

23 April 2012

Excellency,

I am delighted to extend to you an invitation to participate in a special cultural event, "Celebrating the 66th Presidency of the UN General Assembly and Supporting UN Women", which I will host on 6 June 2012 from 18:00 to 21:00 at the General Assembly Hall, UN Headquarters, New York.

The event is made possible with the support of the State of Qatar on the occasion of the Presidency of the 66th session of the United Nations General Assembly, and in cooperation with UN Women. The Qatar Philharmonic Orchestra will grace us with an evening of music, which will be followed by a private cocktail reception.

This special event is organized in support of the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women. The Trust Fund's focus on ending violence against women in conflict, post conflict and transitional settings is closely aligned with my priorities as the President of the General Assembly. During this auspicious evening, I hope to raise support for the Trust Fund. Everyone is encouraged to contribute to the Fund. Pledges will be acknowledged during the event.

I am pleased to inform you that the United Nations Secretary-General will be addressing the special event.

Please find attached information note. A detailed programme and formal invitations will follow in due time.

I look forward to your participation at this memorable event on 6th of June.

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

Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser

All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations New York

SPECIAL CULTURAL EVENT CELEBRATING THE 66TH PRESIDENCY OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SUPPORTING UN WOMEN

6pm-8pm, 6 June 2012 United Nations General Assembly Hall, New York

INFORMATION NOTE

H. E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, President of the United Nations General Assembly, is proud to host, with the support of the State of Qatar and in cooperation with UN Women, a special cultural event on 6 June 2012.

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The Trust Fund, established by the UN General Assembly resolution 50/166 in 1996 and managed by UN Women, is a leading global grant-making mechanism dedicated exclusively to addressing violence against women and girls in all its forms. The Trust Fund also assists efforts to provide services to those affected by violence, and to strengthen the implementation of laws and policies on violence against women and girls. In addition, the Trust Fund invests, through its partners, in long-term solutions for a world free of violence.

In 2012, the Trust Fund is paying particular attention to ending violence against women in conflict, post conflict and transitional settings.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TRUST FUND

Every woman and girl has the right to a life free of violence. Benefiting thousands of women and girls and their communities across the world, the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women helps set in motion lasting change.

Everyone is encouraged to contribute to the Fund. Pledges made will be acknowledged by the President of the General Assembly at the event.

Member States and Observer Missions that would like to make a donation are invited to contact:

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