

SG Trips 2008

1) EUROPE (NEW YORK/SPAIN/NEW YORK) (14-16 JANUARY 2008)

EOSG: Nambiar/Coleman/Minami/Kim Eun-ha

Madrid: On his first mission abroad in 2008, SG arrived in Madrid early on Tuesday morning, 15 January, where he opened the first ever Alliance of Civilizations Forum. He was joined in that launch by the leaders of the two countries that had initiated the Alliance—PM Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero of Spain and PM Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey—as well as the High Representative for the Alliance, Jorge Sampaio. SG held a number of bilateral meetings with PMs of Spain and Turkey, and with Javier Solana, High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy of the European Union. He also met with Presidents Tarja Halonen of Finland and Danilo Turk of Slovenia; PMs Abdullah Ahmad Badawi of Malaysia and Abdelaziz Belkhadem of Algeria; as well as Deputy PM and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria, Ivailo Kalfin. In the evening, SG had an audience with King Don Juan Carlos I of Spain. On Wednesday morning, he had breakfast meeting with Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea. He had two other meetings—one with Mr. Sampaio, High Representative for the alliance of Civilization, and another with Deputy PM of Spain, Maria Teresa Fernandez de la Vega and FM Miguel Angel Moratinos Cuyaube—before leaving Madrid for NY, where he arrived that afternoon.

2) EUROPE/AFRICA (NEW YORK/SWITZERLAND/SLOVENIA/SLOVAKIA/RWANDA /ETHIOPIA/KENYA/NEW YORK) (21 JANUARY-2 FEBRUARY 2008)

EOSG: Kim Won-soo/Meyer/Kell/Joshua Lincoln/Lee San-hwa/Weidmann/

Lausanne:

Geneva:

Davos: World Economic forum - No Press Release available

Ljubljana: SG arrived in Ljubljana in the evening of Friday, 25 January. SG had tete-a-tete meeting with PM Janez Jansa. Followed by media encounter. Next day, SG met with President Danilo Turk. Later that evening, SG visited the Centre for European Perspective at Jable Castle, at the invitation of FM Dimitrij Rupel. SG left Slovenia early on Sunday, 27 January, for Slovakia

Bratislava: SG arrived in Bratislava in the morning of Sunday, 27 January. First SG visited the UN regional centre, where he met with heads of UN agencies and held a town hall meeting with the staff. Later that day, SG met with Slovak FM Jan Kubis. On Monday, SG met with President Ivan Gasparovic at the presidential palace in Bratislava. Joint press conference. SG met later in the morning with Speaker of National Council, Pavol Paska and PM Robert Fico before boarding his flight to Kigali, Rwanda.

Kigali: SG arrived in Kigali in the evening of Monday, 28 January. SG started his visit on Tuesday morning with emotional visit to genocide memorial where he paid his respects to more than 8000,000 victims of 1994 massacres. Before leaving the memorial, SG gave personal pledge of \$10,000 to the "Fond d'Assistance aux Rescapes du Genocide". Later that morning SG met with PM Bernard Makuza, before meeting President Paul Kagame. Joint press conference with President Kagame. SG also addressed a joint session of Parliament. Later SG was welcomed by chanting and dancing in the Village of Hope, a project of the Rwanda Women Network. SG also met several orphans, adopted by families within the Network, and who are receiving an education at the Village. SG left Rwanda early on Wednesday, 30 January, to attend the African Union Summit in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Addis Ababa: SG arrived in Addis Ababa at noon on Wednesday, 30 January. After internal consultations with his senior advisers, he began a series of formal meetings with a

working lunch with African Union Commission Chairperson Alpha Oumar Konare. After that, SG met with Sudanese President Omer al-Bashir. Later that day, SG met separately with three African Presidents: John Kufuor of Ghana, Omar Bongo Ondimba of Gabon and later with Yoweri Museveni of Uganda. On Thursday morning, SG addressed opening session in Addis Ababa of the African Union Summit. Press conference. SG met with Kenyan President Mwai Kabaki. SG spoke by phone with former SG Kofi Annan. SG also had bilateral meetings with several other leaders gathered for the African Union Summit. He met with Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika. He later met with PM Guillaume Soro of Cote d'Ivoire. SG met with President Blaise Compaore of Burkina Faso. He also held meetings that day with President Boni Yagi of Benin, PM Nur Hassan Hussein of Somalia and PM Lansana Kouyate of Guinea. He later met with President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa. SG then met with incoming AU Chairperson, Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete. SG met with Libyan leader, Colonel Muammar al-Qadhafi. SG took part in teleconference with other principals of Middle East Quartet, including US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Russian FM Sergei Lavrov and EU High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy, Javier Solana. SG later attended official dinner. He left Addis Ababa on 1 February on special flight to Nairobi, Kenya.

