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Dear Jan,

Engineering a better world – Achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

I am writing to thank you for your contribution to the Engineering a Better World thought leadership publication, showcasing the transformative role engineering can play to deliver each of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We launched it at our Engineering a Better World global conference, which brought together over 450 engineers, policy makers, and representatives of the international development community. The conference focused on the vital importance of engineering for international development, and explored ways of working in partnership to ensure that engineering innovations reach the poorest and most vulnerable communities.

Our concern, and the reason for the publication, is that engineering is much more important to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals than is widely recognised. We have had very positive feedback from all who have read the publication, and we are so pleased to have such a strong and positive communications piece that captures engineering's role in underpinning efforts to deliver the SDGs. Your message on importance of harnessing the public and private sectors to actively engage in the SDG agenda is undeniably powerful.

The conference and the launch of this publication mark the beginning of a UK government funded programme that the Academy will deliver, focused on the contribution engineering can make in tackling the global challenges. The Academy would be very interested to talk to you further about the programme and its objectives. We intend to significantly scale up distribution of the publication to schools, universities and corporates, as well policy-makers and global academies and institutions. We would greatly welcome your ideas about audiences for the publication; I have taken this opportunity to include several copies with this letter, but we would be very happy to provide higher volumes for you to distribute around your networks.



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If you have any questions about the publication, the Engineering a Better World conference, our current international programmes, or would like additional copies, please do not hesitate to contact Samantha Frost directly at (samantha.frost@raeng.org.uk).

Thank you again for your contribution to Engineering a Better World.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Dowling