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Dear Ms. Ji Lanlan,

Global South-South Development Expo 2018

I am pleased to inform you that this year's Global South-South Development Expo (GSSD Expo) is scheduled to take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 27 to 30 November 2018.

The year 2018 marks the 10-year anniversary of the launching of the GSSD Expo. Since its launch in 2008, this high-profile global event has brought together more than 30 UN entities and hundreds of institutional partners from more than 150 countries. This milestone anniversary offers an opportunity to celebrate our achievements, reflect on our successes, and look to the future.

Under the coordination of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC), in close consultation with the UN General Assembly High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation and UN specialized agencies, funds and programmes, the GSSD Expo 2018 will be organized under the overarching theme "Showcasing Institutions Supporting South-South and Triangular Cooperation in preparation for the Second High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA+40)".

It is my pleasure to invite you and representatives from your organization to attend this important event. The Expo will offer thematic solutions forums for discussions as well as a Directors-General and National Coordinating Authorities Forum to facilitate exchanges and showcase countries and international organizations' efforts and achievements in promoting South-South and triangular cooperation for sustainable development.

We hope that you will be able to participate in this collaborative effort of South-South and triangular cooperation. For more information on the GSSD Expo, please visit http://www.expo.unsouth.org/ or contact my office at gssdexpo.secretariat@undp.org.

Yours sincerely,

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