



THE DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL

23 September 2013

*Car Philippe*

Dear Mr. Douste-Blazy,

Thank you for your letter of 20 September 2013 inviting me to participate in an event of the Leading Group on innovative financing for development, which will take place on 24 September 2013 in New York.

I appreciate your invitation and would have liked to attend. I sincerely regret that I must decline due to previous commitments on my schedule.

I take this opportunity to convey my best wishes for a successful event.

*Jan Eliasson*

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. Philippe Douste-Blazy  
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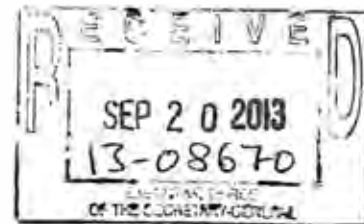
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Philippe Douste-Blazy  
Under-Secretary-General  
Special Adviser on Innovative Financing for Development

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Paris, 20 September 2013

Dear Jan,

I hope you are doing well.

Along with the President of French Republic François Hollande and the Nigerian Minister of Finances, I will co-chair an event focussed on the role of innovative financing for development in the implementation of the post-2015 Development Agenda.

The event will be held on September 24, from 1.15 to 2.45 pm at the UN Conference room #3.

It would be an honour to have the Secretary-General to open the session of this special event on innovative financing for development during the UN General Assembly. 15 mn will be sufficient.

We invite you as well knowing the interest you have about innovative financing for development.

Since the Monterrey Conference on development financing (2002), the international community has recognized the importance of innovative financing mechanisms, and notable progress has been made in both concrete projects and international awareness.

The Leading Group for innovative financing for development, which includes 64 member countries, and associates to its work NGOs and International organizations, pursues its activities to promote new initiatives, to expand itself and diversify reflexion on innovative financing for development.

I hope the Secretary-general and you, Dear Jan, will join us on 24 September.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

With my best,

Philippe Douste-Blazy



[www.leadinggroup.org](http://www.leadinggroup.org)

Side event of the Leading Group on innovative financing for development

September, 24<sup>th</sup> 2013 – 1:15 to 2:45 pm

UN Conference Building, New York. Conference room #3

**“Innovative financing for development: what role in the means of implementation of the post-2015 Development Agenda?”**

**1:15 – 1:25 pm** Opening (10 min)

**Mr François Hollande**, President of the French Republic

**Mr Philippe Douste-Blazy**, Under Secretary General of the United Nations in charge of innovative financing

**NIGERIA**, President of the Leading Group (*name of representative tbc*)

**1:25 – 2 pm** **Financing the post-2015 Development Agenda with an innovative strategy**  
(ie the articulation between ODA, innovative financing and the fight against illicit financial flows)

Opening remarks: **Mr Pascal Canfin**, Minister in charge of Development (FRANCE)

**Speakers:**

**Ms Amina Mohammed**, Special Advisor of the UN Secretary-General on post-2015 Development Planning

**Mr Lapo Pistelli**, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs (ITALY)

**Mr Raymond Offenheiser**, Director of Oxfam America

**Ms Heidi Hautala**, Minister of International Development (FINLAND)

**Questions & Answers**

**2 – 2:35 pm    What role for the private sector in innovative financing initiatives in the context of the post-2015 Development Agenda**

Opening remarks: **Ms Rebeca Grynspan**, Associate Administrator of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

**Speakers:**

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**Mr Alfredo Moreno**, Minister of External Affairs (CHILE)

**Mr Andris Piebalgs**, EU Development Commissioner

**Mr Mark Suzman**, Managing Director of International Policy and Advocacy, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

**Questions & Answers**

**2:35 – 2:45 pm    Closing (10 min)**

**Mr Mahinda Rajapakse**, President of the Republic of SRI LANKA\*

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**On behalf of Philippe Douste-Blazy**

Laurence Thurion to: delendaa

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Dear Tasa,

Please find enclosed a letter from Philippe Douste-Blazy to the attention of Mr. Jan Eliasson.

Best regards,

Laurence

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