

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

9 June 2015

Excellency,

In reference to my letter dated 6 May 2015 regarding the International Ebola Recovery Conference which I plan to host in New York on 10 July 2015, I have the honour to invite you personally to join me in leading the Conference.

I am pleased to attach the draft programme for the Conference, as well as that of the technical consultations on 9 July 2015, which will precede the Conference. The draft programmes for both days have been discussed with your representative in New York.

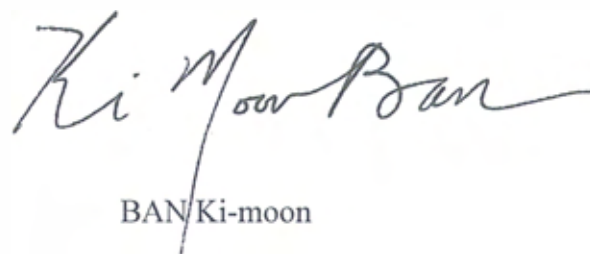
The technical consultations have been specifically developed to draw full attention to the national and sub-regional recovery plans developed by your Government, the Governments of Guinea and Sierra Leone and the Mano River Union. The aim is to provide the opportunity to discuss these plans in depth with the partners to the Conference: Member States, United Nations entities, foundations, non-governmental organizations and representatives of the private sector. In view of the nature and content of the discussions planned for the day, and the level of participation anticipated, I have the honour to invite your Government to be represented at the ministerial level during the technical consultations on 9 July in order to present the costing of your recovery plans for the 24-month period, which is the scope of this Conference.

The International Ebola Recovery Conference itself has the objective of drawing attention to and mobilizing resources for country-led recovery processes over the subsequent 24 months. The Conference provides an opportunity for the Governments of the three countries primarily affected by the Ebola outbreak to present their recovery priorities for this period. It also calls upon the international community to support the “getting to zero and staying at zero phase”, as well as to secure continued international commitment to build the resilience necessary to return to the path of sustainable development.

Her Excellency
Mrs. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf
President of the Republic of Liberia
Monrovia

I would be grateful to receive confirmation of your personal presence at the Conference, as well as that of your senior ministers, who will be invited to conduct a detailed presentation of the recovery plans of your country and to lead the panel discussions on 9 July 2015.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



BAN Ki-moon



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Excellency,

I am pleased to inform you that I will host an International Ebola Recovery Conference in New York on 10 July 2015. The Conference will be preceded by technical consultations on 9 July 2015. Given the key role that the African Union plays in support of the affected countries in their recovery from the Ebola outbreak, I have the honour to personally invite you to partner with the United Nations in the Conference. I am pleased to enclose for your information the draft programmes of both the Conference on 10 July and the technical consultations on 9 July.

In your role as a partner, I would like to invite you to deliver, during the opening segment of the Conference, a brief statement regarding the contribution of the African Union to the recovery of, in particular, Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone, during the coming 24 months. In addition, I would invite your institution to play a substantive and leading role during the technical consultations on 9 July.

The technical consultations have been specifically developed to draw full attention to the national and sub-regional recovery plans developed by the Governments of the three principally affected countries and the Mano River Union, and aim to provide the opportunity to discuss these plans in depth with the partners to the Conference: Member States, United Nations entities, foundations, non-governmental organizations and representatives of the private sector.

The United Nations is committed to assisting all three affected countries to get to zero cases and to stay at zero cases. At the same time, we are committed to assisting Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone in their recovery from the Ebola outbreak, through building the resilience necessary to return the countries to the path to sustainable development.

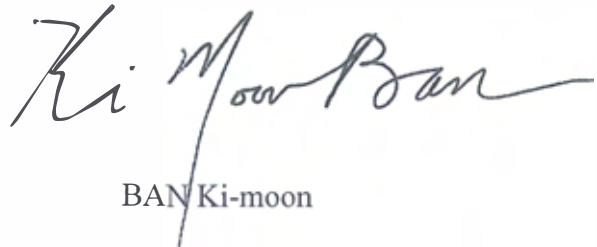
Her Excellency
Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma
Chairperson
African Union Commission
Addis Ababa

The ultimate goal of the Ebola recovery strategies is to re-establish conditions for a quick return to the path of economic growth, improvements in government functions, and overall human development.

We need to go beyond correcting the conditions that enabled the crisis and support survivors and others directly affected by the Ebola outbreak to regain their lives and recover their livelihoods.

