

# Media release

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## ● Annan and Geldof to discuss future of Africa at the Royal Geographical Society with IBG

Former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan and campaigner Bob Geldof will be discussing the future of Africa in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century at the Royal Geographical Society with IBG on the 23 October 2007.

Geldof and Annan will join the President of the Society Professor Sir Gordon Conway in the first of the Society's *21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenges* series, discussion evenings aimed at those wishing to be intellectually enlightened in world affairs and geographical issues. As the Chief Scientific Advisor to the Department for International Development, Sir Gordon is an expert on development issues and will be leading discussion of some of the most pressing issues to face Africa today, including intervention in Zimbabwe, the HIV/AIDS crisis and the effects of climate change.

Kofi Annan, as the seventh Secretary-General of the United Nations from 1997 to 2007, and co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2001, has had a long and distinguished career as one of the world's most prominent diplomats. Now chairman of the prize committee for the Mo Ibrahim Prize for Achievement in African Leadership, and recently chosen as a member of the Global Elders initiative, Annan will undoubtedly play a prominent role in African and global politics for years to come.

Likewise, 'Sir Bob' and his campaigning on Africa needs no introduction: his monumental achievement in bringing together some of the world's best known and best loved artists for Band Aid and, more recently, Live 8, have made him a household name.

This event has sold out but members of the press are welcome to attend and will be seated in the Society's press box.

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