



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

31 August 2015

Dear prime Minister O'Neill

I refer to my letter of 26 August 2015, informing that Mr. Jeffrey Feltman, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, would be my representative at the 46th Pacific Islands Forum and related meetings, scheduled to be held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, from 7 to 11 September 2015.

Unfortunately, Mr. Feltman will no longer be able attend the Forum as planned, due to unforeseen circumstances. However, Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, will now represent me at this event and deliver a message to participants on my behalf. The office of Ms. Akhtar will be in contact with your office to discuss the details of her participation.

Allow me to take this opportunity to reiterate my best wishes for a successful event.

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

Ban Ki-moon
BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Peter O'Neill, GCP, MP
Prime Minister of the Independent
State of Papua New Guinea
Port Moresby



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REFERENCE:

31 August 2015

Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to His Excellency Mr. Peter O'Neill, GCP, MP, Prime Minister of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea.

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 a large, stylized 'S' and 'M' intertwined.

Susana Malcorra
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency
Mr. Robert Guba Aisi
Permanent Representative of the
Independent State of Papua New Guinea
to the United Nations
New York

Note to Ms. Akhtar

46th Pacific Islands Forum and Related Meetings

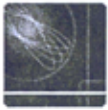
I would like to thank you for agreeing to represent the Secretary-General at the 46th Pacific Islands Forum and Related Meetings, which is scheduled to be held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, from 7 to 11 September 2015.

Please find attached the relevant correspondence.

Best regards,



Susana Malcorra
31 August 2015



Representation of the Secretary-General: 46th Pacific Islands Forum and Related Meetings, Port Moresby, 7 to 11 September 2015

Rommel Maranan to: Michele Von Rautenkranz

31/08/2015 07:04 PM

Cc: Katrin Hett, Mattia Villa, Jackilyn Punsal

Dear Michele,

Please find attached the note from the Chef de Cabinet and related correspondence regarding the representation of the Secretary-General by Executive Secretary Shamshad Akhtar at the above-mentioned event.

Grateful if you could confirm receipt of this e-mail.

Thank you,
Rommel

Rommel Maranan

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Revised response to the Invitation to the Secretary-General: 46th Pacific Islands Forum and Related Meetings, Port Moresby, 7 to 11 September 2015

Rommel Maranan to: pngun
Cc: Mattia Villa, Jackilyn Punsal

31/08/2015 07:01 PM

Dear Sir or Madam,

Grateful if you can convey the attached scan of formal communication from the Executive Office of the Secretary-General to H.E. Mr. Robert Guba Aisi, in regard to the above-mentioned subject.

The original has been sent via special mail. Kindly confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you,

Rommel Maranan

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----- Forwarded on 31/08/2015 07:00 PM -----

From: "Jackilyn Punsal" <punsal@un.org>

To: "" <pngun@pngmission.org>

Cc: "Mattia Villa" <villa@un.org>

Date: Thu, Aug 27, 2015 8:25 PM

Subject: Response to the Invitation to the Secretary-General: 46th Pacific Islands Forum and Related Meetings, Port Moresby, 7 to 11 September 2015

Dear Sir or Madam,

Grateful if you can convey the attached scan of formal communication from the Executive Office of the Secretary-General to H.E. Mr. Robert Guba Aisi, in regard to the above-mentioned subject.
(See attached file: *Response to invitation_46th Pacific Islands Forum and Related Meetings.pdf*)

The original has been sent via special mail. Kindly confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jackilyn Punsal

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Related Meetings.pdf" deleted by Rommel Maranan/NY/UNO]



Re: Fw: PIF Summit
Mattia Villa to: Katrin Hett
Cc: Jackilyn Punsal

31/08/2015 11:10 AM

	Mattia Villa	Mattia Villa	<i>Dear Katrin, Many thanks. The new le</i>
	Katrin Hett	Katrin Hett	<i>Thank you very much, Mattia. J</i>
	Mattia Villa	Mattia Villa	<i>Thank you Katrin. The Sc</i>

Dear Katrin,

Many thanks. The new letter will be dispatched today or tomorrow the latest.

Best,
Mattia

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Katrin Hett

Dear Mattia, As discussed, all details below and...

