



Response to the Note from Mr. Wu: Invitation to the SG to participate in the opening of the panel discussion "Sports for inclusive development and empowerment of persons with disabilities", 10 June 2014 (Reference# 14-04787)

Rommel Maranan to: Haitian Lu, Kay Govia, Yunxiao Long

06/06/2014 09:39 AM

Cc: Josiane Ambiehl, Wook-Jin Chang, Alexandra Barahona Posada,
Jackilyn Punsal

Dear DESA colleagues,

I am writing on behalf of Josiane Ambiehl, Director of the Scheduling Office of the Secretary-General, in response to the note from Mr. Wu dated 4 June 2014, inviting the Secretary-General to participate in the opening of the panel discussion "Sports for inclusive development and empowerment of persons with disabilities", to be held at UNHQ on 10 June 2014. (Our reference# 14-04787)

Unfortunately, the Secretary-General will be unable to attend the event, owing to prior commitments already in his schedule during the said period.

We thank you for your understanding and wish to convey the Secretary-General's best wishes for a successful event.

Kind regards,
Rommel

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Fw: Time Sensitive -- For DU-Speechwriting Unit's Advice: Sports for Inclusive Development and Empowerment of persons with Disability

Alexandra Barahona Posada to: ambiehl

05/06/2014 06:03 PM

Cc: Wook-Jin Chang, Rommel Maranan, Jackilyn Punsal, amdur, Lenni Montiel, Deirdre Boyd

Dear Josiane,

The views of Richard and Lenni, attached below -- this should be a straight regret. Mr. Wu is already speaking in his own right no need for an SG's message

regards,

Alex

----- Forwarded by Alexandra Barahona Posada/NY/UNO on 05/06/2014 06:01 PM -----

From: Lenni Montiel/NY/UNO
To: Richard Amdur/NY/UNO@UNHQ,
Cc: Alexandra Barahona Posada/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Deirdre Boyd/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Jackilyn Punsal/NY/UNO@UNHQ
Date: 05/06/2014 06:00 PM
Subject: Re: Time Sensitive -- For DU-Speechwriting Unit's Advice: Sports for Inclusive Development and Empowerment of persons with Disability

I concur with Richard

Richard Amdur thanks, alex. seems to me that just as some invi... 05/06/2014 05:58:38 PM

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Cc: Deirdre Boyd/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Jackilyn Punsal/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Lenni Montiel/NY/UNO@UNHQ
Date: 05/06/2014 05:58 PM
Subject: Re: Time Sensitive -- For DU-Speechwriting Unit's Advice: Sports for Inclusive Development and Empowerment of persons with Disability

thanks, alex. seems to me that just as some invitations come too late for sg's attendance to be possible, some also come too late for us to provide a message, especially given all else on our plate. mr. wu is already reading a message to the opening of the main session and that should be sufficient in my view.
best, richard

Alexandra Barahona Posada Dear Lenni and Richard, We would b... 05/06/2014 05:56:26 PM

From: Alexandra Barahona Posada/NY/UNO
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Date: 05/06/2014 05:56 PM
Subject: Time Sensitive -- For DU-Speechwriting Unit's Advice: Sports for Inclusive Development and Empowerment of persons with Disability

Dear Lenni and Richard,

We would be grateful to receive your advice as to whether an SG's message to this event would be sufficient. SG will not be able to attend this event on 10 June.

Grateful for your early feedback,

Alex

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Note to the Chef de Cabinet

Panel Discussion

"Sports for inclusive development and empowerment of persons with disabilities"
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Kindly find attached copies of the programme and related background information.

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4 June 2014

cc: Deputy Secretary-General

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To ABP

SA has a
commitment

(secretly private
lunch) on

10 June.

Can you
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RA thinks

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by USCW

Gr. intakes?

Thanks,

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cc: CWT, RM, JP

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Sports for Inclusive Development and Empowerment of persons with disabilities

10 June 2014 1:15 – 3:00 PM, Conference Room 5, TNLB, UNHQs New York

Introduction

There are approximately one billion persons with disabilities in the world, amounting to 15 per cent of the global population. Evidence suggests that persons with disabilities are disproportionately represented among the world's poor. Children with disabilities are less likely to attend school, which in turn decreases their chances of developing skills for future employment opportunities. This kind of exclusion, both economic and social, breaches the human rights of the world's largest minority and poses a major development challenge. Rich diverse societies that are truly inclusive will help strengthen the enjoyment of fundamental human rights and contribute to development for all its members.

