

Your Excellency,

This letter is to express my deepest gratitude to you for the opportunity to participate in the event of VII Astana Economic Forum and II World Anti-Crisis Conference this year.

Based on our experience of many years of participating in Astana Economic Forum, we can confirm and congratulate the city of Astana and Kazakhstan on the conduct of such highly professional and interesting conference, which over the last several years has not lost its relevance, but on the contrary - has gained widespread respect and continues to be *una* a growing interest among the world leaders and leading experts.

This year, a number of issues discussed by eminent persons whom Astana forum managed to involve in were of the most urgent nature in the context of the current uneasy economic situation, which the whole world has fallen into. As you rightly pointed out in your speech at the Plenary Meeting of the Astana Economic Forum, "at the moment, the world had barely managed to survive the global financial and economic crisis could again fall into recession and slack". That's why your contribution to the development of problem solutions by the World Anti-Crisis Plan should not be underestimated. Forum provided us with the opportunity to participate in very interesting discussions of the economic challenges of today's world, and we hope that our contribution will be useful for the purposes of the World Anti-Crisis Conference.

Your Excellency, we would like to wish you, Kazakhstan and all of us more interesting Astana Economic Forums, participation in which is always a great honor and pleasure. Kazakhstan took the good commitment - to ensure peace with platform for live discussions on economic and social issues, which we believe, has the potential required and already become an effective international economic tool today.

In conclusion, we would like to express our highest respect and trust.

On behalf of the International Independent Advisory Board

Mr. Alfred Gusenbauer

Mr Romano Prodi

"In recent years, Astana Economic Forum is gaining popularity and if I may say so, effectiveness, it is becoming a platform where we can discuss socio-economic issues and seek solutions.

I believe that the Astana Economic Forum will acquire importance in the future as well, as it affects not only economic issues but also social and political ones, and the concentration of the economy is still within the policy.

I believe that the forum and the World Anti-Crisis Conference can become such platform for addressing the global issues of the world crisis with UN assistance.

Forum in Astana progressed and is progressing every year, and every year meets the challenges of the time we live. I am sure that next Forum will meet the challenges of this time".

Stjepan Mesic

President of the Republic of Croatia (2000-2010)

Mr. President,

Let me express my sincere gratitude for your invitation to participate in the VII Astana Economic Forum on 21-23 May this year, which raised important issues we face today in the field of economy, finance, politics and social aspects. With great pleasure I was glad to meet you

again, and I would like to thank the Eurasian Economic Club of Scientists for the excellent organization of the Forum.

Astana Economic Forum has become one of the most important economic events in the world. This year, it was a great success, confirming the reputation of Astana and whole Kazakhstan as the main venue for major international events.

It was a great honor and privilege for me to be a moderator of the Plenary Session, the most important event of VII Astana Economic Forum and II World Anti-Crisis Conference. I am confident all participants were very impressed during your speech where you detailed the platform G-Global proposed by you, which is based on the principles of: evolution and reform, justice, equality and harmony, global transparency and constructive multipolarity. I highly appreciate your great desire to create a new shape of democratic dialogue designed to develop new anti-crisis measures to address the global financial and economic crisis.

Mr. President, please accept my assurances of my highest consideration and my best wishes for health, success and prosperity.

Sincerely,

Petar Stoyanov

President of the Republic of Bulgaria (1997-2002)

President, Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation in Vienna

Astana Economic Forum is a very interesting platform and the nature of this platform is that it gathers a huge number of professionals in Astana. Also there is a fresh look at this region, the Eurasian economic space from the estimations of experts, how promising integration movement is. It also seems important that it is Astana forum that allows consideration of all regional integration processes on a global basis.

As for the idea of G-Global, I think we live in a period that needs such reformist ideas, as if the old structures, old formats put forward a solution and recommendations that can be called the expected ones, so creation of a new platform is a new, fresh look at the current processes and perhaps it will ease finding of non-standard solutions to the problems both in the region and in the world.

Certainly I loved the forum and hope that I will constantly participate in Astana Economic Forum in the future.

Sincerely,

Tigran Sargsyan

Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia (2008-2014)

"This is the first time I was in Kazakhstan and had a very interesting time and a lot of interesting meetings. I believe the most important feature of the Forum is a dialogue between people from different countries. I would also like to emphasize that this is not just a crisis management forum, this is a historic event.

Astana Economic Forum is very important for us, not just for Kazakhstan, but for all of us. However, G-Global and the idea of the project itself is very interesting. Perhaps with such projects as this step we will be able to change our world gradually"

Kazimierz Marcinkiewicz

Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland (2005-2006)

President of the Kazakh-Polish Chamber of Commerce

Your Excellency,

For me it was a great honor to meet you at the VII Astana Economic Forum and the II World Anti-Crisis Conference.

