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Dear Colleague,

**Lecture by H.E. Mr. Jean Ping, Gabon's Minister of Foreign Affairs, and President-designate of the 59<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly.**

It is our pleasure to invite you to a lecture by Mr. Jean Ping, Gabon's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and French Speaking Communities and President-designate for the forthcoming fifty-ninth session of the United Nations General Assembly. The United Nations University (UNU) is organizing this lecture on the occasion of Mr. Ping's visit to Japan.

The lecture will be held on 19 May 2004, from 11.00-12.30 hours and will focus on **“The Promotion of African Peace and Development: the Role of African Regional Organizations and the United Nations”**.

The aim of the lecture is to enhance public awareness in Japan on African development and Mr. Ping will explain how African regional organizations and the United Nations play an important role in the promotion of peace and development in the continent. The lecture will be followed by a question and answer session.

The lecture will be held in the Rose Hall at the United Nations University Headquarters.

We would appreciate it if you would use the attached registration form to inform us of your availability to attend the symposium.

We look forward to welcoming you to this important event.

Yours sincerely,

Hans van Ginkel  
Rector