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Temat: Re: Invitation from Teach For Bulgaria and the World Bank in Bulgaria : become a keynote speaker at a

high-level education conference

Dear Professor Marciniak.

I am writing on behalf of Teach For Bulgaria. We obtained your contact from Mr. Alberto Rodriguez, Lead Education Specialist at the World Bank.

It is my pleasure to *invite you to Sofia to speak at our annual education

policy conference taking place on Nov 14-15. We hope you will be able to share your experience setting priorities for education reform in Poland as Minister of Education and successfully executing on them.* The World Bank

in Bulgaria has kindly offered to support your participation in the conference and set up meetings with high-level government officials at the Ministry of Education here.

This year's conference will explore in more depth the topic of training and supporting new teachers. We plan to bring together *several hundred

participants from government, schools, education experts, public and private sector leaders from Bulgaria and abroad* in panel discussions and

workshops over two days. I'm sending some additional info about the event at the end of this e-mail.

The conference will be a great opportunity for all attendees to appreciate the significance of your experience as the architect of education reform in Poland. We hope that discussing your experience and vision would help key stakeholders appreciate the possibility of improving the education system in Bulgaria. We also hope that you would be able to outline the key lessons that Bulgarian policy-makers should keep in mind and the necessary steps our country can take to achieve tangible improvement in terms of education outcomes.

*This year's two-day conference is planned to take place on November 14th and 15th in Sofia, Bulgaria. *The first day will include three panel discussions

and the second one will engage the participants in various

practical workshops. *We invite you to be a^{**} keynote speaker in a panel on the first day and a workshop leader on the second day**. *We are happy we

have already confirmed the attendance of Steven Farr, Chief Knowledge Officer of Teach For America, and Eve Eisenschmidt, faculty member of Tallinn University and one of the architects of Estonia's successful teacher induction program introduced in 2000.

Kind regards,

Evgenia Peeva CEO, Teach For Bulgaria