I would like to express my sincere congratulations to Your Excellency for your outstanding leadership and significant results of the Forum. You have gathered modern thinkers and experts from around the world to address the challenges we face today. Under your leadership, a platform necessary to discuss the global challenges of the Eurasian continent has been established. In this regard, let me express my special thanks to you.

Let me also express my gratitude to "Eurasian Economic Club of Scientists" for their support and efforts for successful forum.

I look forward to further strengthening of cooperation and partnership with the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan for sustainable development in our region.

Please, Your Excellency, accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Noeleen Heyzer
Deputy Secretary General of United Nations
Special Adviser of Secretary-General of the United Nations
for East Timor

"It is very important to have a dialogue platform that gathers participants of economic and civil society, political and business leaders. I think the idea of the President of Kazakhstan on the Astana Economic Forum is very well-timed. And it should be noted that the Forum passed successfully, especially on economic and development issues. This forum is important, having the dialogue of this kind that promotes cooperation, better understanding, also contributes to the analysis concluding from the major global economic problems".

Gyan Chandra Acharya,
Under-Secretary-General of the UN
High Representative for the Least Developed Countries,
Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island States

Your Excellency,

I would like to express my great admiration and congratulate you on the success of VII Astana Economic Forum. It was an honor and a great pleasure to be part of the model Forum characterized by a large number of political leaders and experts of global renown.

I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your personal participation in the rewarding ceremony of the Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation (CGDC) in the category "Improving the social business dialogue". Thru this award, we would like to note your excellent leadership in building and determining the position of the Republic of Kazakhstan in the modern market economy, your exceptional contribution to promote peace, environmental protection, nuclear threats, energy security, as well as your continued contribution to social well-being, intercultural and inter-religious harmony.

In conclusion, let me once again express our gratitude and reaffirm our commitment to teamwork, cooperation and promoting the image of the Republic of Kazakhstan in the international arena.

Yours sincerely,
Stamen Stanchev
The Secretary-General, CDGC (Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation)

"I think that joining people together to discuss global issues is very important and significant, especially to collect the world's political leaders to solve global problems, what Astana Economic Forum did indeed, becoming more and more attractive for foreign participants. It should be noted that none of the Asian countries has held the event on the same level as Kazakhstan has, which also is a credit to the President.

Usually only Western countries organize such meetings of this scope, as evidenced by conference in London, Paris, Washington or New York. I am very impressed that the delegates from around the world arrived to participate in the Forum.

Events of this kind, where the West and Asia can share their views and interests are very important".

Sincerely,
Muhammad Yunus
Recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize 2006

"I am extremely glad that I was involved in the discussion of the World Anti-crisis Plan of the UN within the World Anti-Crisis Conference. Huge impression on me was the meeting with Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev, held during the forum in Astana. During the meeting we touched on many topical issues of the current time, including trends of economic challenges of modernity. In general, the agenda of the forum was intense and meaningful. During various activities, not only economic and social issues, but also possible solutions thereof, were discussed.

Vivid impression left the trip to Almaty, where I had the opportunity to give lectures at two universities and make a modest contribution to the development of science and education in Kazakhstan.

In this letter I would like to express my gratitude to the President of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev for initiatives that bring constructivism and harmony to the world".

Sincerely,
Arieh Warshel
The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2013

"I express my gratitude for the excellent organization of VII Astana Economic Forum and the II World Anti-Crisis Conference. I participated in two sessions on university education, as well as on taxation. I would like to note a substantial part of the sessions, which adopted a number of important decisions. Also, I visited the university and gave several interviews to the media.

I ask you to convey to Mr. President my gratitude for the international forum in Astana, as well as deep respect and admiration".

Sincerely,
Robert Aumann
Nobel Prize in Economics in 2005

"I appreciate the opportunity to participate in the VII Astana Economic Forum and its excellent organization. The visit to Kazakhstan was a very rewarding experience for me, especially given the positive changes that have occurred since my last visit to Kazakhstan in 1984. Meeting with a global personality of our time, as President Nazarbayev was a special privilege, during which we discussed not just general trends of the world economy, but also talked on the prospects for cooperation in the field of economic science and practice. I was also

glad to communicate with members of the Government of your country and fellow scientists participated in the forum, including outreach event in Ust-Kamenogorsk, dedicated to topic EXPO-2017".

**Sincerely,
Kurt Wüthrich
The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2002**

"This year for the first time I became a member of VII Astana Economic Forum (AEF). I would like first of all to express my deep gratitude for the invitation, and to emphasize the importance of the Forum for Kazakhstan, Eurasian Union and the whole world.

Content of the panel sessions was, in fact, the quintessence of the world experience on the problem, and the discussions reflected the invaluable experience of the speakers, who were usually the leading international experts in their field. And coordinates of all sessions and AEF logistics were almost spotless.

