



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

XX September 2014

23/09/14

Excellency,

I have the honour of inviting you to attend the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, to take place in Sendai, Japan, from 14 to 18 March 2015, where I will be calling together world leaders to set the stage for the World Conference to deliver its important mandate.

The General Assembly has mandated the World Conference to review the progress of the “Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters” and consider its successor – a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction. It has been recognized by Member States that the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction will be an integral part of our post-2015 future and will serve as our road map to disaster resilience.

The enormous increase in losses from disasters is impacting our sustainable future. There is clear evidence of the need to invest in managing and reducing the risk of disasters. Scaled-up efforts to undertake risk assessments and incorporating them into decision-making are necessary. Strengthening national planning that integrates sustainable development, disaster and climate risk will also be indispensable. With genuine leadership, the World Conference can deliver strong commitments to these building blocks.

A collective and ambitious vision to prevent and manage disaster risk is going to be one of the cornerstones of a sustainable and resilient planet. I count on your country’s experience and your leadership in securing such a vision at the World Conference.

I very much hope that you will be able to join me at this important global gathering.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Monsieur l'Ambassadeur/Madame l'Ambassadrice,

Le Secrétaire général vous serait reconnaissant de bien vouloir faire transmettre la lettre ci-jointe à son Excellence Monsieur/Madame, titre ...

Une copie de cette lettre est jointe pour votre information.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur l'Ambassadeur/Madame l'Ambassadrice, les assurances de ma très haute considération.

La Directrice du Cabinet

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Susana Malcorra

Son Excellence
Monsieur/Madame
Représentant permanent de
auprès de l'Organisation des Nations Unies
New York



LE SECRÉTAIRE GÉNÉRAL

Le XX septembre 2014

Monsieur l'Ambassadeur/Madame l'Ambassadrice,

J'ai l'honneur de vous inviter à prendre part à la troisième Conférence mondiale des Nations Unies sur la réduction des risques de catastrophe qui se tiendra à Sendai (Japon), du 14 au 18 mars 2015. Je compte sur les dirigeants politiques du monde pour faire en sorte que cette Conférence donne les résultats escomptés.

L'Assemblée générale a chargé la Conférence mondiale de faire le bilan de la mise en œuvre du Cadre d'action de Hyogo pour 2005-2015 et d'adopter l'instrument devant lui succéder, un cadre pour la réduction des risques de catastrophe après 2015. Les Etats Membres ont affirmé que ce nouveau cadre ferait partie intégrante du programme de l'après-2015 et servirait de plan d'action pour le renforcement de la résilience face aux catastrophes.

Les pertes occasionnées par les catastrophes, qui augmentent de façon sidérante, compromettent le développement durable. De toute évidence, il faut investir dans la gestion et la réduction des risques. Il faut que plus d'efforts soient consacrés à l'évaluation de ces risques, et il faut que les décisions soient prises en conséquence. Il faut aussi absolument que les pays renforcent leurs activités de planification, en tenant compte tout à la fois du développement durable, des risques de catastrophe et des dangers liés à l'évolution du climat. Je sais que si les dirigeants font jouer leur force d'entraînement, la Conférence mondiale débouchera sur de solides engagements dans ces domaines clefs.

C'est en ayant collectivement l'ambition d'atténuer et de gérer les risques de catastrophe que nous placerons la planète sur la voie de la viabilité et de la résilience. Je compte sur l'expérience de votre pays et sur votre leadership pour que cette vision des choses triomphe à la Conférence.

Son Excellence
Madame/Monsieur
Titre
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J'espère sincèrement qu'il vous sera possible de vous joindre à moi pour cette importante rencontre internationale.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le.../Madame la..., les assurances de ma très haute considération.



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Excelentísimo(a) Señor(a):

El Secretario General le agradecería que tuviera a bien transmitir la carta adjunta al Excelentísimo(a) Señor(a), Presidente(a)/Primer(a) Ministro(a) del

Se adjunta una copia de la carta para su información.

Aprovecho la oportunidad para reiterar a Vuestra Excelencia las seguridades de mi consideración más distinguida.

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Susana Malcorra
Jefa de Gabinete

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Representante Permanente de

ante las Naciones Unidas

Nueva York



EL SECRETARIO GENERAL

XX de septiembre de 2014

Excelentísimo(a) Señor(a):

Tengo el honor de invitarle a la Tercera Conferencia Mundial de las Naciones Unidas sobre la Reducción del Riesgo de Desastres, que se celebrará en Sendai (Japón) del 14 al 18 de marzo de 2015, y a la que convocaré a dirigentes de todo el mundo para sentar las bases para que la Conferencia Mundial pueda cumplir su importante mandato.

