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Yours sincerely,

Edmond Mulet
Chef de Cabinet

Mr. Ronnie C. Chan
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Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Edmond Mulet
Chef de Cabinet

The Honourable Kevin Rudd
President
Asia Society Policy Institute
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Ms. Josette Sheeran
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Response to Invitation to the Secretary-General : - invitation to the Asia Society High-level dialogue on the strategic relationship between Asia, Europe and the United States, Brussels, 14-15 June 2016

Benjamin Knight to: ssherchan

08/06/2016 02:48 PM

Cc: Alexandra Barahona Posada, Mary Sack, G. Cucinotta, Rommel Maranan, Jackilyn Punsal, Amy Kyaw, Wook-Jin Chang, Aminata Sy, Ruxandra Ferascu

Dear Mr. Sherchan,

I am writing on behalf of Mr. CHANG Wook-jin, Chief of the Scheduling Unit of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General. Please find attached a scan of formal communication regarding the above-mentioned subject.

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

Yours sincerely,

Benjamin Knight


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Re: Response to Invitation to the Secretary-General : - invitation to the high-level dialogue on the strategic relationship between Asia, Europe and the United States, Brussels, 14-15 June 2016 

G. Cucinotta to: Benjamin Knight

06/06/2016 02:44 PM

Dear Ben,

We can submit the letter as revised - saying that the SG will be giving a key note speech over lunch on 15.

Not sure whether we discussed this already - but just in case we didn't.

Thank you,

Ginevra

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02/06/2016 09:59:53 AM

From: Benjamin Knight/NY/UNO
To: G. Cucinotta/NY/UNO@UNHQ
Date: 02/06/2016 09:59 AM
Subject: Re: Response to Invitation to the Secretary-General : - invitation to the high-level dialogue on the strategic relationship between Asia, Europe and the United States, Brussels, 14-15 June 2016



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Benjamin Knight to: ssherchan

27/05/2016 03:44 PM

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Fw: Asia Society Global Dialogue: Invitation to Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and Draft Agenda

SGCentral for Margaret King

Sent by: Jill Annitto

18/05/2016 09:57 AM

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From: Sanjeev Sherchan <SSherchan@asiasociety.org>
To: "sgcentral@un.org" <sgcentral@un.org>
Date: 18/05/2016 09:50 AM
Subject: RE: Asia Society Global Dialogue: Invitation to Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and Draft Agenda

Your Excellency,

On behalf of Asia Society President Josette Sheeran, Asia Society Policy Institute President Kevin Rudd, and Asia Society Co-chair Ronnie Chan, I am resending an invitation to our upcoming high-level dialogue that Asia Society is hosting with HM King Philippe in Brussels, from June 13-15, 2016. They very much hope that Your Excellency would be able to join this high-level convening and deliver a keynote address on any of the sessions on June 14 or 15.

We would be honored to have Your Excellency's participation at this high-level dialogue and look forward to receiving a positive response from your office.

Best regards,
Sanjeev

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From: President's Office Asia Society
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2016 2:31 PM
To: 'kimis@un.org' <kimis@un.org>
Cc: Brussels <brussels@asiasociety.org>
Subject: Asia Society Global Dialogue: Invitation to Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and Draft Agenda



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May 10, 2016

His Excellency Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations
United Nations Headquarters
405 East 42nd Street
New York, NY, 10017

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DSG/CAC
RA (email)



Your Excellency:

The Asia Society, together with His Majesty the King of the Belgians, is hosting a high-level dialogue on the strategic relationship between Asia, Europe, and the United States in Brussels on 13-15 June, 2016. We would like to invite you to participate in this dialogue, and to deliver a keynote address during any of the sessions on June 14 and 15. This initiative seeks to gather global thought leaders who have guided constructive interactions between these regions to explore new avenues of cooperation and constructive problem solving on the shared challenges impacting global prosperity, peace and stability. Conceived before the March 22 terrorist attacks in Brussels, this dialogue seems all the more critical in the wake of such brutality.

