



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Yours sincerely,

  
BAN Ki-moon

Dr. Jim Yong Kim  
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Mr. Michael Bloomberg  
Special Envoy of the Secretary-General  
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New York



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Dr. Naoko Ishii  
Chief Executive Officer  
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BAN Ki-moon

Dr. Judith Rodin  
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The Rockefeller Foundation  
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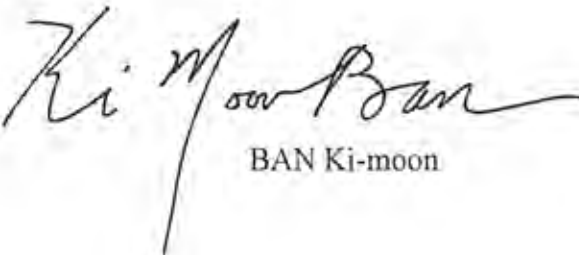
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Dr. Wallace Loh  
President  
University of Maryland  
College Park



Le 21 juin 2016

Madame la Présidente,

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Son Excellence  
Madame Ségolène Royal  
Présidente de la vingt et unième session  
de la Conférence des Parties à la Convention-cadre  
des Nations Unies sur les changements climatiques  
Paris

Je tiens à vous exprimer ma profonde gratitude pour le rôle que vous jouez, en cette période cruciale, dans l'exécution de ce Programme d'action mondial pour le climat et ce, au nom de l'ensemble des coorganisateur d'Action climat 2016 : Jim Yong Kim, Président du Groupe de la Banque mondiale; Michael R. Bloomberg, partenaire fondateur du Pacte des maires; Naoko Ishii, Directrice générale et Présidente du Fonds pour l'environnement mondial; Judith Rodin, Présidente de la Fondation Rockefeller; Peter Bakker, Président et Directeur général du Conseil mondial des entreprises pour le développement durable; Nigel Topping, Président et directeur général de We Mean Business et Wallace Loh, Président de l'Université du Maryland.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Madame la Présidente, les assurances de ma très haute considération.

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BAN Ki-moon





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



BAN Ki-moon

Her Excellency  
Ms. Sharon Dijksma  
State Secretary of the Environment  
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands  
The Hague



LE SECRÉTAIRE GÉNÉRAL

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Madame Hakima el Haite  
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de l'Energie, des Mines, de l'Eau et  
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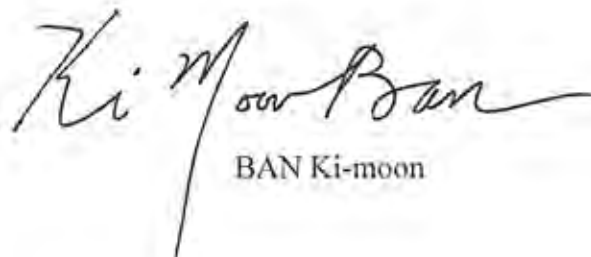
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Yours sincerely,



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The Honourable  
Mr. Tom Vilsack  
Secretary of Agriculture  
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The Honourable  
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Mr. Mogens Lykketoft  
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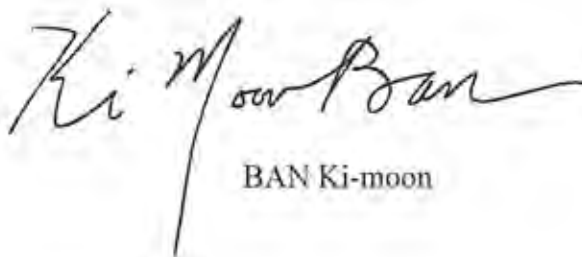
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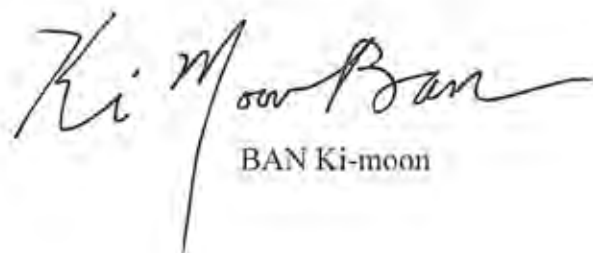
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The Honourable  
Mr. Al Gore  
Former Vice-President of  
the United States of America  
Nashville





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Dear Mr. Skinner,

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to you and to your team for successfully organizing my visit to Washington, D.C. from 4 to 6 May 2016, to attend Climate Action 2016. I would also like to thank you personally for so ably moderating the joint press conference held on 5 May. I should be grateful if you would convey my sincere appreciation to all colleagues who helped to arrange my programme.