31/08/2015 11:01:40 AM

From: Katrin Hett/NY/UNO
To: Mattia Villa/NY/UNO@UNHQ
Date: 31/08/2015 11:01 AM
Subject: Fw: PIF Summit

Dear Mattia,

As discussed, all details below and the original communication attached for ease of reference.

[attachment "20150828134457.pdf" deleted by Mattia Villa/NY/UNO]

With many thanks,
Katrin

----- Forwarded by Katrin Hett/NY/UNO on 31/08/2015 10:54 AM -----

From: Michele Von Rautenkranz/BKK/UNO@ESCAP
To: Katrin Hett/NY/UNO@UNHQ
Cc: Shamshad Akhtar/BKK/UNO@ESCAP, Wook-Jin Chang/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Jane Anttila/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Iosefa Maiava/BKK/UNO@ESCAP
Date: 31/08/2015 07:13 AM
Subject: PIF Summit

Dear Katrin,

I'd like to follow up to share with you the administrative details that have evolved on our side since your message last night regarding Ms. Akhtar's participation in the PIF as SG's representative.

1) Ms. Akhtar will be departing Beijing on Monday, 7 September (15:30/CA 115) and arrive in Port Moresby on Tuesday, 8 September at 05:30. Ms. Akhtar will be able to retain her participation in the SG's China mission as planned. Ms. Akhtar will depart Port Moresby on Wed, 9 September at 16:50 (PX 010) in order to arrive in Seoul in time to keep her commitment to speak at the HL opening session of the ASEM Symposium on the 10th.

2) We understand that Ms. Akhtar would be delivering a statement on behalf of the SG during the formal plenary session on Wed, 9 September. As Ms. Akhtar will be departing for Beijing tomorrow evening (1 Sept), it would be most appreciated if EOSG could provide the SG statement as soon as possible. Could it perhaps be sent over by our c.o.b. tomorrow (1 Sept)?

3) It is urgent that EOSG please issue a NV to the PIF Secretariat and the PNG Government advising of Ms. Akhtar's designation as representative of SG and indicating that her delegation will consist of Mr. Iosefa Maiava, Director of the ESCAP Pacific Office and the UN Resident Coordinator in PNG. It would be most appreciated if you could copy Mr. Maiava and the UNRC in Port Moresby when sending the NV.

It was a bit of struggle to work out the flight connections that allow Ms. Akhtar to keep her commitment to support the SG in Beijing, still attend the high level ROK-ASEM event and represent the SG at the PIF, but we are very pleased to report that it has worked out.

We would appreciate your advice on any other administrative or protocol matters related to Ms. Akhtar's participation in the PIF that we should be aware of.

Best regards, Michele

Michele von Rautenkranz (Ms.)

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From: "Katrin Hett" <hett@un.org>

Date: August 30, 2015 at 9:31:11 PM GMT+7

To: "Shamshad Akhtar" <akhtar5@un.org>

Cc: "Kyoko Shiotani" <shiotani@un.org>, "G. Cucinotta" <cucinottag@un.org>, "Mattia Villa" <villa@un.org>, "Jane Anttila" <anttila@un.org>, "Wook-Jin Chang" <chang10@un.org>

Subject: Re: SUPER URGENT : PIF Summit

Dear Ms Akhtar,

Thank you very much for your readiness to consider attending the PIF at such short notice. Please find attached the draft programme of the Summit. Please let me know if there is any additional information that could be of help to you at this stage.

With very best wishes,

Katrin

From: Wook-Jin Chang

Sent: Sunday, August 30, 2015 10:25

To: Shamshad Akhtar

Cc: Kyoko Shiotani; G. Cucinotta; Mattia Villa; Jane Anttila; Katrin Hett

Subject: Re: SUPER URGENT : PIF Summit

Thank you Shamshad for your quick response and understanding.

Our DPA colleagues will send you the info asap.

Jin

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 30, 2015, at 10:23 AM, Shamshad Akhtar <akhtar5@un.org> wrote:

Dear Jin

truly sorry to hear of personal loss of Jeff.

can u kindly send me the schedule of the PIF Summit so we can determine how feasible it will be given some overlapping high level commitments back to back with China visit.

