



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY



7 June 2007

Excellency,

We are honored that you have confirmed your participation at the meeting in Doha entitled "Financing Development to achieve the Millennium Development Goals" on 17 and 18 June 2007. This meeting is part of the continuous efforts of the United Nations to foster development worldwide.

As we reach the midway point to 2015, concerted global action is necessary in order to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. We are looking forward to an interactive discussion in Doha on this important issue. The meeting will bring together Member States, including at Ministerial level, and representatives from the United Nations, Bretton Woods and regional institutions, as well as foundations and non-governmental organizations. In this regard, your personal contribution on the theme set out in your invitation letter would be most appreciated and contribute to a productive debate. You are also encouraged to contribute to the various interactive sessions during the meeting.

The nominated head of delegation from Least Developed Countries are eligible for travel and accommodation support. May we take this opportunity to remind these participants to provide details of their nomination to Mr. Yasser Abdullah, who will then authorise the Qatari authorities to issue air tickets. Further details are set out in the attached information note and program.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Doha.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Haya Rashed Al Khalifa
President of the General Assembly

Ahmad Bin Abdullah Al-Mahmoud
Minister of State for Foreign Affairs

Information Note: ‘Financing Development to achieve the MDGs’

1. The follow up meeting to the first informal thematic debate of the General Assembly, ‘Financing Development to achieve the MDGs’ will take place, on 17-18 June 2007 at the Sheraton Hotel in Doha Qatar. Participants are encouraged to stay at the Sheraton during the period of the meeting.
2. This meeting is distinct from the meeting on the “Follow up to the International Conference on Financing for Development to review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus”, to be held in Doha in the second half of 2008. Consultations on this event are currently being facilitated by the Permanent Representatives of Egypt and Norway.
3. Assistant Director of Sales, Shaher Mohammed Abu Haikal can assist you with arranging bookings at the Sheraton Doha Resort & Convention Hotel, Al Corniche Street, PO Box 6000, Doha, Qatar. (Tele: +974.485.4440; fax: +974.483.8771; Shaher.Abu-Haikal@Sheraton.com).
4. Rasha Kayali (Liaison Officer for the Government of Qatar) can assist you with any queries regarding preparations and logistics for the meeting (Office tel: +974 4435132 ; cell: +974 6606818; Email: rasha@mofa.gov.qa). Please copy Mr. Yasser Abdullah (Office of the President of the General Assembly, abdullahy@un.org) into any correspondence with Ms. Kayali.
5. Enquires from the Office of the President of the General Assembly should be directed to Mr. Yasser Abdullah (office: 001 212 963 1235 cell: 001 917 957 8412 Email: abdullahy@un.org)
6. A list of invitees to the meeting is attached.



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to Achieve the Millennium Development
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SUNDAY, JUNE 17TH, 2007

<i>Time / Hall</i>	<i>Events</i>
10:00 –10:30	<i>Opening Session</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming Remarks, Government of Qatar • Opening Statement: UN GA President
10:30 –11:30	<i>Discussion on Financing to achieve the MDGs</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic resources mobilization, including by Least Developed Countries
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
12:00 –13:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2007 mid-point to achieve MDGs: progress and challenges ahead • Delivering on commitments: scaling-up, predictability, and effectiveness
13:30 –15:00	Lunch and Press Conference
15:00 –18:00	<i>Continued discussion on Financing to achieve MDGs</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multilateral aid • New and emerging donors • Primary Education

MONDAY, JUNE 18TH, 2007

<i>Time / Hall</i>	<i>Events</i>
10:00 –11:00	<i>Discussion on successful examples of scaling up for the MDGs.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water and sanitation • Millennium Villages
11:00 –11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-13:00	<i>Continued discussion on successful examples of scaling up for the MDGs.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other examples of progress • The Way Forward to 2015 • Closing
13:00 –15:00	Lunch and Press Conference