

**Note to Ms. Clark**

High Level United Nations Conference on the South-South Cooperation


I would like to thank you for agreeing to represent the Secretary-General at the High Level United Nations Conference on the South-South Cooperation, to be held in Nairobi from 1 to 3 December 2009.

Please find attached the relevant correspondence.

Best regards.



Vijay Nambiar  
13 November 2009





THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

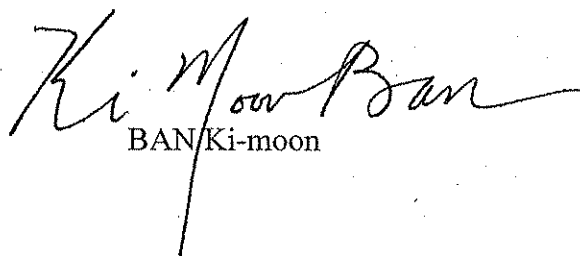
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Excellency,

I wish to thank you for your letter of 10 November 2009, inviting me to the High Level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation, to be held in Nairobi from 1 to 3 December 2009.

Unfortunately, I must inform you that prior commitments will preclude my participation in this milestone event. However, I am pleased to inform you that I have asked Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, to represent me at the Conference and serve as its Secretary-General. Let me also take this opportunity to convey my best wishes for a successful event.

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

  
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His Excellency  
Mr. Moses Wetangula, MP  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of the Republic of Kenya  
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Excellency,

The Secretary-General would be grateful if you could kindly forward the attached letter to His Excellency Mr. Moses Wetangula, MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kenya.

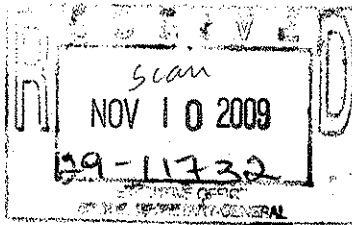
A copy of the attached letter is attached for your information.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vijay Nambiar'.

Vijay Nambiar  
Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency  
Mr. Zachary D. Muburi Muita  
Permanent Representative of the Republic  
of Kenya to the United Nations  
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10<sup>th</sup> November, 2009

Dear Secretary General,

I have the honor to invite you to a **High Level United Nations Conference on the South-South Cooperation** to be held in Nairobi, Kenya, from **1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2009**. The conference coincides with the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of the UN Buenos Aires Plan of Action on Technical Cooperation among Developing countries agreed in 1978. The overarching theme of the Conference is **"Promotion of South-South Cooperation for Development"**.

Since the Buenos Aires Conference thirty years ago, South - South cooperation has grown from strength to strength with some of our member countries emerging as significant global economic players. However, many other countries especially in Africa, have become more vulnerable to adverse global challenges and hence the need to define our position on important multilateral approaches such as world trade, development finance and climate change among others.

The Nairobi Conference will provide us with the opportunity to openly discuss these diverse challenges and strategize on enhancing the benefits of South - South Cooperation. I look forward to hosting you and members of your delegation.

Please accept, Mr. Secretary General, the assurance of my highest considerations.

*Wetang'ula*

Hon. Moses Wetang'ula, EGH, MP  
Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Republic of Kenya

H.E. Dr. Ban Ki Moon  
Secretary General, the United Nations  
**New York, USA.**