



INTERNATIONAL
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MAY 12th – 14th 2014

His Excellency
Mr. John Kufuor
former President of Ghana
and
special envoy of the UN Secretary General, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, for the preparation of the UN Climate Summit 2014 CATALYZING ACTION
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Your Excellence,

It is my pleasure to inform you about **BETTER CITIES FOR BETTER LIFE, Prague 2014** conference that will be held for the mayors from all over the world in Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic, on 12th-14th May this year. The conference will become the foundation stone for the UN Climate Summit "CATALYZING ACTION" in New York on 23rd September 2014 organised by Mr. Ban Ki-moon that invited for the first time in history Heads of State and Government, along with leaders from business and civil society to present their bold pledges and deliver concrete action.

Only mayors of cities have the power to do something good for their citizens, no-one else. Only mayors of cities have the power to present their experience with climate action in the UN, no-one else.

The goals of the Prague conference in May are:

- To share the positive experience with reducing noise, air and water pollution in your city
- To become acquainted with trends of the technologically advanced companies dealing with these issues
- To gather descriptions of technically and technologically successful solutions in cities and to create **Blue-Green Book**, Roadmap of successful examples from which every mayor, especially from the developing world, will be allowed to copy
- To start a new web page for publishing competitive tendering announced by the mayors for projects for reducing noise, air and water pollution in their cities. This web page will become the main point while working on the improvement of climate change
- To approve resolution of mayors at the Prague conference that will be presented by a chosen delegate (this was offered to the former governor of California, Mr. Arnold Schwarzenegger) at the UN Climate Summit "CATALYZING ACTION" in New York on 23rd September 2014
- To better spend ca. \$100bn. of money which are on average yearly spent on unsuccessful solutions in cities and direct them to more productive use without requiring any additional finance.

We wanted to invite also the Mayor of Accra; however, the Ambassador of Ghana to the Czech Republic, H.E. Prof. Samuel Mbrayeh Quartey, thought that the conference topics are not priorities in Ghana yet. Nevertheless, we realised during our friendly discussion that the priority and a big task for Ghanaian cities is the concept of city planning, which will be discussed at the expert round table no. 6 "**Impact of human mobility concept on municipal plan creation**".

Therefore, we invited not only the Mayor but also an expert responsible for the concept of city planning and we hope the Ghanaian delegation from Accra will gain great benefit from the conference. We suggest that the Mayor of Accra, Mr. Alfred Vanderpuije could also participate in the expert discussion at round table no. 6 in order to present the problems with creating city plans in Ghana to

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other participants and to the audience. This may pose a challenge to other experts from other cities, but also to technological companies dealing with city planning. Moreover, I believe we could find some financial means together to create a model city plan stressing the specifics of your country including solutions for waste disposal and emergency power units for the electrification of the outskirts of Ghanaian cities.

It would be a great honour for all delegates at the first summit of mayors from all over the world if you, Your Excellency, accepted our invitation to attend the conference **BETTER CITIES FOR BETTER LIFE, Prague 2014** and became the most distinguished guest.

Together with the former Norwegian Prime Minister, Mr. Jens Stoltenberg, you were appointed special envoy by the UN Secretary General, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, to organise Climate Summit CATALYZING ACTION, held in New York on 23rd September 2014.

Your Excellency if we want to do something with the state of the climate then we should take the Prague conference as the first opportunity for a real beginning after decades. However, our success depends on your decision.

We believe the Prague conference will be a small preview to the Climate Summit CATALYZING ACTION, and the UN work could benefit from the precious experience of mayors from world largest cities concerning noise, air and water pollution. The created **Blue-Green Book**, Roadmap of successful examples will become the best tool especially for the developing world with limited financial resources and their limited efficiency. Moreover, we believe that it will contribute to the UN activities for improving the climate change. Please, come to Prague and check it!

All that applied to participate at the Prague conference (112 cities up to date) have declared publically their will to share the responsibility for high quality life of citizens from both their own and other cities. All mayors that have not sent their application to Prague yet (400 mayors of world largest cities are invited) are expected to do so in the following days to come.

We are pleased that 62 countries applied through their diplomatic bodies to our conference up to date and as I have personal meetings with the ambassadors in Prague, there are new countries supporting our conference every day.

One of the conference partners is ITU – Development that will have the meeting in Prague on 28th – 30th April, only 2 weeks before the conference **BETTER CITIES FOR BETTER LIFE, Prague 2014**.

Your Excellency, we will be glad to cover all your travel expenses, i.e. flight ticket to Prague, accommodation, transportation in Prague, board and the conference. It will be out pleasure to prepare an additional programme in Prague including meeting with the top Czech politicians, representatives of energy and other businesses (for example state company ČEZ, car company ŠKODA AUTO) and we will also introduce you to the millennium long history of Prague that is one of the most beautiful world cities according to your interest so that you could remember Prague as a city of your fulfilled wishes.

We applied for the Climate Summit CATALYZING ACTION immediately after the official news on 6th January this year. Please, write Mr. Arnold Schwarzenegger through the following email address lynn@OakProductions.com in case you support our idea to offer him to become the envoy of our conference and present the approved resolution of mayors from the Prague conference in the UN on 23rd September.

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I will do my best to tell more details about our conference personally to the UN Secretary General Mr. Ban Ki-moon that is visiting Prague right now.

I would like to express my deepest respect to you and I will wait for your answer.

Yours faithfully,

Ivo Vaněk

President of the international conference

In Prague, 3rd April 2014

Attachment:

- Basic documents about the conference
- Our application for the Climate Summit CATALYZING ACTION

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