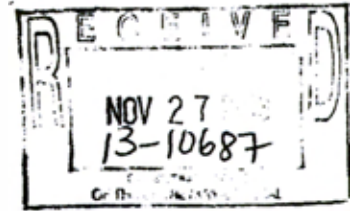


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His Excellency
Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York, New York 10017

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Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

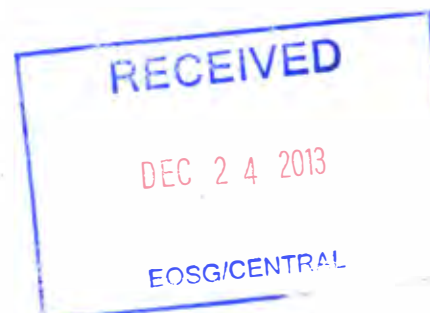
Thank you for convening the second Sustainable Energy For All Advisory Board meeting. Regrettably I am unable to attend the meeting, but I am honored to be a member of this Advisory Board. I remain committed to supporting the SE4ALL initiative and its mission to expand the use of clean energy technologies and energy efficiency and to increase sustainable energy access throughout the world.

I want to underscore the U.S. commitment to SE4ALL as evidenced by our work to develop low emission energy solutions domestically and internationally. As President Obama outlined in his Climate Action Plan, the United States is determined to make a difference at home and abroad with the current and future generation of energy. The United States supports the clean energy objectives of SE4ALL, and we are committed to providing support to meet these goals, including through international climate change assistance. For instance, we are leading missions in Bangladesh and Ghana, working with local governments and our multilateral partners to launch off-grid projects and to continue to refine and develop sustainable business models for widespread commercial development. In Bangladesh, we are connecting investors to project developers, thereby raising awareness of energy investment opportunities. Earlier this month in Ghana, the State Department-led SE4ALL team identified the technical and geographic characteristics of off-grid renewable projects for project development.

More broadly in Africa, we are working to expand energy access through our Power Africa program as supported by USAID, which is a transaction-oriented approach aiming to bring 10,000MW of new power to the continent. Additionally, USAID's Powering Agriculture Energy Grand Challenge for Development is supporting clean energy solutions for food security globally in partnership with the governments of Sweden and Germany, and Duke Energy.

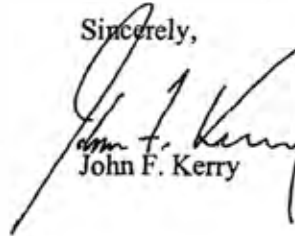
With the scale of investment required to achieve the SE4ALL objectives, I believe that private investment and innovation in technology, financing, policy, and business models, are essential to move SE4ALL toward implementing successful projects on the ground. I recently remarked that "staring us in the face today is one of the greatest economic opportunities of all time. It's called clean energy." Once SE4ALL connects prospective clean energy projects to private sector financing, communities can benefit from new jobs and expanded financing capacity. That can greatly contribute to communities and societies participating in a world of expanding markets and greater political stability.

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All of us – in government, public institutions, and the private sector – have a great responsibility and opportunity to protect the future of our planet. We need to do this in ways that create jobs and open new opportunities for the citizens of our countries. SE4ALL gives us a platform for innovation and transformation. Let us join together to act and make real the promise of our potential.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John F. Kerry". The signature is stylized with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

John F. Kerry