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Dear SVNPN Conference Participants:

I hope everyone traveled home safely. On behalf of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and the Africa Program, I would like to thank you for participating in and contributing to the 2018 annual Southern Voices Network for Peacebuilding Conference, “National, Regional, and Global Infrastructures for Peace in Africa.” Since the conference concluded, we have received much positive feedback about the quality and substance of the discussion. Thank you to all of you for your involvement in making the Conference a success!

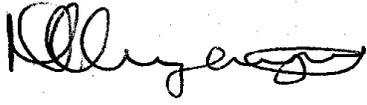
We appreciated your contributions to all of the public events and plenary sessions, both as speakers and through the following dialogue, as you offered insights for researchers, policymakers, and practitioners alike. Thank you for your willingness to engage and to share your expertise in topics ranging from natural resources to elections and peacebuilding.

Moreover, we truly thank you for your inputs during our internal SVNPN discussions, particularly regarding how to advance the impact of the Southern Voices Network for Peacebuilding. Your suggestions for enhancing the reach of the network, improving the scholarship program, and solidifying the SVNPN brand as the go-to network for pan-African expertise on peacebuilding were very thoughtful and inspired. Thank you again for contributing to a productive Conference and for sharing your expertise and insights with us. I left the conference with a very strong sense that all of us, and the organizations that we represent, are fully vested in the SVNPN and in taking it to the next level. We hope that you continue to bring new ideas and suggestions to the table on these critical SVNPN issues as we continue our partnerships, and look forward to your input on the grant deliverables and action items, which we will send you by 10 August.

Please also find attached select photos of the Conference. We will send the full photo packet and conference report to you in August. You may also view the entire conference photo album on Dropbox at <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/cienyq0gxvf1t6s/AAASK8zYWs7wNl-MfEyyHcz2a?dl=0>. Shahrazad will send you all individual invitations to download and edit the album. If you have any difficulties, please contact her at Shahrazad.Hired@wilsoncenter.org.

We all see the value in the SVNPN, and we are motivated by our mutual desire to work together to realize the full potential of this network with the goal of developing it into the premier network on peacebuilding issues in Africa. We look forward to all of us working together to elevate the SVNPN and realize this critical goal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Monde Muyangwa', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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