

Ban Ki-moon to address thousands of nurses at International Council of Nurses' Congress

Geneva, Switzerland; 3 June 2021 – Mr Ban Ki-moon, former Secretary General of the United Nations, will address thousands of nurses attending the International Council of Nurses (ICN) virtual Congress to be held 2-4 November 2021.

Mr. Ban served two consecutive terms as Secretary General of the United Nations (2007-2016). He serves as Chairman of the Presidential National Council on Climate and Air Quality; Chairman of the Boao Forum for Asia; Co-Chair of the Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens; and Chairman of IOC Ethics Committee. Currently, he is the Distinguished Chair Professor and Honorary Chairman at the Institute of Global Engagement & Empowerment at Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea, and President of the Assembly & Chair of the Council of Global Green Growth Institute.



As an outspoken advocate for equality and sustainability, Mr Ban's address will cover the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on global inequalities, including gender, and the lessons we can learn, as well as the impact of climate change on health and how the youth of today can be involved in planning a better future.

During his tenure as U.N. Secretary General, Mr. Ban strove to be a bridge builder, to give voice to the world's poorest and the most vulnerable people, and to make the Organization more transparent and effective. He successfully pressed for action to combat climate change - an effort that culminated in the adoption and rapid entry into the landmark Paris Agreement in 2016. Mr. Ban worked closely with member states of the UN to shape the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to establish UN Women, which has been advancing the Organization's work for gender equality and women's empowerment. Mr. Ban also launched major efforts to strengthen UN peace operations, to protect human rights, to improve humanitarian response, and to prevent violent extremism and to revitalize the disarmament agenda.

Ban Ki-moon joins other confirmed keynote speakers, including Her Royal Highness Princess Muna al-Hussein; former Prime Minister of New Zealand Helen Clark; United States Congresswoman Lauren Underwood; and the Minister of Health of the Seychelles Peggy Vidot.

In partnership with the Emirates Nursing Association, the ICN 2021 Congress will bring together thousands of nurses from across the globe in a virtual event and will build on the vital contribution of nurses in the battle for health and well-being across the entire world. Using the theme '**Nursing Around the World**', ICN will pass the nursing baton across the different regions in a series of live and interactive events that will give its members the opportunity to showcase their expertise and innovations throughout the world.

Early bird rates for registration to Congress are open until 9 June. Participants will receive full access to all official Congress sessions: full access to e-posters, partner and industry symposia; full access to online chat and other virtual networking areas; automatic allocation of continuing education credits (ICNECs) and full access to sessions after the event for a period of six months. To register before the **9 June Early Bird deadline**, go to: <https://icncongress2021.org/registration/>

Further information and regular updates on the Congress programme are available on the Congress website: www.icncongress2021.org

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Note to Editors

The **International Council of Nurses (ICN)** is a federation of more than 130 national nurses associations representing the millions of nurses worldwide. Operated by nurses and leading nursing internationally, ICN works to ensure quality care for all and sound health policies globally.

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