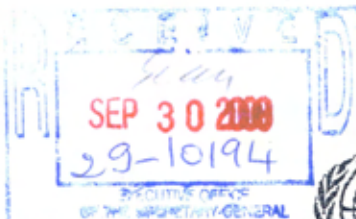




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30 September, 2009

Dear Chef de Cabinet Under-Secretary-General, Mr. Nambiar,

The Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) in partnership with the United Nations University Office at the UN, New York (UNU-ONY) is organizing a high-level panel discussion entitled "*Watchdog or Lapdog? Maximizing the Value of Internal Oversight for a Better United Nations*" to commemorate the fifteenth anniversary of OIOS. The event will take place in Conference Room 8 at UN Headquarters, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, 15 October 2009.

The discussion will cover the roles and responsibilities of OIOS, its operational independence, and the relationship between OIOS and entities within its oversight universe. **Mr. Ban Ki-moon** will make the opening address. Panelists will include: **Ms. Angela Kane**, Under-Secretary-General for Management, **Ms. Susana Malcorra**, Under-Secretary-General for Field Support, **Mr. Jules Muis**, former Director General of the Internal Audit Service of the European Commission and former Vice President and Controller of the World Bank, and **Mr. David Walker**, Chairman of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee. **Dr. Jean-Marc Coicaud**, Director of the UNU Office at the UN, New York, will moderate the event.

The event is part of the UNU-ONY **Midday Forum Programme**, which offers an intimate and informal platform to the UN Permanent Missions, the UN Secretariat, UN agencies, academia, NGOs and the private sector, to discuss and exchange ideas and experiences on important topics related to the UN.

Should Your Excellency or your representative be interested in attending this event, your registration at www.ony.unu.edu would be most appreciated by Wednesday, October 14th, 2009. My colleague, Mr. Ravi Singh remains at your disposal to answer any questions you may have and can be reached at 212-963-6387 or by email at singh@unu.edu. Confirmation of your participation would be most appreciated.

Also, we look forward to welcoming you to additional side events hosted by various divisions of OIOS that will commemorate the Office's fifteenth anniversary. Details will be forthcoming.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Mrs. Inga-Britt Ahlenius
Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services

Jean-Marc Coicaud
Director, UNU Office at the UN, New York

Mr. Vijay Nambiar, Chef de Cabinet Under-Secretary-General, Executive Office of the Secretary-General

Sir,

The SG is tentatively
scheduled to make
remarks at this event being
organized by OIOS + the
UNU on Thursday, 15
October, in Conference
Room 8.

You have also been invited.

Would you like to attend?

Y/s
CDC's participation
confirmed
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