Warm Regards Shamshad

Shamshad AKHTAR (Ms.)

Executive Secretary

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On Aug 30, 2015, at 9:07 PM, Wook-Jin Chang <chang10@un.org> wrote:

Dear Shamshad,

Hope everything is fine with you.

As you know, there is PIF Summit and originally Mr. Feltman was planning to attend the Summit on behalf of the SG. However, Mr. Feltman's father passed away last night and the SG thinks you are the right person to represent him. If you are available, the SG thinks that you can skip whole(or second part of) visit to China.

All the best,

Jin

Sent from my iPad

[abstract: 100, final program, 17 Aug 2015, p. 17, revised by author 18/08/2015]



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

26 August 2015

Excellency,

I would like to thank you for your letter dated 6 July 2015 inviting me to attend the 46th Pacific Islands Forum and related meetings, scheduled to be held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, from 7 to 11 September 2015.

I regret to inform you that I will not be able to take part in the Forum, owing to prior commitments and pressing demands on my schedule during the said period. However, in view of the importance of the event, I have designated Mr. Jeffrey Feltman, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, to represent me at this event and deliver a message to participants on my behalf. The office of Mr. Feltman will be in contact with your office to discuss the details of his participation.

I wish to take this opportunity to convey my best wishes for a successful event.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ban Ki-moon", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ban" being the most prominent.

BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Peter O'Neill, GCP, MP
Prime Minister of the Independent
State of Papua New Guinea
Port Moresby



Re: For DPA Advice: 46th {acofoc Islands Forum and Related Meetings, 7-11 September 2015, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

Siril Herseth to: G. Cucinotta

14/08/2015 03:13 PM

Cc: Aminata Sy, Amy Kyaw, DPA-OUSG-TPs, Jackilyn Punsal, Mattia Villa, Ruxandra Ferascu, Wook-Jin Chang

History: This message has been replied to.

G. Cucinotta	For DPA Advice: 46th {acofoc Islands Forum and Related Meetings, 7-11 Sep
G. Cucinotta	<i>Dear Colleagues, Kind reminder.</i>
Siril Herseth	<i>Dear Ginevra, Do you need the answer before 14 August?</i>
Siril Herseth	<i>Dear Ginevra, The Pacific Islands Forum Summit warrants senior-level</i>
Mattia Villa	<i>Dear Siril, Please note that the SG has agreed that USG Feltman</i>

Dear Ginevra,

The Pacific Islands Forum Summit warrants senior-level UN participation as the Summit will agree on a new framework for Pacific regional cooperation. Given the importance of the Summit and the opportunities for political discussions with the Papuan New Guinea Government, DPA recommends Mr. Feltman represent the Secretary-General at the Summit and deliver a message on his behalf.

The Secretary-General has communicated that Mr. Feltman would attend the Summit on his behalf in his discussions with leaders from the Pacific in the margins of the Security Council Open Debate on Peace and Security Challenges facing Small Islands Developing States on 30 July.

Best regards,
Siril



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G. Cucinotta

Dear Colleagues, With reference to the above...

05/08/2015 04:55:54 PM

From: G. Cucinotta/NY/UNO
To: DPA-OUSG-TPs
Cc: Wook-Jin Chang/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Jackilyn Punsal/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Amy Kyaw/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Aminata Sy/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Ruxandra Ferascu/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Mattia Villa/NY/UNO@UNHQ
Date: 05/08/2015 04:55 PM
Subject: For DPA Advice: 46th {acofoc Islands Forum and Related Meetings, 7-11 Moresby, Papua New Guinea

Dear Colleagues,

With reference to the above mentioned invitation, could you kindly advise whether

- Regret
- USG Feltman
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- The event merits the Secretary-General's participation;
- A representative should attend and deliver a message on behalf of the Secretary-General (if so kindly suggest a suitable representative and confirm availability);
- The event merits other answer.

The invitation is attached for your ease reference.

By 14 August please.

