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Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 9:10 AM
To: Adam Lupel
Cc: Nadia Al Said; Youssef Mahmoud
Subject: World Water Forum 2021: Salzburg Forum with Mr. Bai-Maas Taal

<=pan style="font-size:12pt;color:rgb(0,0,0)">Dear Adam, <=pan style="font-size:12pt;color:rgb(0,0,0)">

Hope you're enjoying your vacation.

<=pan style="font-size:12pt">Since the date of the Salzburg Forum(SzF) is approaching, I wanted to share with you some thoughts/ideas I had after our meeting with Mr. Bai-Maas Taal at IPI.

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<=pan style="font-size:12pt">Before going onto the substance, I want to thank you, Nadia and Youssef, for making the time to meet Mr. Taal, despite a hectic schedule during the OHLPF. I think the meeting went well and I am pleased to hear that Mr. Taal accepted IPI's invitation to attend the SzF. His presence may provide a good opportunity to explore with him possible next steps, which is the subject of this message=span style="color:rgb(0,0,0)">.

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During our conversation, Mr. Taal mentioned that in preparation for the 9th World Water Forum (WWF) "Dakar 2021" the National Organizing Committee with which he was affiliated " will=be organizing a series of preliminary Given the Dakar Forum will be dedicated to water, peace, development, I wanted to suggest that you explore with Mr. Taal (during SzF</=pan>), if you agree, the possibility of IPI partnering with the Organizing Committee to convene a policy forum on the subject of Water Diplomacy and Sustaining Peace (which could also fit well into one of the convening<=span> for our Water Diplomacy Project)= As we all have noticed, both, diplomacy and peace came up during the discussion with Mr. Taal.

This engagement will involve as is customary the preparation of a concept note and an agenda, an issue brief (on which I am working under Youssef's guidance) all culminating in a meeting summary report with a recommendation that could eventually feed into the deliberation during the Dakar Forum. </=iv>

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<=pan style="font-size:12pt">If the suggestion is accepted and find favor with Mr. Taal, I will be more than happy to write the first draft of the concept note and the preliminary agenda, under Nadia and Youssef's guidance.

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<=pan style="font-size:12pt">Obviously, this has budgetary implications which I also took into consideration.

<=pan style="font-size:12pt"> Outreach to Brazil (the host of this year's Forum), Switzerland, Sweden, and Finland could be a first step towards securing some funds, given their interest in the subject. Your contacts in the Geneva Water Hub could also prove helpful in this regard.

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<=pan style="font-size:12pt">In this connection, I would like to draw your attention to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, who has been taking a leadership role in different floras across the globe and is increasingly innovating and investing in the water sector. During my engagements at the HLPF, I learned that in 2015 the Dutch Government appointed the first of its kind "Special Envoy for Water Affairs" (=span style="color:rgb(0,0,0)"><https://www.government.nl/latest/news=2015/03/12/henk-ovink-appointed-as-first-special-envoy-for-international-water-affairs-for-the-kingdom-of-the-netherlands>). I briefly met and spoke with the Envoy, Mr. Henk Ovink and =AO I have his business card. Through him, the Netherlands could also be a potential co-sponsor/co-founder of the proposed preparatory event on Water Diplomacy and Sustaining Peace.
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<=pan style="font-size:12pt">If you feel the above proposal is worth considering, I will be happy to meet with you and Nadia later this month before you travel to Austria for some brainstorming.
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Thank you and look forward to hearing from you.
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<=pan style="font-size:12pt">Best,
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