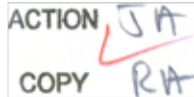


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RE: Invitation to Deliver Keynote Address at Georgetown Law Conference

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I write to invite you to deliver a keynote address at a major law and policy conference being hosted at Georgetown University Law Center that will consider the role of human rights in the work of multilateral development banks such as the World Bank. This event, our annual Samuel Dash Human Rights Conference, is being organized by our Human Rights Institute and will take place on Monday, April 7.

We would be honored and delighted if you would share your vision of the role of human rights in international development with the conference participants, who include government officials, international organization representatives, NGO officials, experts, and activists. This is a very exciting time with respect to a post-2015 development agenda, so we very much welcome your thoughts on these issues. We have just recently learned that you may be in Washington for meetings during the week of our conference and hope you are available to speak to our participants. We would be happy to accommodate your schedule that day.

Our conference will consist of three panels. The first panel will discuss the World Bank lending safeguards and some of the ways in which the work of multilateral development banks implicates human rights. The second panel will discuss the structure and role of robust oversight mechanisms at International Financial Institutions. The third panel will discuss external factors that shape how institutions like the World Bank promote human rights, including the role of individual states, the United Nations and the proposed BRICS development fund.

To date, confirmed speakers include Richard Bissell, Executive Director of the National Academy of Sciences Division on Policy and Global Affairs, Professor Edith Brown Weiss, of Georgetown University Law Center and former Vice President of the World

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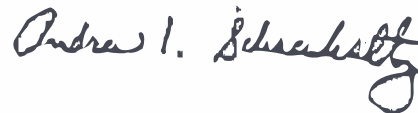
Bank and Chairperson of the Inspection Panel, Mac Darrow, Chief of the Millennium Development Goals Section of the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights, Jessica Evans, Senior Researcher/Advocate on International Financial Institutions at Human Rights Watch, Kristen Genovese, Researcher, Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations (SOMO), Siobhán McInerney-Lankford, Senior Counsel, World Bank LEGAM (appearing in her personal capacity), Professor Alvaro Santos of Georgetown University Law Center, and Meg Taylor, a Vice President at the International Financial Corporation and the Compliance Advisor/Ombudsman at the International Financial Corporation and the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency.

As you may know, the annual Samuel Dash Conference on Human Rights was established in honor of the late Professor Samuel Dash by his family and friends, Georgetown Law alumni, and the law firm of Cozen O'Connor to honor Professor Dash's contributions to the protection of human rights and civil liberties. Professor Dash, who joined the Georgetown Law faculty in 1965, served on the board of directors of the International League of Human Rights and, in this capacity, carried out human rights missions to Northern Ireland, the Soviet Union, and Chile. He was the first American permitted by South Africa to visit Nelson Mandela in prison and was involved in the mediation efforts that eventually led to Mandela's release. In addition, Professor Dash was Chief Counsel of the Senate Watergate Committee.

We see a great opportunity to facilitate discussion of the relationship between human rights and development as the international community weighs the role of human rights in the post-2015 development agenda and as the World Bank pursues institutional reforms and continues the process of revising lending safeguards. We would be delighted and honored if you would join us for this important discussion and share your vision at our conference.

Please do not hesitate to be in contact, should you have any questions or concerns. I hope you can join us and deliver a keynote address on April 7.

With best regards,



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