Nairobi: SG arrived in Nairobi on Friday morning, 1 February from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. SG met first with former SG Kofi Annan. Later, SG was introduced to the group of mediators meeting that morning with Mr. Annan. SG who had met President Mwai Kibaki the day before in Addis Ababa, also held consultations in Nairobi with opposition leader Raila Odinga, Vice-President Kalonzo Musyoka and members of the Kenyan Government. He also met with UN heads of agencies and held a town hall meeting with UN staff on the Gigiri campus. Media encounter. SG left Nairobi that evening to return to NY.

3) CHICAGO (NEW YORK/CHICAGO/NEW YORK (7-8 FEBRUARY 2008)

EOSG: Kim Won-soo/Meyer/Hayden/Bennett/Elena

Chicago: SG arrived in Chicago on Thursday morning, 7 February, where he held meetings at several local organizations. Shortly after his arrival, SG attended luncheon hosted by Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley and other city leaders at the Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park. He then visited the John D. & Catherine t. MacArthur Foundation, where he met with the foundation's President, Jonathan Fanton, and approximately two dozen staff members. That evening, SG attended dinner at Economic club of Chicago. SG later held onstage discussion with Marshall Bouton, President of the Chicago Council on global Affairs and took questions from members of the Economic Club of Chicago's Questions Committee on a range of topics. On Friday morning, SG met with editorial board of the Chicago Tribune, followed by a meeting with United Nations Association of the United States of America membership. Later that morning, he visited Chicago's Walter Payton High School, where he observed students in a mock-United Nations debate on global warming. He later took questions from the students. Press encounter accompanied by Chicago Mayor Daley. SG then attended luncheon hosted by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, before leaving Chicago in the mid-afternoon for NY.

BEGINNING WITH THIS ENTRY MR. VENSON, THE NEW SUPERVISOR, HAS DECIDED THAT IT IS NO LONGER NECESSARY TO LIST THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WHEN TRAVELLING. ONLY THE COUNTRY AND THE DATE OF THE TRIP WILL APPEAR IN THIS LOG FROM NOW ON.

4) WASHINGTON, D.C. (NEW YORK/WASHINGTON, D.C./NEW YORK (14-15 FEBRUARY 2008)

SG attended a ceremony in honour of the late Congressman Tom Lantos

- 5) TEXAS** (NEW YORK/COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS/NEW YORK (29 FEBRUARY 2008)
- SG addressed the William Waldo Cameron Forum on Public Affairs
- 6) EUROPE** (NEW YORK/GENEVA, SWITZERLAND/NEW YORK (3-4 MARCH 2008)
- Seventh Session of the Human Rights Council
- 7) AFRICA** (NEW YORK/DAKAR, SENEGAL/NEW YORK (12-14 MARCH 2008)
- Eleventh Summit of the Organization of the Islamic Conference
- 8) EUROPE** (NEW YORK/BUCHAREST, ROMANIA/NEW YORK (2-4 APRIL 2008)
- Seventh Session of the Human Rights Council
- 9) EUROPE** (NEW YORK/MOSCOW, RUSSIAN FEDERATION/NEW YORK (9-11 APRIL 2008)
- Global Compact Network Launch
- 10) AFRICA
EUROPE** (NEW YORK/London/ACCRA, GHANA/MONROVIA, LIBERIA/OUAGADAGOU,
BURKINA FASO/ABIDJAN, COTE D'IVOIRE/VIENNA/BERN, AUSTRIA/
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND/LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM/NEW YORK
(9-11 APRIL 2008)
- Twelve Ministerial Meeting of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD XII) (Ghana)
- Biannual United Nations System chief Executives Board for Coordination (Switzerland)
- Middle East Quartet Meeting (United Kingdom)
- 11) GEORGIA** NEW YORK/ATLANTA, GEORGIA/NEW YORK (7-9 MAY 2008)
- Part of SG's ongoing efforts to reach out to major American cities and citizens. At the Carter Center, along with researchers and academics, SG discussed strategies to improve health and protect well-being of world's poorest and most vulnerable
- 12) SOUTHEAST ASIA** NEW YORK/BANGKOK, THAILAND/YANGON, MYANMAR/SICHUAN,
CHINA (20-26 MAY 2008)
- To see areas and people affected by Cyclone Nargis and flew to epicentre of the earthquake in the Chinese province of Suchuan to express condolences and solidarity to the Chinese people and Government and to witness for himself rescue efforts.
- 13) SWEDEN** NEWARK/STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN/NEWARK (28-30 MAY 2008)
- Iraq Compact Annual Review Conference 29-30 May 2008-07-24
NO PRESS RELEASES AVAILABLE
- 14) EUROPE** (NEW YORK/ITALY/NEW YORK (2-4 JUNE 2008)
- FAO Food Crisis Summit. (NO PRESS RELEASE NO BRIEFING BOOK AVAILABLE)
- 15) WYOMING** (NEW YORK/JACKSON, WYOMING/NEW YORK (6-7 JUNE 2008)
- SG to open the first ever Global Insight Summit – Jackson Hole Film Festival
- 16) EUROPE
MID EAST** (NEW YORK/FRANCE/UNITED KINGDOM/SAUDI ARABIA/UNITED KINGDOM/
NEW YORK (12-17 JUNE 2008)

