



**Response to the note to the Secretary-General (Reference # 14-00885):
Invitation to the pre-World Urban Forum launch event for "The City We Need"
process, New York, 4 March 2014**

Rommel Maranan to: Christine Auclair
Cc: Josiane Ambiehl, Alexandra Barahona Posada

11/02/2014 11:01 AM

Dear Ms. Auclair,

I am writing on behalf of Josiane Ambiehl, Director of the Scheduling Office of the Secretary-General, in response to the note from Dr. Joan Clos, Executive Director of UN Habitat, to the Secretary-General dated 31 January 2014 (reference # 14-00885), inviting the Secretary-General to the pre-World Urban Forum launch event for "The City We Need" process, to be held in New York on 4 March 2014.

Unfortunately, the Secretary-General will not be able to attend the event, owing to prior commitments already in his schedule on the said date. Nevertheless, allow me to convey his best wishes for success of this event.

I would be grateful if you could convey this response to Dr. Clos.

With thanks for your understanding,

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Final Advice on UN-Habitat's Request: Pre-World Urban Forum Event for Launch of the "The City We Need" Process in New York_04 March 2014, UNHQ

Alexandra Barahona Posada to: Lenni Montiel

10/02/2014 04:33 PM

Cc: "Josiane", Jackilyn Punsal, Sanghwa Lee, ferascu, Aminata Sy,
Deirdre Boyd, Rommel Maranan

Dear Lenni,

We spoke about this request from USG Clos.

As advised by DU, there is no need for representation as USG Clos is the lead on Urban matters. Hence we will proceed to advice UN-Habitat that SG will not be able to attend this event. I copy Rommel accordingly.

Regards,
Alex



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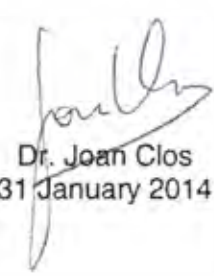
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Note to the Secretary-General

**INVITATION TO PRE WORLD URBAN FORUM EVENT FOR LAUNCH OF THE
"THE CITY WE NEED" PROCESS IN NEW YORK ON 4 MARCH 2014**

1. I have the honour to invite you to give the closing remarks at the pre-World Urban Forum launch event for "The City We Need" process.
2. The event will be held in New York on 4 March 2014 from 5:00 to 7:30 PM at the Americas Society, 680 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10065 and will end with a cocktail reception.
3. As the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Urban Development (Habitat III), to be held in 2016, I would like to convene all UN-Habitat Partners, UN agencies, and the diplomatic community in New York to launch "The City We Need" process in preparation for the 7th session of World Urban Forum to be held in Medellin, Colombia, 5 to 11 April 2014.
4. "The City We Need" is a collective undertaking of the World Urban Campaign, a coalition of partners united by shared goals and a common vision for the city of the 21st century. The World Urban Campaign partners are focused on providing the direction that global urban development must take over the coming 20 years, including the principles that shall guide governments, their partners, and the international community, to prepare for a predominantly urban future.
5. I would be honored if you accept to join us for this key event to chart the way forward towards a sustainable urban future and give the closing remarks at this key event from 6:30 – 6:40 p.m..
6. Enquiries regarding this event may be addressed to Christine Auclair (Christine.auclair@unhabitat.org), Project Leader, World Urban Campaign, UN-Habitat.


Dr. Joan Clos
31 January 2014

Cc: Deputy Secretary-General

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Note to Ms. Malcorra

**NOTE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON INVITATION TO PRE- WORLD
URBAN FORUM LAUNCH EVEN IN NEW YORK ON 4 MARCH 2014**

1. I attach to this message a Note to the Secretary-General to invite him to give closing remarks at the pre World Urban Forum launch event for "The City We Need" document, which will be held in New York on 4 March 2014 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m..
2. Best regards



Dr. Joan Clos
31 January 2014