It seems to me that the Astana Forum, despite its relative youth, has become a significant phenomenon not only for Kazakhstan and CIS countries, and now for the Eurasian Union, but it has become attractive for global business, innovation, science and education, where one can quickly enter in the course of global trends, meet potential partners, express own thoughts about the possible development of mankind. AEF has set the bar of what such forum should be, both by content and shape.

I must say that all the activities of the AEF was heavily influenced by the ideas and suggestions made by the President recently, and which were brilliantly presented at the plenary session of the conference devoted to the problems of global security, which was held at the Forum.

Assessing the AEF in general, it can be stated that its conduct was a great success of Kazakhstan, and President personally.

In conclusion, I want to say that the Elbasy of Kazakhstan people is always one step ahead of the world leaders and "trendsetter" in global values and, most important, in shaping of the ways of their practical and effective solutions. I see further development of the AEF in implementation plan of President's fundamental ideas thru strengthening intergovernmental integration of innovation efforts, cross-country and cross-disciplinary research on global issues, including in the field of search for mechanisms to mitigate climate change and their practical application to solve the designated root problems - poverty eradication, sustainable economic growth of the Eurasian Union, the political stability of our countries, prevention of antagonism between the world political blocs. I am confident that the noble activities of your President in these fields is worthy of the Nobel Peace Prize".

**Sincerely,
Timashev Svyatoslav,
Nobel Peace Prize 2007**

"I am very pleased to participate in the Astana Economic Forum again, and would also like to express my appreciation for the excellent organization of the Forum. I believe that the Astana Economic Forum is a valuable opportunity to discuss many of the important economic issues of our time, such as the most effective financial regulation and the promotion of innovation".

**With much gratitude,
Eric Maskin**

Nobel Prize in Economics in 2007

"I as a scientist was very pleased and grateful to participate in the VII Astana Economic Forum, during which I visited Nazarbayev University and presented papers in several events, including a panel session "EXPO-2017: Energy of Future"

Astana is a city where today constructive activities such as AEF and WAC are being held – it is a city that has great economic and cultural future. I will encourage the Lawrence National Laboratory to visit Astana in the near future to continue joint research activities with Kazakhstan. I believe that the Forum organizers did a great job on its success and ensuring our participation to be fruitful in terms of contribution to modern anti-crisis debate.

I congratulate you on a very professional and successful Forum conduct".

**Sincerely yours,
Professor George F. Smoot
Nobel Prize in Physics 2006**

"Astana Economic Forum and the World Anti-Crisis Conference stressed the need for a new institutional structure, as well as the questions of its achievements. However, matters of Europe's debt crisis, a new world policy, economic balance and its movement to the Asian countries have been raised. In general I can note the high level of the Forum, and congratulate Kazakhstan and organizers of the Forum thereon".

**Sincerely,
Christopher Pissarides
Nobel Prize in Economics in 2010**

"One of the topics we discussed at the Astana Economic Forum and the World Anti-Crisis Conference was the most pressing issue in the Eurozone. I believe that it is very correct to discuss this kind of questions in the international forums, where you can hear the views of all parties. It is the fourth time I take part in Astana Economic Forum; it is obvious that I always come back, as I find this forum quite interesting and meaningful".

**Sincerely,
Finn Kydland
Nobel Prize in Economics in 2004**

"AEF may be considered successful platform and is becoming an important for discussion of issues of regional business and political debate. There are many strengths of the AEF, and organizers have done a wonderful job. From the standpoint of the delegates, we are confident that the AEF can compete with the world's major business events like Davos and Brussels Forum, and can attract a large number of senior executives of the world interested in Kazakhstan and Eurasian region.

President Nursultan Nazarbayev has strong leadership in bringing into discussion of the most difficult problems of our world. We appreciate his bold leadership".

**Sincerely,
Matt Kennedy
Founder of "Kennedy Merchant Partners"**

Dear Nursultan!

Let me express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to participate in the Astana Economic Forum and the World Anti-Crisis Conference, as well as an honor to attend a power breakfast organized at the highest level. Our delegation appreciated the level of organization of the above events; we were impressed by the scale and quality of the Forum as a whole. Open and competitive dialogue held within the forum brought a huge amount of fresh ideas for the development of our countries. We are happy to be part of this mechanism to improve the world.

We hope that the experience we have will be useful in advancing and implementation of your initiatives to promote info-communication platform G-Global. I want to note that this project is exactly what the world needs now, and the idea of creating such a project is a bold and correct decision. We believe that the project will help in addressing many global issues in all spheres of life, using the latest technology. To help to implement this idea, we can use all available opportunities to turn this project in the world of reality. We involve over 250,000 heads of private and public sector in our dialogue, available in our database, who we believe will contribute to the development of this project.

