



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

6 August 2014

Dear Ms. Bokova,

I wish to thank you for your letter dated 4 July 2014 in which you share the output of the inaugural meeting of my Scientific Advisory Board. I am confident that this contribution supported the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals in agreeing their final proposal.

As you are aware, the Open Working Group successfully completed its work on 19 July 2014 and its report is now to be transmitted to the General Assembly for appropriate action, as requested by the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro in 2012. The report of the Open Working Group will serve as a key contribution to the intergovernmental process which now follows.

The Co-Chairs and members of the Open Working Group have, on previous occasions, expressed their appreciation for the rich array of contributions they received during the course of their work from a wide variety of stakeholders. I am particularly proud of the support that the United Nations system provided to the Open Working Group, through the Secretariat and the Technical Support Team, of which UNESCO is a member.

As requested at the Special Event of the President of the General Assembly in September 2013, I will soon start preparations for a synthesis report. The report will build on the outcome of the Open Working Group and the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing, as well as all other inputs available later in the year with a view to ensuring that the level of ambition of this transformative agenda is delivered on the ground. The ongoing work by my Scientific Advisory Board will remain an important contribution.

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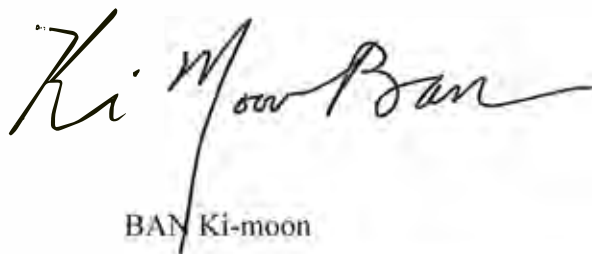
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Building on the recommendations of my High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, I am furthering efforts on an effective accountability mechanism underpinned by a data revolution. To this effect, the Regional Economic Commissions are currently preparing regional consultations. In addition, I will soon launch an Independent Expert Advisory Group on Data Revolution for Development.

I remain grateful to the work of your Organization under your able leadership and urge you to continue to engage on this matter with my Special Adviser on Post-2015 Development Planning, Assistant Secretary-General Amina J. Mohammed, who is coordinating this agenda on my behalf.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ki-moon Ban". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ki" and last name "Ban" being more prominent than the middle name "moon".

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