Climate Action 2016 brought together leaders from governments, businesses, the finance sector, civil society, philanthropy, the scientific community, and academia to inject further momentum into action on climate change. My visit was highly productive as I was able to hold meetings with a number of key actors on climate change and to also interactively engage with the youths during my very interesting site visit to Brookland Middle School.

Let me reiterate, on behalf of my entire delegation, our heartfelt thanks to you and to your team for ensuring the success of my visit. I look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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BAN Ki-moon

Mr. Robert Skinner  
Director  
United Nations Information Centre  
Washington, D.C.



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Dear Mayor Bowser,

I would like to extend my gratitude to you for making the excellent arrangements for our tour to the Brookland Middle School during my visit to Washington, D.C. on 5 May 2016.

I was pleased to visit the Brookland Middle School and to witness the outstanding efforts that are under way at the school on sustainability. This school showcases the efforts that are being advanced under your leadership as Mayor to initiate inclusive programmes that provide for underserved communities.

Listening to the diverse voices of students like those at Brookland Middle School and placing their needs and rights at the heart of development is an imperative of mine. Their concerns on climate change and sustainable development lie at the heart of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on climate change. I am therefore very thankful for the unique opportunity that this engagement presented during my visit.

The issue of climate change is one in which young people, like your students, are leaders. I urge you to continue your work towards meeting the climate challenge and building a low carbon, climate-resilient future. I am confident that together, we can build a safer, healthier and more prosperous planet for all people.

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BAN Ki-moon

The Honourable  
Ms. Muriel Bowser  
Mayor of the District of Columbia  
Washington, D.C.



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Dear Ms. Lycknell,

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Ms. Norah Lycknell  
Principal  
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## Thank You Letters from the Secretary-General Climate Action 2016

### Letter to Co-hosts

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College Park

## Letters to Speakers/Key Participants

8. Her Excellency Ms. Ségolène Royal (*translated into French*)  
President of the twenty-first session  
of the Conference of the Parties  
to the United Nations Framework  
Convention on Climate Change  
Paris
9. Her Excellency Ms. Sharon Dijksma  
State Secretary of the Environment  
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands  
The Hague
10. Her Excellency (*translated into French*)  
Ms. Hakima el Haite  
Minister in Charge of the Environment  
of the Minister of Energy, Mining, Water  
and Environment of the Kingdom of Morocco  
Rabat
11. The Honourable  
Mr. Tom Vilsack  
Secretary of Agriculture  
of the United States of America  
Washington, D.C.
12. The Honourable  
Ms. Gina McCarthy  
Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency  
of the United States of America  
Washington, D.C.
13. His Excellency Mr. Mogens Lykketoft  
President of the seventieth session  
of the United Nations General Assembly  
New York
14. The Honourable  
Mr. Benjamin Cardin  
Senator of Maryland  
of the United States of America  
Washington, D.C.
15. Mr. Paul Polman  
Chief Executive Officer  
Unilever  
London

16. The Honourable  
Mr. Al Gore  
Former Vice-President of the  
United States of America  
Nashville

**Other Letters for the Secretary-General's travel to D.C.**


17. Mr. Robert Skinner  
Director  
United Nations Information Centre  
Washington, D.C.
18. The Honourable Ms. Muriel Bowser  
Mayor of the District of Columbia  
Washington, D.C.
19. Ms. Norah Lycknell  
Principal  
Brookland Middle School  
Washington, D.C.



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

Thank You Letters for the Secretary-General's travel to  
Washington, D.C. for Climate Action 2016

1. Please find attached, for your approval and the Secretary-General's signature, thank you letters related to the trip of the Secretary-General to Washington, D.C. from 4 to 6 May 2016, to attend and co-host the Climate Action 2016 multi-stakeholder summit.
2. These include letters to the Secretary-General's seven co-hosts, Mr. Robert Skinner, the Director of the United Nations Information Centre in Washington, D.C., the Honourable Ms. Muriel Bowser, the Mayor of the District of Columbia, Ms. Norah Lycknell, the Principal of Brookland Middle School and nine of the high-level speakers of Climate Action 2016.

  
David Nabarro  
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