I would be grateful to receive confirmation of your availability to participate in the Conference.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



BAN Ki-moon

Le 9 juin 2015

Monsieur le Président,

En référence à ma lettre datée du 6 mai 2015 concernant la Conférence internationale sur le relèvement après l'Ebola que j'ai prévu d'accueillir à New York le 10 juillet 2015, j'ai l'honneur de vous inviter personnellement à vous joindre à moi pour en présider le déroulement.

J'ai le plaisir de vous communiquer ci-joint les projets de programme pour la Conférence proprement dite, ainsi que pour les consultations techniques qui doivent se dérouler en amont le 9 juillet 2015. Les projets de programme de ces deux journées ont été établis en concertation avec votre représentant à New York.

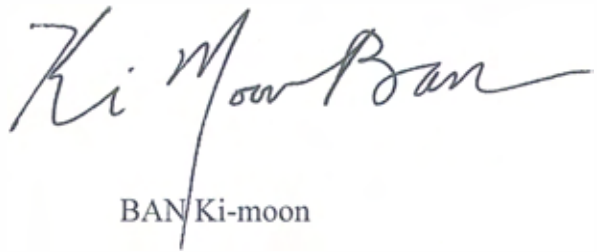
Les consultations techniques ont été conçues de manière à mettre pleinement en lumière les plans de relèvement mis au point à l'échelle nationale et sous-régionale par votre Gouvernement, les Gouvernements libérien et sierra-léonais et l'Union du fleuve Mano. Il s'agit de permettre un examen approfondi de ces plans avec les partenaires de la Conférence: les Etats Membres, les entités des Nations Unies, les fondations, les organisations non gouvernementales et les représentants du secteur privé. Compte tenu de la nature et de la teneur des débats qui auront lieu le 9 juillet 2015, jour consacré aux consultations techniques, j'invite votre Gouvernement à être représenté au niveau ministériel pour expliquer le coût des plans de relèvement sur les 24 prochains mois, puisque c'est l'horizon temporel couvert dans le cadre de la Conférence.

L'objectif de la Conférence internationale sur le relèvement après l'Ebola en tant que telle est d'appeler l'attention sur les processus de relèvement sous conduite nationale qui seront menés au cours des prochains 24 mois et de mobiliser des ressources à ce titre. Elle doit être l'occasion pour les gouvernements des trois pays les plus touchés par l'épidémie de présenter leurs priorités en matière de relèvement pour la période considérée. Il s'agira également d'appeler la communauté internationale à appuyer les efforts déployés pour ramener et maintenir à zéro le taux d'incidence du virus Ebola, ainsi que d'obtenir d'elle qu'elle renouvelle les engagements qu'elle a pris pour que les pays touchés puissent faire preuve de résilience et retrouver la voie du développement durable.

Son Excellence
Monsieur Alpha Condé
Président de la République de Guinée
Conakry

Je vous serais obligé de bien vouloir confirmer que vous assisterez à la Conférence, accompagné de vos principaux ministres qui seront invités à exposer en détail les plans de relèvement de votre pays, ainsi qu'à diriger les débats le 9 juillet 2015.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Président, les assurances de ma très haute considération.



BAN Ki-moon

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Invitation Letters from the Secretary-General for International Ebola Recovery Conference

I. Ebola-affected countries

1. Son Excellence
Monsieur Alpha Condé
Président de la République de Guinée
Conakry
2. Her Excellency
Mrs. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf
President of the Republic of Liberia
Monrovia
3. His Excellency
Mr. Ernest Bai Koroma
President of the Republic of Sierra Leone
Freetown

II. Partner Institutions

A. No Excellency

4. Dr. Jim Yong Kim
President
World Bank Group
Washington, D.C.
5. Mr. Donald Kaberuka
President
African Development Bank
Abidjan

B. With Excellency

6. Her Excellency
Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma
Chairperson
African Union Commission
Addis Ababa
7. His Excellency
Mr. Christos Stylianides
European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management
Brussels

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

Invitation letters for the International Ebola **Recovery** Conference

1. Further to my note dated 8 June 2015, please find attached for your clearance and approval draft letters of invitation for the International Ebola Recovery Conference to be held on 10 July 2015, addressed to the three Ebola-affected countries — Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone — and to the African Union, the World Bank, the African Development Bank and the European Union.
2. The letters have been prepared by UNDP in consultation with Dr. David Nabarro and other stakeholders and further reviewed by the Development Unit.


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