



Subject: Invitation – Keynote Speech at CDI Annual Launch, January 2015

09/02/15

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Cambridge Development Initiative (CDI), a student-led development organisation based at the University of Cambridge, to cordially invite you to join us as a keynote speaker for our Public Launch in January 2015.

CDI is a student development consultancy seeking to change the way student volunteering is done. We offer partnerships and empower local changemakers by implementing innovative projects using a human-centred approach to make a sustainable impact. This past summer was CDI's pilot: 30 student volunteers from all disciplines spent two months in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania implementing their projects following 12 months of preparation and 6 months of thorough training.

Working with Tanzanian university students and local partners every step of the way, the Cambridge students implemented innovative development solutions within the areas of Engineering, Health, Education, and Entrepreneurship: from piloting East Africa's first simplified sewerage system and pioneering a novel business model for delivery of essential primary care in the country to introducing more sustainable teaching methods in two severely under-resourced government schools and implementing the first socially-focussed pre-ideation incubator in the city.

The aim is to seize a tremendous opportunity arising at the University, with a Vice-Chancellor who speaks passionately about 'university and bottom billion,' and create a lasting, meaningful partnership between Cambridge and Dar es Salaam, envisioning Africa in terms of what it can achieve.

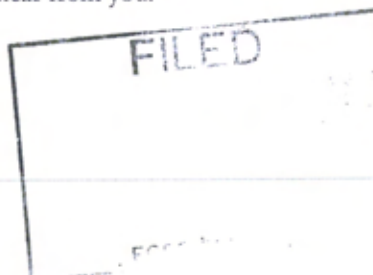
Our Public Launch will present the work the team has accomplished thus far including the success of the students' pilot trip, put forward our vision and long-term strategy for encouraging student-led development globally, and invite a wider audience to join CDI as volunteers on our second summer trip. We envision a keynote highlighting your personal vision of sustainable and equitable development in Africa, perhaps reflecting on the progress of the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals and the convergences with the new Sustainable Development Goals. The focus would be entirely up to you. The Launch will be held in central Cambridge, with an introduction by myself and by the student committee running the initiative.

While we have been planning for a date in mid-January, this would very much depend on your schedule. We would be honoured to hear from you.

Yours Sincerely,



David Alton, Baron Alton of Liverpool
Patron, Cambridge Development Initiative

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Dear SG Central,

For logging please. The requester forgot to attach the files in his previous email.

Many thanks.

Kind regards,

Amy Maung Maung Kyaw

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Subject: Re: Invitation from Lord David Alton

Dear Amy,

Thank you very much for the email. In the attempts to re-send the email, I realised I failed to re-attach the original invitation. I have included it here for your reference.

All the best,

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Dear Ravi,

Well received. We will let you know when we have further information to provide.

Many thanks.

Kind regards,

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Dear Amy Kyaw,

Thank you for your call. As you requested, I have outlined here a brief summary of our communication with your office over the past few months.

Lord David Alton sent an invitation (copy attached) to the Secretary-General in November requesting his presence as a keynote speaker to a new student-led NGO at the University of Cambridge he is supporting, the Cambridge Development Initiative (CDI). The event was arranged for the middle of January (Sir Fazle Abed of BRAC was our keynote on the day).

In December, I gave a call to the office and I was told that I would hear back shortly from the office with an official answer but that it seemed unlikely given the Secretary-General's travel commitments. They did mention that I return to the office in the future about the possibility of the Secretary-General visiting CDI and speaking to students at the University/the NGO's supporters in March. I have called today to inquire about this possibility.

We are very flexible for any visit by the Secretary-General, but the first two weeks of March or early June would work very well for us. If you would require any additional information from myself or Lord Alton, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I look forward to hearing from you.

All the best,
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