider our request favourably. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mercy Erhiawarien (mercy.erhiawarien@one.org) should you have any questions.

Please accept assurances of my highest esteem. Yours sincerely,

Dr. Siphos S. Moyo, Africa Director
ONE

David Archer, Ag Director of Programs
ActionAid International



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