Sports, being a universally popularity pursuit and the physical, social and economic developmental benefit associated with it, is an ideal tool to foster the inclusion and well-being of persons with disabilities. Sports reduce stigma and discrimination often associated with disability by highlighting their ability and talent, thereby transforming public attitudes towards persons with disabilities. Moreover, sports' unique ability to transcend linguistic, cultural and social barriers makes it an excellent catalyst for economic and social inclusion. Physical recreation is an enabler that has the power to change the lives of persons with disabilities in an equally profound way, by empowering them to realize their full potential and become agents of change in society. Through sports, persons with disabilities acquire vital social skills, develop independence, and become empowered to act as contributors in development.

Panel Discussion on Sports for Inclusive Development and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

The United Nations Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations, in close collaboration with the Office of the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Advisor on Sport for Development and Peace, will organise a Panel discussion on sports for inclusive development and empowerment of persons with disabilities, in conjunction of the 7th session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The panel discussion contributes to the Conference, the implementation of the Outcome of the High Level Meeting on Disability and Development and ongoing global efforts to promote disability-inclusive development towards 2015 and beyond.

Expert panelists will use evidence based studies, personal experiences and their expertise to highlight the importance of sports in empowering persons with disabilities and their communities and contributing to inclusive societies and development for all.

In addition, the panelists from Governments, UN agencies, and civil society organizations, including organizations of persons with disabilities will discuss in what ways sports and accessible and universally designed technologies help in making a difference that not only positively affects the lives of millions of persons with disabilities but also benefits their wider societies.

Purposes and objectives

- To emphasize sports as an important catalyst and enabler; to explore its power in promoting inclusive development; to embrace diversity; and to foster empowerment of persons with disabilities.
- To raise awareness of Member States and other relevant stakeholders and call actions to further include disability in the international development agenda, including in internationally agreed development goals, through sport.

Programme

(A light lunch will be served at 12:30 am on the 2nd Floor of NLB by the Vienna Café)

Opening and welcome addresses (United Nations and Italy)

Panelists discussions (moderated by DESA)

- Mr. Wilfried Lemke, Secretary-General's Special Advisor on Sport for Development and Peace
- H.E Carlos Garcia, Permanent Representative and Ambassador of El Salvador to the United Nations
- Mr. Salvatore Cimmino (well-known Italian marathon swimmer with amputee. Nominee for 2011 and 2012 World Open Water Swimmer of the year)
- Ms. Zahra Nemati (first Iranian Paralympics medallist woman)
- Professor Eugenio Guglielmelli (Campus Bio-Medico University)

Q & A and interactive discussions

Closing

Remarks:

1. *Working language for the event is English. Interpretation available for Italian and Persian*
2. *Lunch refreshment will be hosted by the Permanent Mission of the Italy, from 12:30pm onward till the opening of the event near the venue Background .*
3. *Details about the event will be posted in the UN Enable website at: www.un.org/disabilities;*

Programme

13.15-13.25	Welcoming address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations • H.E. Sebastiano Cardi, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations
13.25-13.30	Introduction of the panel discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Ms. Daniela Bas, Chief of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs
13.30-14.20	Presentations by the panelists (7 minutes each panelist)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Wilfried Lemke, Secretary-General's Special Advisor on Sport for Development and Peace • H.E Carlos Garcia, Permanent Representative and Ambassador of El Salvador to the United Nations • Mr. Salvatore Cimmino, Italian marathon swimmer with amputee • Ms. Zahra Nemati, first Iranian Paralympics gold medallist woman • Mr. Eugenio Guglielmelli, Professor, Campus Bio-Medico University • Mr. Joe Walsh, Vice President, International Blind Sports Federation • Mr. Jared Niemeyer, representative, Special Olympics International
14.20-14.35	Interactive discussions	<p>Respondent/discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Michael Lenton , Selex Company IT • Mr. Eli Wolff, Inclusive Sports Initiative of Institute for Human Centered Design • Dr. Simone Ungaro, Director of the Italian Institute of Technology
14.35-14.40	Feedback from the panelists	
14.40-14.45	Conclusions and the Way Forward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator, Ms. Daniela Bas