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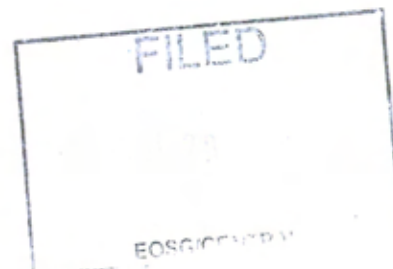
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Response to Invitation to the Secretary-General : - invitation to the World Soil Day celebration, New York, 4 December 2015

Benjamin Knight to: thailand

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Dear Sir/Madam,

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The original has been sent via mail. Kindly confirm receipt of this email.

Yours sincerely,

Benjamin Knight

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SOSG RECOMMENDATION TABLE FOR INCOMING REQUESTS

December 2, 2015

Country/ Name of Requester	Date Received	Brief Description	Log No.	Recommendation	Notes
1. EVENTS					
FAO and the Missions of Thailand, Qatar and Italy	24-11-15	Invites the Secretary-General to deliver remarks at the World Soil Day celebration and the closure of the International year of Soils 2015 on Friday 4 December 2015 from 13:15-14:30 hours in UNHQ	15-10235	SG will be in Paris. FAO, Speechwriting Unit and DU recommend SG sending a written message to the event. Related organizing missions are agreeable to this arrangement.	Regret OK. 7/6/15
Permanent Mission of Romania	19-11-15	Invites the SG to attend and deliver remarks at the opening of the art exhibition entitled "Towards Progress in the Post-2015 Development Agenda and Climate Change Issues", followed by a reception, on 8 December 2015 at 6:00pm in UNHQ.	15-10126	SG will be in Paris. DESA, DU and DPI recommend ASG Thomas Gass to represent the SG and deliver his message. ASG Gass has confirmed his availability.	Regret OK. 7/6/15
Afghanistan H.E. Mr. Salahuddin Rabbani, Minister of Foreign Affairs; and Pakistan, H.E. Mr. Sartaj Aziz, Adviser to the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs	10-09-15	Invites the SG to the Fifth Ministerial Conference of the Heart of Asia-Istanbul Process, Islamabad, 8 December 2015.	15-07941	DPA recommends that SRSG Haysom represents the SG and delivers a message; - Event not at the SG's Level; - Date conflicts with SG's travel schedule.	OK 7/6/15
OUSG/DM	02-12-15	Requests approval of Thursday, 7 January 2016 from 08:45-09:45 hours for the Secretary-General to hold his last Global Town Hall Meeting with Staff.	By email	For consideration. Traditional event Chaired by the SG.	OK 7/6/15

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EOSG-CRU-DUTY OFFICER-EFAX to: Hazel Foster
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to the United Nations



Permanent Mission of Thailand
to the United Nations

No. 56101/ 797

24 November 2015

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Excellency,

We have the honour to inform you that the Permanent Missions of Italy, Qatar and Thailand, together with the Food and Agriculture Organization, will jointly host the **World Soil Day celebration and the closure of the International Year of Soils 2015** under the theme "Soils, A Solid Ground for Life", on Friday, 4 December 2015 from 13.15-14.30 hrs. at Conference Room 11 (GA Building), UN Headquarters, New York.

The observation of the Day and Year aims to implement Resolution A/68/232 by which the United Nations General Assembly at its 68th Session decided to designate 5 December as World Soil Day and declare 2015 the International Year of Soils. As 2015 is drawing to a close, this event is held at an opportune time not only to take stock of the implementation of the Action Plan on International Year of Soils, but also to discuss sustainable management of soils beyond the International Year and in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We will also take this opportunity to introduce the "Status of the World Soil Resources Report" which will be launched on the same day in Rome. In this light, we strongly believe that the event will greatly contribute to the implementation as well as the follow-up and review of the goals and targets related to sustainable agriculture and development including food security, nutrition and climate change, as reflected in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

In this connection, we have further the honour to invite Your Excellency to attend the **World Soil Day celebration and the closure of the International Year of Soils 2015** and share your valuable views on the abovementioned issues. The presence of Your Excellency's representative at the above event or a message would be highly appreciated. Please find attached herewith the Draft Agenda of the event for your perusal.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of our highest consideration.

Sebastiano Cardi
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Italy

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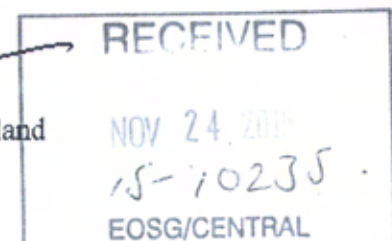
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Permanent Mission of Italy
to the United Nations



World Soil Day celebration and closure of the International Year of Soils 2015

"Soils, a solid ground for life"

Friday, 4 December 2015, 01.15 - 02.30 pm.

Conference Room 11, UN Headquarters, New York

The United Nations General Assembly at its 68th Session decided to designate 5 December as World Soil Day (WSD) and declare 2015 the International Year of Soils (IYS). Both WSD and IYS are crucial platforms to raise awareness at the international, regional and national levels about the fundamental role of soils for human life. This event, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, is intended to observe World Soil Day 2015 and to mark the closure of the 2015 International Year of Soils. Similar events are taking place in different parts of the world.

Draft Agenda

- 1:00- 1:15 International Year of Soils videos
- 1:15 - 1:30 Welcoming remarks by Permanent Representative of Thailand (moderator)
Remarks by:
Permanent Representative of Italy
Permanent Representative of Qatar
- 1:30 - 1:35 Remarks by Director of the FAO Liaison Office in New York
- 1:35 - 1:40 IYS Video animation "Soils and the SDGs"
- 1:40 – 1:55 Launch of the "Status of the World Soil Resources Report"
- 1:55 - 2:20 Interactive Dialogue "Soils: beyond the International Year"
- 2:20 - 2:30 Comments/ Q & A
- 2:30 - 2:35 Closing remarks

* Light lunch will be served from 12.30 pm near the Vienna Café

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