



June 22, 2016

The Honorable Miguel Arias Cañete
Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy
European Commission
Rue de la Loi 200
1049 Brussels
Belgium

Dear Commissioner Arias Cañete,

We are pleased to invite you to speak at the fifth edition of *The Atlantic Dialogues*, which will be held at the Mamounia Hotel in **Marrakesh, Morocco, from December 14 – 16, 2016**. Under the theme “Changing Mental Maps: Strategies for an Atlantic in Transition,” participants will explore how the wider transatlantic community connects, engages, and collaborates on the most pressing issues affecting the Atlantic space. We are happy to work with you in identifying the most appropriate session to display your expertise and make your time at *The Atlantic Dialogues* as productive as possible.

Launched in 2012, *The Atlantic Dialogues* has emerged as the premier annual forum for decision-makers to discuss cross-regional issues and shared policy challenges shaping the future of the four continents around the Atlantic Basin. This initiative underscores the growing importance of Africa and Latin America as actors in the Atlantic space and promotes a more comprehensive approach to transatlantic relations, paying special attention to North-South and South-South relations.

You will be joined by senior government officials, business leaders, academics, and media representatives from Africa, the Americas, the Caribbean, and Europe. Through interactive panels and smaller break-out sessions, *The Atlantic Dialogues* looks to create opportunities for networking and intellectual debate.

We would be delighted to have you participate in this event, and are ready to work with you and your office to identify an appropriate speaking role highlighting your experience and expertise. The organizers will be pleased to cover accommodation at one of our conference hotels, meals, and travel during the event. We will also work with you and your office to arrange your international travel. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED], at [REDACTED] [@gmfus.org](mailto:[REDACTED]@gmfus.org) or at +32 2 [REDACTED]

Given your role and expertise, we believe that your contributions will add great value to the discussions. We very much hope that you will be able to join us in Marrakesh in December.

Sincerely,

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