Thank you,

Ginevra



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PRIME MINISTER
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6 July 2015

H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General
United Nations Secretariat
New York, NY 10017
United States of America

ACTION @WJ
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Dear Secretary-General Ki-moon,

On behalf of the Government and people of Papua New Guinea, it gives me great pleasure to invite you to the 46th Pacific Islands Forum and Related Meetings to be held from 7-11 September 2015 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

For this year's Forum, my Government has chosen "**Strengthening Connections to Enhance Pacific Regionalism**" as the Theme within whose ambit we may discuss the issues that would be brought for our consideration.

In deciding on this Theme, my Government is reminded that it is incumbent on us to ensure that the new **Framework for Pacific Regionalism**, adopted last year at the Forum Leaders Meeting in Palau, is implemented.

We are also mindful that the new **Framework for Pacific Regionalism** requires a paradigm shift in the way we prosecute Pacific Regionalism and approach regional cooperation and integration. It demands of us to rationalise and improve our relationships and conversations with each other and all our other regional stakeholders.

I believe that the best way of implementing the new **Framework for Pacific Regionalism**, is to strengthen the connections between ourselves, our other Pacific Island neighbours, our development partners, our different regional organisations and our other regional stakeholders, thus, the Theme "**Strengthening Connections to Enhance Pacific Regionalism**".

In terms of the Programme, I am pleased to provide herein the broad outline of the
✓ schedule for the 46th Pacific Islands Forum and Related Meetings, as follows:

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- Monday, 07 September: Smaller Islands States Leaders Meeting
- Tuesday, 08 September: Pacific ACP Leaders Meeting
- Tuesday, 08 September: Official Opening of the 46th Pacific Islands Forum (early evening event)
- Wednesday, 09 September: 46th Pacific Islands Forum Plenary Session
- Thursday, 10 September: Forum Leaders Retreat
- Friday, 11 September: 27th Post-Forum Dialogue Partners Meeting

✓ Prior to the commencement of our meetings, it would be my particular honour to invite you to take part in an optional **Meet Papua New Guinea** event. In this regard, on Saturday, 5 September and Sunday, 6 September 2015, my government will organize visits to Provinces.

✓ I await your advice as to which Province you may wish to visit so that my officials can make the necessary arrangements.

This **Meet Papua New Guinea** event will provide an opportunity to meet the people of Papua New Guinea, and to experience the diversity of our rich culture, customs and languages, as well as our country – Papua New Guinea.

As you will appreciate, it would also provide an invaluable opportunity for the people of Papua New Guinea to meet you, and to learn more about the United Nations.

Recent devastation to life and property exacted by Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Solomon Islands and other neighboring Forum countries demonstrate over and over again the vulnerability of our countries and the Pacific region to climate change.

✓ The 21st United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties will be held in Paris in December this year. I have agreed for a briefing through a Climate Change High Level Support Mechanism (HLSM) in the margins of the Forum meeting in September. The proposed HLSM will be coordinated by SPREP in cooperation with other CROP agencies.

My government will work closely with the Forum Secretariat and SPREP to coordinate arrangements for this briefing which is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 9th September.

My Government and I very much cherish the opportunity to host the 46th Pacific Islands Forum and Related Meetings and look forward to engaging in healthy discussions on regional cooperation and integration efforts in September.

✓ The full programme and details of our meetings will be conveyed to you in due course. However, to assist with your preparations, some of these details are contained in the **Advice on Arrangements** for the 46th Pacific Islands Forum and Related Meetings which your Organisation should have received by now.

Once again, I very much look forward to welcoming you to Papua New Guinea.

Yours sincerely,



Hon. Peter O'Neill, CMG, MP
Prime Minister

cc : **Dame Meg Taylor**
Secretary General
Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
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3 August 2015

Ms Susana Malcorra
Chef de Cabinet
Executive Office of the Secretary General
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New York, NY 10017
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dear Chef de Cabinet,

We have been asked by the Government of Papua New Guinea to forward the attached letter from the Honourable Prime Minister Peter O'Neill to His Excellency Mr Ban Ki-Moon, inviting the Secretary-General to the 46th Pacific Islands Forum and related meetings to be held from 7 to 11 September this year in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. The original letter of invitation will be mailed accordingly.

2. We would appreciate your kind assistance in conveying the attached letter of invitation to its highest destination.

Yours sincerely,

Desna Solofa
Director

Political Governance & Security Programme

attach.