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Dear Mr. Razeen,

The United Nations is addressing, through a series of important events this year, the links between food, water and climate issues, and the rest of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

To support these events, and as noted in the attached information note, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs is hosting a four-part online dialogue series on “Building a Global Coalition for Sustainability after COVID-19” to discuss ways the world can place climate action at the heart of recovering better from the COVID-19 crisis. The series aims to showcase key areas that support the shared goals of the Paris Agreement Climate Change and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The first session in the series, “Building Food and Water Security in an Era of Shocks,” will explore how climate change is affecting people’s access to water for sufficient, safe and nutritious food and offer solutions for building resilience and sustainable water management systems. For this event, we are partnering with the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Food Programme to bring together renowned experts on food and water systems, nutrition and rural development to discuss this urgent and multidimensional issue.

I am pleased to invite you to speak at this event, on Wednesday, 24 March 2021, from 8:30-10:00 a.m. EDT. The event will also serve as a United Nations Food Systems Summit Dialogue, informing the Summit process, and complement other events planned for the week of World Water Day. It would be appreciated if you could confirm your interest and availability at the earliest convenience directly to Mr. Michael Thein (thein1@un.org) with a copy to Ms. Kay Govia (govia@un.org).

With my sincere appreciation, I look forward to your positive response.

Yours sincerely,



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