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**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. =C2 Bai-M=as Taal at IPI.

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<=pan style="font-size:12pt">Before going into the substance, I want to=C2 thank you, Nadia =nd Youssef, for making the time=C2 to meet Mr. Taal, despite a hectic schedule during =A0the =A0HLPF. I think the meeting went well and I am pleased to =A0hear 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 =he 9th World Water Forum (WWF) "Dakar 2021" =/span>the National Organizing =A0Committee 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>), =f you agree, the possibility of IPI partnering with the Organizing Committee to convene a policy forum on the subject of =ater Diplomacy and Sustaining Peace (which =ould 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 = 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, =A0I will be more than happy to write the first draft of the concept note and the preliminary agenda, under Nadia and Y=oussef =80 s guidance.

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<=pan style="font-size:12pt">Obviously, this has budgetary implications which I also took =A0into 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 forums 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" (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 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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