



THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Mr. Maged Abdelaziz
Special Adviser of the Secretary-General
on Africa
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Mr. Gyan Chandra Acharya
Under-Secretary-General
Office of the High Representative
for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked
Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States
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Mr. Sven Alkalaj
Executive Secretary
United Nations Economic Commission
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Ms. Valerie Amos
Under-Secretary-General
Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
New York

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Ms. Alicia Bárcena
Executive Secretary
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Santiago

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Mr. Marc Bichler
Executive Secretary
United Nations Capital Development Fund
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Ms. Irina Bokova
Director-General
United Nations Educational, Scientific
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Paris

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Dr. Margaret Chan
Director-General
World Health Organization
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Ms. Helen Clark
Administrator
United Nations Development Programme
New York

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Mr. António Guterres
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Mrs. Noeleen Heyzer
Executive Secretary
Economic and Social Commission
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Mr. Michel Jarraud
Chair
UN-Water
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Ms. Rima Khalaf
Executive Secretary
United Nations Economic and Social
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United Nations Children's Fund
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Executive Director
United Nations Environment Programme
Nairobi

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Mr. Wu Hongbo
Under-Secretary-General
Department of Economic and Social Affairs
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Note to the Deputy Secretary-General

Call to Action on Sanitation

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Lenni Montiel

1 July 2013