**Sincerely,
Thomas Selluchi
The company's chairman
Celluci Associates, Inc.**

Dear Nursultan!

Let me express my appreciation and gratitude for the opportunity to take part in the VII Astana Economic Forum and the II World Anti-Crisis Conference, which served as a great experience for the development of international cooperation through such a unique project as G-Global. For me it is an honor to contribute to the future development of our countries.

Organization of the forum was spotless, at all levels. This event served as an ideal platform for a constructive dialogue to address many problems. Issues raised at the Forum are relevant and acute in our changing world. Also important is the participation of representatives of 147 countries in the dialogue.

Just want to share personal experiences of visiting your beautiful country what we saw worthily is called the "Heart of Asia". We sincerely hope that your country will continue to grow, flourish and bring fresh ideas into the world community. Undoubtedly, Kazakhstan is an example for all developing countries.

**Sincerely,
Vice president of Xerox
Charles Brooks**

"Allow me to congratulate the organizing committee and all those who made the effort to conduct VII Astana Economic Forum on its successful implementation. I was impressed by the level of activities of the Forum, which was held May 21-23, 2014.

Assessing global thinkers, complexity of dialogue on the most important issues related to humanity and the whole environment in Astana, where all happened we can say about the global level of the forum. My participation was a privilege!"

**Sean Herbert,
Vice-president**

CBS News

"The Forum very impressed by the quality of VIP participants and key speakers, as well as the depth of its deliberations. I will return with great pleasure and take part again, as this forum is unique and best forum in Kazakhstan and cuts swath of the region".

Olivier Descamps

Managing Director for Turkey, Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

"For me, this is the first AEF, so everything is new for me. I find this forum interesting. What I like most is that the AEF is held in Central Asia, that is many issues are addressed from this point, rather than that which we use, such as in Washington, we are accustomed to consider the problems from the point of advanced economies.

I like the idea of switching from G20 to G-Global, and it is very similar to what we do in the IMF, where we are also an international institution that is trying to find a solution to these problems. In this I find similarities with our work".

Daniel Heller

Executive director

International Monetary Fund

"Astana Economic Forum impressed with the amount of representatives of various organizations and countries. I believe that the discussions took place at the Forum will initiate great actions, which is the special value of this event. Let me thank the organizing committee and the government for holding an international conference at the highest level".

Takuya Hirano

General Manager, Director

Microsoft Central and Eastern Europe

This year, for the first time I had the opportunity to participate in the Astana Economic Forum, but I already may say that it is a wonderful opportunity for people from around the world to engage in dialogue and share their point of view. Also, I think it's a good opportunity for the government of the Republic of Kazakhstan to promote international initiatives.

As far as I can tell the organization of whole forum is excellent and everything was at the highest level, so I have every reason to believe that this is not the last visit of mine to the Forum.

David Shark

Deputy Director-General

The World Trade Organization

Let me express my sincere gratitude for the invitation to participate in VII Astana Economic Forum and the II World Anti-Crisis Conference in Astana. I would like to note the high quality of the activities of the Forum, where the leading experts in their field had the opportunity to share their experiences at the international level.

For me it was an honor and a privilege to participate in one of the major economic events in the world. I would like to express my gratitude to the organizing committee of the Forum, the Eurasian Economic Club of Scientists, for the excellent organization of all activities".

Daniel Witt,
President of the International Tax and Investment Center, USA

"I would like to congratulate the organizing committee of the Forum and Mr. President on the successful VII Astana Economic Forum held from 21 to 23 May in Astana.

For me it was a great pleasure and honor to attend the Forum, which is becoming one of the most important events in the world. Please accept my sincere congratulations and wishes of success and prosperity of Kazakhstan".

Alexander Van de Putte
Independent Director
National Investment Corporation of National Bank of Kazakhstan, JSC

"Astana Economic Forum is an extremely valuable activity to unite the public, private and civil society to discuss topics related to their direct involvement. I think this forum is very useful for the entire world community. It is important that this dialogue remains open to reaching a consensus on solving specific challenges facing our planet, such as climate change, diversification, strengthening the economy, creating jobs and interreligious dialogue"

Aranca González
Executive director
International Trade Center

"For Kazakhstan, as a developing country it is very commendable to hold an international forum of such level. I think Astana Economic Forum is quite effective and meaningful platform to discuss international issues and concerns of developing countries that they face every day.

Especially important to me is the gender issue, I believe that each country should develop social equality for women, and that was my main topic of presentations at the forum.

When I go back to Korea, I definitely am going to continue to strengthen areas of cooperation between Korea and Kazakhstan".

Mi-Yong Han
President of the World Association of Women Inventors and Entrepreneurs