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Dear Sir,

**Invitation to Sustainable Blue Economy Conference:  
26–28 November 2018, Nairobi, Kenya**

UN in Kenya is organizing the above captioned conference, co-hosted by the Governments of Kenya and Canada. Several other countries have also indicated intent to co-host or sponsor including China, the EU, Fiji, Norway, Portugal, South Africa and the UK. The Government of Kenya, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, has already issued letters of invitation to the conference to various governments through their respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs. This includes Bangladesh.

The Sustainable Blue Economy Conference presents an opportunity for governments, the private sector, academia and civil society to engage in a high level strategic development dialogue on the blue economy and the enormous potential that seas, rivers, lakes and other water resources present for transformative and sustainable development of countries and island states.

UNDP will support three government delegates from relevant ministries with preference for higher representation of women. A policy brief and concept note of the conference is attached for your kind information. Participants will be provided with round trip air fare (economy class, most direct and cost-effective route), hotel accommodation, and DSA as per UN rules.

We will be very happy to extend all our support to your nominee in attending this high-level conference. To facilitate logistical arrangements, we would appreciate receiving nomination of one most relevant officials from your ministry and other two relevant ministries to participate in the event. We would appreciate if you could send details of nominated participants (e.g. name, affiliation, contact information, copy of passport, bank account information, vendor form, attached registration form, etc.) preferably by Wednesday, 7 November 2018 to Mr. Arif M. Faisal at [arif.faisal@undp.org](mailto:arif.faisal@undp.org).

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

  
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