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Dear Professor Tareen.

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I would like to confirm receipt of your membership subscription by the Association of Commonwealth Universities.

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This campaign looks at the role of higher education in helping to tackle the Post-2015 Millennium Development Goals. It will bring together ACU members and other stakeholders in higher education to build an evidence base demonstrating the importance and the potential of higher education to the new agenda, and discuss what the sector needs to do to be ready.

The world in 2015—is higher education ready runs online for a period of 18 months, with a dedicated website showcasing ideas, initiatives and reflections from across the world and showing how universities respond to local, national and international issues. More details and how to get involved can be found here: www.acu.ac.uk/beyond-2015.

We have also launched our **ACU Measures** programme which will offer benchmarking surveys designed collaboratively with member institutions in specific areas of governance and administration. This programme offers institutions the chance to benchmark performances over time and demonstrate the impact of managerial changes as well as provide university leaders with information about performance in a given area.

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The ACU is your professional association—we believe in the transformational nature of higher education: its power and potential to contribute to the cultural, economic, and social development of a nation. Thank you for joining us on this journey.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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