The convening will open with a dinner hosted by Their Majesties the King and the Queen at the Château de Laeken, on the evening of Monday, June 13, followed by a day and a half long dialogue covering economic and security shifts facing the world today. There will be a private luncheon hosted by the Foreign Minister of Belgium and a working dinner on Tuesday, June 14. His Majesty the King will preside over the closing session at the Royal Palace in Brussels on Wednesday, June 15.

The conversation is a culmination of Asia Society's high-level, global dialogue series opened in New York with framing remarks by Dr. Henry Kissinger and which has traveled to 6 nations, including Singapore, Korea, Hong Kong, China, Belgium, the United Kingdom and USA. The dialogue has sought to create a trusted platform for exploring the rapid rise of Asia and the challenges and opportunities this presents for the world. We have also explored the challenges and changes being proposed to national, regional, and global agreements and institutions which were designed to weave a fabric of resilient mechanisms of cooperation and conflict resolution following devastating world and regional wars. We have posed three basic questions Dr. Kissinger outlines regarding these profound shifts in the global order: What are we observing? What do we need to do differently? How do we get there?

Asia Society's founder John D. Rockefeller 3rd was one of the true "gardeners" of these relationships. Following his observations of the devastation in Asia wrought by two world wars that derailed an era of rising global interdependence and prosperity, he dedicated his life to the building of bridges of understanding and founded the Asia Society 60 years ago for this purpose. This dialogue will honor his vision, legacy, and foresight regarding the challenges we now face, and look forward to partnering with His Majesty the King on this occasion.

We do hope that you will accept our invitation as your voice is a vital one in this conversation. To organize your participation in this convening, please contact Sanjeev Sherchan at ssherchan@asiasociety.org or +1-212-327-9346.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to positive response.

Sincerely,

Ronnie C. Chan
Co-Chair, Asia Society Global
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The Hon. Kevin Rudd
President
Asia Society Policy Institute

Josette Sheeran
President & CEO
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Our Shared Future: A Global Dialogue between Asia, Europe, and the United States

Monday, June 13 – Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Brussels, Belgium

****DRAFT PROGRAM AS OF 04 MAY 2016****

BACKGROUND

The world has entered a period of historic geopolitical change. There are tectonic shifts in relative power moving from West to East. These shifts are happening at unprecedented speed and are fueled by instant global connectivity through new technologies. They have helped lift more people out of extreme hunger and poverty in the last 3 decades than all of human history combined.

Across the world, we have entered a period of challenges to the post-WWII order and to the national, regional, and global agreements and institutions which were designed to weave a fabric of resilient mechanisms of cooperation and conflict resolution following devastating world and regional wars.

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PROGRAM (TENTATIVE)

*DIALOGUE HELD UNDER THE CHATHAM HOUSE RULE**

Monday, June 13

Venue: Château de Laeken

7:00 pm Opening Dinner hosted by Their Majesties the King and the Queen

A special opening conversation with a keynote address setting the stage for the dialogue.

Welcome and Introduction His Majesty the King of the Belgians

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Tuesday, June 14

Venue: The Egmont Palace

Conference Chair/Timekeeper: Kevin Rudd, President, Asia Society Policy Institute and 26th Prime Minister of Australia

8:00 am Registration opens

8:30 am Welcoming Remarks from Belgium Hosts and Asia Society Global Co-Chair Ronnie Chan
Dialogue Hosts frame the day

8:35 am **Session I: Emerging Global Challenges and Opportunities**
An opening conversation from leaders in Europe, Asia, and the United States on key observations of global challenges and opportunities and how we can encourage constructive pathways and responses to Asia's remarkable rise, and foster global prosperity and stability.

9:35 am **Lightning Round Response (40 minutes)**
Lightning Round with 20 delegates, moderated by Josette Sheeran, President and CEO of Asia Society, on what they identify as the major challenges and opportunities facing the world today.

