Since February 20, 2018, Mr. Ban Ki-moon is the President of the Assembly and Chair of the Council of the Global Green Growth Institute. His leadership has been instrumental for the Institute to help its Members to successfully adopt the green growth model of development, which is strongly in line with the work he spearheaded at the United Nations.

Previously, Mr. Ban served two consecutive terms as the Secretary-General of the United Nations from 2007 to 2016, during which time he worked to build bridges, to give voice to the world’s most vulnerable and neglected people, and to bring transparency and effectiveness to the UN. He successfully initiated global action to combat climate change and worked closely with member states to shape the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to establish UN Women.

Prior to leading the UN, Mr. Ban was Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea, capping his 37-year career with the Ministry.

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