



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

8 March 2013

Excellency,

I will be convening a group of leaders at the upcoming fourth session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Geneva, Switzerland, to set parameters for managing the acceleration of economic losses to nations and communities due to increasing disaster risk. I would be honoured if you would agree to facilitate the high-level dialogue on Tuesday, 21 May 2013.

As you may know, the Global Platform is recognized by the General Assembly as the main forum for strategic advice, coordination and partnership for disaster risk reduction at the global level. The Rio+20 sustainable development conference and subsequent deliberations by the Assembly provided strong encouragement to Member States to give appropriate consideration to disaster risk reduction in the post-2015 development agenda.

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



BAN Ki-moon

Her Excellency
Ms. Tarja Halonen
Former President of Finland
Helsinki

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I have the honour to invite the Government of the Republic of Korea to participate in a high-level dialogue on Tuesday, 21 May 2013 at the fourth session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, in Geneva, Switzerland. I shall be convening a group of leaders concerned with disaster risk reduction who will focus on setting parameters for managing the accelerating economic losses to nations and communities due to increasing disaster risk.


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The leadership by the Republic of Korea in advancing disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation is well recognized. In particular, efforts to professionalize disaster risk reduction, along with cross-sectoral dialogues taking place with involvement from the highest levels of government, present new opportunities to develop disaster management capacities and share knowledge with other countries. At a time when nations are forging their future development goals, I am asking leaders to rally political support for sound disaster risk reduction practices to be placed prominently in the new development agenda.

His Excellency
Mr. Kim Sook
Permanent Representative of the Republic
of Korea to the United Nations
New York

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The significant progress made by the Government of Lebanon and the steps taken to address hazard risks across the country through municipal authorities demonstrate how nations and communities can build resilience to disasters. At a time when countries are forging their future development goals, your experience is much needed to rally political support for sound disaster risk reduction practices to be placed prominently in the new development agenda.

His Excellency
General Michel Sleiman
President of the Republic of Lebanon
Baabda

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In your statement to the General Assembly last September, you noted that complex challenges faced by nations today require comprehensive responses, including through better and more responsible global, regional and local governance. At a time when countries are forging their future development goals, I am asking leaders with your conviction to rally political support for sound development practices to be placed prominently in the new development agenda through the practice of disaster risk reduction.

Her Excellency
Mrs. Dalia Grybauskaitė
President of the Republic of Lithuania
Vilnius

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Yours sincerely,

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BAN Ki-moon



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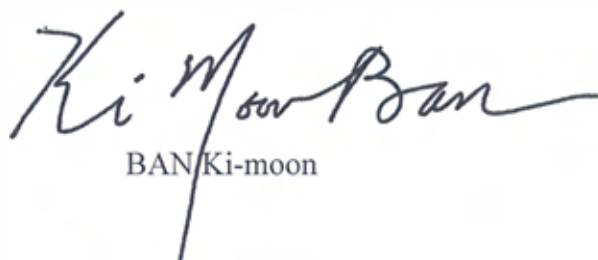
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At a time when Member States are forging their future development goals, I am asking leaders with your kind of valuable experience to rally political support for sound disaster risk reduction practices to be placed prominently in the new development agenda. Your renowned leadership in the promotion of sustainable development, women's empowerment, children's safety in disaster and conflict situations, and the promotion of education is invaluable for the disaster risk reduction community, especially as work begins on crafting a global approach to a sustainable future based on risk reduction principles.

Her Excellency
Ms. Graça Machel
Member of The Elders
Johannesburg

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Dear Dr. Kim,

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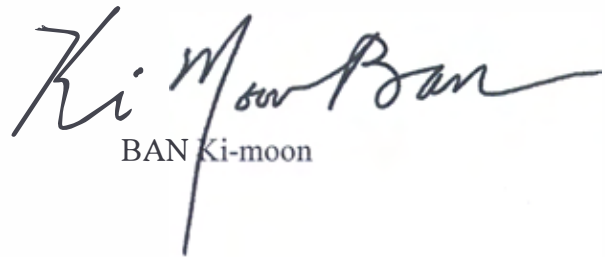
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The partnership with the Global Facility for Disaster Risk Reduction is vital as is the general cooperation with the World Bank on disaster risk reduction and the Global Platform. At a time when future development goals are being forged, the experience of the World Bank will continue to be needed to rally political support for sound disaster risk reduction practices to be placed prominently in the new development agenda.

Dr. Jim Yong Kim
President of the World Bank
Washington, D.C.

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8 March 2013

Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the attached letter to Her Excellency Ms. Tarja Halonen, Former President of Finland.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

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



Susana Malcorra
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. Jarmo Viinanen
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to the United Nations
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Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to His Excellency General Michel Sleiman, President of the Republic of Lebanon.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a final downward stroke.

Susana Malcorra
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. Nawaf Salam
Permanent Representative of Lebanon
to the United Nations
New York

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A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke, identifying the signatory as Susana Malcorra.

Susana Malcorra
Chef de Cabinet

Her Excellency
Ms. Raimonda Murmokaite
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Lithuania
to the United Nations
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Dear Mr. Mashabane,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to His Excellency Ms. Graca Machel, Member of The Elders.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Susana Malecorra
Chef de Cabinet

Mr. Doctor Mashabane
Deputy Permanent Representative
Chargé d'affaires a.i
of the Republic of South Africa
to the United Nations
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Dear Mrs. Bichara,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to Dr. Jim Yong Kim, President of the World Bank.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

Yours sincerely,

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Susana Malcorra
Chef de Cabinet

Mrs. Dominique Bichara
Special Representative of the World Bank
to the United Nations
New York



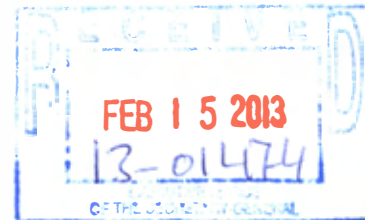
To: CDC (through the DSG)

Please find attached for your approval and SG's signature, another set of letters addressed to those who have voiced a strong interest to take part in a high-level dialogue, which the SG is convening on Tuesday 21 May at the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Geneva. (The first set of letters was sent in January)

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Political Unit
5 March 2013

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Note to Ms. Malcorra

**HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE AT THE GLOBAL PLATFORM FOR DISASTER RISK
REDUCTION, 21 MAY 2013**

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As anticipated in my note to you dated 17 December 2012, I am pleased to submit for the Secretary-General's signature a second set of invitation letters to Heads of State and Government that have expressed an interest to take part in a high-level dialogue on Tuesday, 21 May 2013 at the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in Geneva.

Once again, allow me to express my appreciation to you and the Secretary-General for your continued support of multi-stakeholder engagement.

Margareta Wahlström
14 February 2013

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Invitation letters for Secretary-General's signature
Fourth session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction to be held in
Geneva on 21 May 2013

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Approved by:

Date: 5/3/13

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