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To
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Dear Mr. Isaac Blake

We, **The Inclusivity Project** along with **Asia Dalit Rights Forum, ERGO Network, and Trust Africa** are extremely honored to invite you to the ***International Congress on Discrimination based on Work & Descent (ICDWD) including Contemporary forms of slavery, Untouchability and analogous forms of discrimination***, starts at the 21st at 2 pm James Hall, Bernard College in Columbia University, New York and end on Sep 23rd, 2019. You are also requested to attend Peoples Forum event from Sep 24th to Sept 26th at the United Nations in New York.

The Inclusivity Projects will cover all cost related to his participation to the International congress, including the flight ticket, boarding and lodging, airport transportation, Visa fees and any other incidental expenses that may occur.

The International Congress on Discrimination Based on Work and Descent (ICDWD) will look at particular types of hierarchical-hereditary based structures among societies across the globe, which generate the same set of human rights violations and barriers limiting socio-economic development for different DWD peoples.

About 100 leaders of the community, including 12 members of Parliament and delegates from over 23 countries from all over the world are expected to gather at ICDWD in New York during the UN General Assembly.

DWD affected individuals and communities are indelibly stigmatized in the social, institutional, and psychological mindsets, ranked low in the hierarchical social order, excluded from access to all types of developmental resources and barred from upward mobility in society. These features of social exclusion restrict the possibility of social, political, and economic mobility and ensure the intergenerational reproduction of a stigmatized laboring class or caste. These types of social structures have created systemic violence for centuries on communities as heterogeneous as the Haratine in Sahel; Forgeron in West Africa; Bantu in Sudan; Roma in Europe; Burakumin in Japan, and Dalits (formerly known as 'untouchables') in South Asia.

The objective of the ICDWD is build a global network of communities facing Discrimination based on Work and Descent (DWD) from Africa, Asia, Europe, North and South America for highlighting the need for inclusion, equity and non-discrimination in human rights and development through procedures of the Human Right Council and Sustainable Development Goals respectively.

We very much appreciate your consideration of this invitation and look forward to your valuable presence in this event. Please do not hesitate to be in touch if you or your colleagues have questions.

With Kind Regards,

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Gideon Ngoboka
Secretary, The Inclusivity Project