



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

3 September 2014

Dear Colleagues,

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Efforts to date to realize the 2007 commitment by the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination of a climate neutral United Nations are inspiring. I call on the United Nations system to build on previous achievements to further enhance enthusiasm, efforts, and keep walking the talk -- moving steadily towards climate neutrality in the United Nations system.

Several of the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes have already succeeded in becoming climate neutral and have kept the associated costs to a minimum as emission reductions can equate to financial savings through reduced energy use and reduced travel costs.

It is my expectation that the United Nations system reaches full compliance with the United Nations Climate Neutral Strategy and becomes effectively climate neutral by 2020 at the latest, adopting the same time frame as proposed for a new agreement on climate change, expected to be adopted by parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) at the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties (COP21) in December 2015.

To reach this goal, I urge all United Nations agencies, funds and programmes to continue to reduce their climate footprint and report greenhouse gas emissions annually from this year onwards, so as to enable a complete picture of the climate footprint of the entire United Nations system by 2015. In addition, I encourage all to commit to achieve a net-zero climate footprint (climate neutrality) by 2020 and consider to accelerate this to become climate neutral by the end of 2015, including by reducing emissions in-house and offsetting remaining emissions in order to fully implement the United Nations Climate Neutral Strategy.

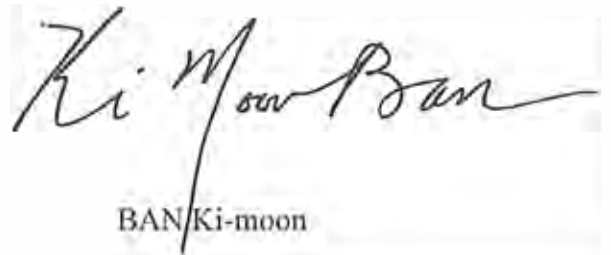
Members of the Chief Executives Board
for Coordination

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The United Nations has the potential to demonstrate responsible stewardship and leadership on true climate action. I urge you to do your part in making the United Nations climate neutral.

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BAN Ki-moon

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Letter from the Secretary-General to CEB,
 Heads of UN Agencies, Funds and Programmes

signed on 3/9

		Salutation	Full name	Designation
	UNHQ			
1.	Peacekeeping DPA	Mr.	Jeffrey Feltman	USG
2.	Peacekeeping DFS	Ms.	Ameerah Haq	USG
3.	Peacekeeping DPKO	Mr.	Hervé Ladsous	USG
4.	UNOG which includes UNCTAD, , UNIDIR, UNISDR, UNJSPF, UNRISD, JIU & Geneva offices of: OCHA, UNODA, CEB and OIOS	Mr.	Michael Møller	Acting Director-General
5.	UNOV which includes UNODC	Mr.	Yury Fedotov	The Director General
6.	UNON	Madame	Sahle-Work Zewde	The Director-General
7.	ECA	Dr.	Carlos Lopes	The Executive Secretary
8.	ECE	Mr.	Christian Friis Bach	The Executive Secretary
9.	ESCAP	Dr.	Shamshad Akhtar	The Executive Secretary
10.	ESCWA	Ms.	Rima Khalaf	The Executive Secretary
11.	ECLAC	Ms.	Alicia Bárcena	The Executive Secretary
12.	OHCHR	Mr.	Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein	High Commissioner
Other CEB members:				
13.	World Bank Group which includes IBRD, IDA, IFC, ICSID, MIGA, GEF	Dr.	Jim Yong Kim	President
14.	UNDP	Ms.	Helen Clark	Administrator
15.	WFP	Ms.	Ertharin Cousin	Executive Director
16.	FAO	Mr.	José Graziano da Silva	Director-General
17.	WHO	Dr.	Margaret Chan	Director-General
18.	UNFPA	Dr.	Babatunde Osotimehin	Executive Director
19.	IAEA	Mr.	Yukiya Amano	Director-General
20.	UNRWA	Mr.	Filippo Grandi	Commissioner-General
21.	UNESCO	Ms.	Irina Bokova	Director-General
22.	UNEP	Mr.	Achim Steiner	Executive Director

23.	UNICEF	Mr.	Anthony Lake	Anthony Lake
24.	UNIDO	Mr.	Li Yong	Director-General
25.	WIPO	Mr.	Francis Gurry	Director-General
26.	ICAO	Mr.	Raymond Benjamin	Secretary-General
27.	WTO	Mr.	Roberto Carvalho de Azevêdo	Director-General
28.	ITU	Mr.	Hamadoun Toure	Secretary-General
29.	IMO	Mr.	Koji Sekimizu	Secretary-General
30.	IFAD	Mr.	Kanayo Nwanze	Director-General
31.	WMO	Mr.	Michel Jarraud	Secretary-General
32.	UN-Habitat	Mr.	Joan Clos	Executive Director
33.	UNHCR	Mr.	Antonio Guterres	High Commissioner
34.	UN Women	Ms.	Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka	Executive Director
35.	UPU	Mr.	Bishar Abdirahman Hussein	Director-General
36.	UNWTO	Mr.	Taleb Rifai	Secretary-General
CEB members who have not yet reported on their climate footprint:				
37.	IMF	Ms.	Christine Lagarde	Managing Director
Other participating entities – not reported through above organizations:				
38.	UNFCCC	Ms.	Christiana Figueres	The Executive Secretary
39.	OPCW	H.E.	Álvaro Marcelo Moerzinger,	Ambassador/ Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the OPCW.
40.	UNAIDS	Mr.	Michel Sidibé	The Executive Director
41.	ITC-ILO	Mr.	Guy Ryder	The Director General
42.	ITC	Ms.	Patricia O'Donovan	The Director
43.	CTBTO	Mr.	Lassina Zerbo.	The Executive Secretary
44.	UNU	Dr.	David M. Malone	Rector
45.	UNITAR	Ms.	Sally Fegan-Wyles	The Executive Director
46.	UNCCD	Ms.	Monique Barbut	The Executive Secretary
47.	BRS			
48.	UNCDF	Ms.	Judith Karl	The Executive Secretary
49.	UNOPS	Ms.	Grete Faremo	The Executive Director
50.	UNV	Mr.	Richard Dictus	The Executive Coordinator

CEB members as cited in CEB website (<http://www.unsceb.org/content/member-organizations>)