SG to address the Conference convened by the French government in Paris to support Afghanistan, where President Hamid Karzai launched a National Development Strategy for his country.

17) ASIA (NEW YORK/JAPAN/CHINA/REPUBLIC OF KOREA/ JAPAN/NEW YORK (28 JUNE- 9 JULY 2008)

Annual Summit of the Group of Eight (G-8).

18) EUROPE NEW YORK/FRANCE/GERMANY/NEW YORK (13-16 JULY 2008)

Summit of the Union for the Mediterranean.

19) LATIN AMERICA NEW YORK/MEXICO/NEW YORK (3-5 AUGUST 2008)

Seventeenth International AIDS Conference

20) EUROPE NEW YORK/ITALY/SWITZERLAND/SPAIN/NEW YORK
(28 AUGUST – 2 SEPTEMBER 2008)

-United Nations Staff College Retreat for Senior Officials.
-Twenty-ninth Session of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).
-Visit to the International EXPO 2008 under the theme "Water and Sustainable Development"

21) NEW JERSEY NEW YORK/ MADISON/NEW YORK (10 SEPTEMBER 2008)

Receives honorary doctorate degree at Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU)

22) EUROPE NEW YORK/SWITZERLAND/NEW YORK (14-15 OCTOBER 2008)

23) NORTH AMERICA NEW YORK/CANADA/NEW YORK (17-18 OCTOBER 2008)

Twelfth Summit of the Francophonie in Quebec City

24) BOSTON MASSACHUSETTS NEW YORK/CAMBRIDGE/NEW YORK (21 OCTOBER 2008)

To deliver speech entitled: "Securing the common good in a time of global crises" at Harvard University

25) SOUTHEAST ASIA NEW YORK/China/PHILIPPINES/China/INDIA/NEPAL/BANGLADESH/ Qatar/NEW YORK (27 OCTOBER-3 NOVEMBER 2008)

NO PRES RELEASES ISSUED

26) AFRICA NEW YORK/London/KENYA/EGYPT/Paris/NEW YORK (6-9 NOVEMBER 2008)

NAIROBI -Regional Summit meeting on the situation in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo.

SHARM EL-SHEIKH -Middle East Quartet meeting on the Red Sea coast of Egypt.

27) CALIFORNIA NEW YORK/ LOS ANGELES./NEW YORK (12-14 NOVEMBER 2008)

NO PRESS RELEASE ISSUED

- 28) WASHINGTON D.C.** NEW YORK/ WASHINGTON D.C./NEW YORK (14-15 NOVEMBER 2008)
Group of 20 Summit about the impact of current financial crisis. (Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy)
- 29) EUROPE** NEW YORK/SWITZERLAND/NEW YORK (17-19 NOVEMBER 2008)
Annual seminar with Special Representatives and Envoys – Inauguration of new Human Rights and alliance of Civilizations Room at the Palais des Nations – Address to the 303rd session of the governing body of the International labour Organization (ILO)
- 30) MIDDLE EAST** NEW YORK/QATAR/NEW YORK (27 NOVEMBER – 1 DECEMBER 2008)
Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus.
- 31) EUROPE** NEW YORK/POZNAN, POLAND/SWITZERLAND/NEW YORK (10-13 DECEMBER 2008)
United Nations Conference on Climate Change.
Human Rights Council's Commemorative Session on the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.