



7 May 2014. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon says that the 2015 Milan World Expo will provide the UN with a unique opportunity to build momentum on food related issues.

The Secretary-General today took part in the official presentation of the World Expo Milan 2015 to the UN system's leadership, hosted in Rome by the Italian Foreign Minister, Ms. Federica Mogherini. The Heads of all UN agencies are assembled in Rome to attend their annual meeting.

Ban remarked that the Milan World Expo takes place in 2015 -- a crucial year for the United Nations. "It is not only the deadline for the Millennium Development Goals, it will also mark the launch of a new global development agenda", the Secretary-General said. Pleading for urgently redressing the dramatic imbalance in the global distribution of food and a hunger-free world, Ban Ki-moon explained that the theme adopted by the UN for its participation in the Expo, "Zero Hunger Challenge. United for a Sustainable World", coherently followed up on the campaign he had launched on the occasion of the 2012 Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development.