La Asamblea General ha encomendado a la Conferencia Mundial el mandato de examinar los avances en la aplicación del Marco de Acción de Hyogo para 2005-2015: Aumento de la Resiliencia de las Naciones y las Comunidades ante los Desastres, y considerar la adopción de un nuevo marco para la reducción del riesgo de desastres después de 2015. Los Estados Miembros han reconocido que ese nuevo marco será parte esencial de nuestro futuro después de 2015 y servirá de hoja de ruta para la resiliencia ante los desastres.

El enorme aumento de las pérdidas causadas por desastres está afectando a la sostenibilidad de nuestro futuro. Hay pruebas claras de la necesidad de invertir en la gestión y reducción del riesgo de desastres. Es necesario intensificar los esfuerzos para realizar evaluaciones del riesgo y tenerlas en cuenta en la adopción de decisiones. También será indispensable potenciar una planificación nacional que integre el desarrollo sostenible y el riesgo climático y de desastres. Con un auténtico liderazgo, la Conferencia Mundial puede generar compromisos firmes sobre estos elementos básicos.

Contar con una meta colectiva y ambiciosa para prevenir y gestionar el riesgo de desastres será una de las piedras angulares para la sostenibilidad y resiliencia del planeta. Confío en la experiencia de su país y en su liderazgo para lograr fijar esa meta en la Conferencia Mundial.

Excelentísimo(a) Señor(a)

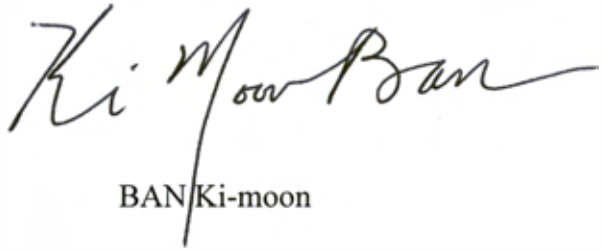
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Capital

Espero sinceramente poder contar con su participación en este importante evento mundial.

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Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the enclosed letter to His/Her Excellency XXX, title...of country XXX.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Susana Malcorra
Chef de Cabinet

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New York

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**Note to the Chef de Cabinet
(through the Deputy Secretary-General)**

Invitation Letter from the **Secretary-General** to Heads of States for the Third
United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

1. Further to the attached note from Ms. Margareta Wahlstrom, SRSG for Disaster Risk Reduction, along with a draft invitation letter for consideration by the Secretary-General, the Development Unit has reviewed the letter which will be addressed to Heads of States and Governments inviting them to the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, to be held in Sendai, Japan from 14 to 18 March 2015. The Scheduling Office has been consulted and the dates have been approved.
2. The text of the letter has been approved by EOSG and translated texts in French and Spanish received from the Translations Unit have also been verified by EOSG.
3. Upon approval and signature of the letters in all three languages, they will be sent to the Correspondence Unit by office of ISDR for dispatch.



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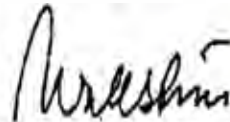
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INVITATION LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO HEADS OF
STATES FOR THE THIRD UNITED NATIONS WORLD CONFERENCE ON
DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

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5. Please accept my sincere appreciation for your and the Secretary-General's continued support for disaster risk reduction.



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Excellency,

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The General Assembly has mandated the World Conference to review the progress of the “Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters” and consider its successor – a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction. It has been recognized by Member States that the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction will be an integral part of our post-2015 future and serve as our roadmap to disaster resilience.

The enormous increase in losses from disasters is impacting our sustainable future. There is clear evidence of the need to invest in managing and reducing the risk of disasters. Scaled-up efforts to undertake risk assessments and incorporating them into decision-making are necessary. Strengthening national planning that integrates sustainable development, disaster and climate risk will also be indispensable. With genuine leadership, the World Conference can deliver strong commitments to these building blocks.

A collective and ambitious vision to prevent and manage disaster risk is going to be one of the cornerstones of a sustainable and resilient planet. I count on your country’s experience and your leadership in securing such a vision at the World Conference.

I very much hope that you will be able to join me at this important global gathering.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

BAN Ki-moon

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