10:15 am Coffee Break

10:45 am **Session II: Shared Security Challenges – Tolerance & Extremism in a Globally Connected World**

The growing influence of the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) has today emerged as a major threat to global peace, prosperity, and stability. Its sophisticated use of online social media, abundant financing, and ease of travel has made ISIS a formidable network of terrorists, capable of perpetrating unimaginable level of violence, well beyond its "sphere of influence" in the Middle East and North Africa. A conversation among leading geo-political thinkers from Asia, Europe, and the United States to explore the global trend of networked terrorism and to identify opportunities for greater counterterrorism collaboration.

Open Discussion: 60 minutes

12:30 pm **Lunch**
Hosted by **The Honorable Didier Reynders** (in absentia), Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs and Federal Cultural Institutions, Belgium

2:00 pm **Session III: The Global Economic Order**

Trade remains a critical driver for development in the Asia-Pacific. With the recent signing of the game-changing trade agreement, the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), a free trade zone among 12 Pacific nations that together account for 40% of the world's economy will be created. Thus, there are bound to be significant changes in the global trading system, as well as trade and investment patterns. This session will explore how the emerging powers shape the future of international economic cooperation and decision-making at the G20, discuss reasons for much-needed reform

in the seven-decades-old World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, and the need for new economic institutions such as the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).

Open Discussion: 60 minutes

*Lightning Round with 20 delegates, moderated by **Josette Sheeran**, President and CEO of Asia Society, on what they identify as the major challenges and opportunities presented by Asia's Rise and the Future Global Economic Order – "What challenges to global growth are we missing?"*

3:45 pm Coffee Break

4:15 pm **Session IV: Geo-Political Order and Disorder**

The increasingly interconnected world is confronted by common security challenges such as the rise of non-state actors, rapid spread of infectious diseases, cybersecurity crimes, and climate change-induced environmental degradation. As the global order shifts, how can we collectively address the challenges and potential responses regionally and globally for global stability and economic opportunity?

*Session Chair: **Kevin Rudd**, President, Asia Society Policy Institute and 26th Prime Minister of Australia*

5:30 pm **Lightning Round: Next Steps and Recommendations**

*Lightning Round with 20 delegates, moderated by **Josette Sheeran**, President and CEO Asia Society, on what they identify as their top recommendation to world leaders to ensure sustained global stability and growth in the next twenty years.*

6:30 pm **Closing Remarks and Framing of the Next Day**

8:00 pm **Working Dinner hosted by the President of the Belgian Senate, Christine Defraigne**

Wednesday, June 15

Venue: The Royal Palace

8:30 am Remarks by HM the King of the Belgians

Recommendations summary from the previous day
Belgian Host and Kevin Rudd, President, Asia Society Policy Institute and 26th Prime Minister of Australia

Session V: Conscious Capitalism – The Role of Business in Transforming the World

In this session, a panel of global business leaders will express their insights on how the new approaches to business—socially responsible investing and values-based business strategy—are transforming the global business landscape for the good of both business and society as a whole.

9:45 am Coffee Break

10:15 am

Session VI: Response from Young Leaders

After fully participating in the previous day's proceedings, a select group of participants under 35-years' of age will share reflections on the key issues facing Asia, Europe, and the U.S. today—and what has been overlooked in the conversations to date. According to the UN Population Fund's State of World Population 2014 report, the global population of young people—between the ages of 10 and 24—is estimated to be around 1.8 billion, a historic high. Five Asian countries are home to the world's largest young populations with India leading the pack, followed by China, Indonesia, Pakistan, and Bangladesh. And, in this age of hyper connectivity and “disruptive innovation” the younger generation is challenging the conventional wisdom and, essentially, transforming the world in which we live and work.

11:45 am

Closing Remarks and Next Steps: Asia Society and Belgian Host

12:00 pm

Conference concludes

12:15 pm

Reception