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Dear Mrs. Nasser Al-Misnad,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I thank you for your letter of 5 December 2007, inviting him to participate in the first International Forum on Corporate Social Responsibility, to be held in Doha on 27 and 28 May 2008.

The Secretary-General is honoured by your kind invitation to this important event. However, I must inform you that, in view of the multiple demands on his schedule, the Secretary-General will be unable to attend. Let me nevertheless take this opportunity to convey his best wishes for a successful event.

With thanks for your kind understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Kim Won-soo

Special Adviser to the Secretary-General
& Deputy Chef de Cabinet

Mrs. Monira Bent Nasser Al-Misnad
Chairperson
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Doha

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Mrs. Monira Bent Nasser Al-Misnad, Chairperson of the Social Development Center.

A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

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

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Kim Won-soo

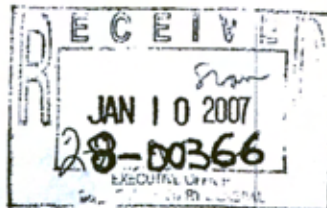
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His Excellency
Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser
Permanent Representative of the State
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New York

via Qatar Mission

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Date 5/12/2007
Ref: Doha CSR 6/2007



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دار الإنماء الاجتماعي
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Secretary General

United Nations

Dear secretary general

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Knowing your commitment to development at the international level and the various interventions that you have made over the years to ensure the role philanthropy and the corporate social responsibility chasing the expansion of rights and justice, it would be a great honour if you would join us in this two-days international forum and share with us the benefit of your experience and the philosophy behind it.

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Respectfully,

Monira bent Nasser al-Misnad
Chairperson, Social development center

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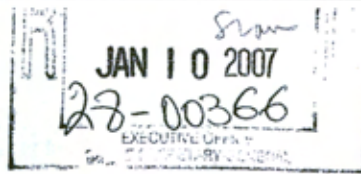
The initial forum brochure

The brochure of Social Development Center

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Corporate social responsibility "Sharing skills and knowledge for a prosperous community"

Dates_27 -28th May_2008

Venue : Sheraton Doha – Qatar

"In our quest for global development we have lost sight of the goal of 'human development for all'. We have not provided an ethical order to guide global development."

"Business, as a major and powerful component of every society, has a vital role, and a clear responsibility, to help address the world's most pressing problems"

Koffi Annan

Former Secretary General of the United Nations

You are showing that principles and projects are two sides of the same coin, and that normative and operational efforts can and must complement each other. I hope you will continue doing your part, in this way, to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

Koffi Annan

Former Secretary General of the United Nations



Introduction:

Strong, innovative partnerships result in building skills and promoting mutual understanding. Working with others whether individuals, organizations, or nations--permits the sharing of knowledge. The standards developed by leading international practitioners in the fields of education, health, business and environmental protection provide models from which the people of Qatar can learn. The valuable skills gained through these exchanges will contribute to Qatar's long-term success. The benefits go beyond the basics. Partnerships enhance mutual understanding, remove barriers between cultures, religions and people without damaging the unique identity of each partner.

About the Forum :-

The CSR Forum is an international two-days meeting to be organized by the Social Development Center in Qatar, under the patronage of H.H. Sheikha Moza Bint Nasser Al Missned, and in cooperation with Women in Business, UK.

The Forum will promote the concept corporate social responsibility and enhance its role as a considerable contribution to societal issues, guiding sustainable development at local, regional and global levels.

It seeks to provide a platform for discussion among leading international, regional and local stakeholder, business, government, civil society, academics, social and economic researchers to pave the way for a deep social transformation by exploring ways and means, best practices in commitment and involvement.

By highlighting successful practices from around the world these case studies will provide a means to learn from the success and failures of the world's most famous achievers.

With particular attention being paid by to issues affecting the youth of the world, the Forum will strive to investigate the ability of the social responsibility of the corporate world in poverty alleviation, providing employment and encouraging entrepreneurship at all levels.



Globalization has enhanced the importance of CSR. While rapid scientific and technological progress has contributed to increasing and spreading prosperity, it has also had social, economic and environmental drawbacks, which include poverty, human rights violations, climate change, and threats to human and information security. Eventually by inviting business and corporate leaders to share their insights and explore citizens' concerns, our aim is to urge them to implement comprehensive CSR policies

The Objectives of the Forum

"Our challenge is to promote a meeting, not a melting, of cultures."

- 1) Strengthen the concept of CSR and corporate accountability and form a consensus around the ethical values involved.
- 2) Provide common understanding and create alliances for better practices, and engage business leadership in community development
- 3) Showcase Qatar as a hub for a new era in the CSR processes and policies in the region.
- 4) Share knowledge, exchange experiences, skills, best practices and success stories of social entrepreneurs and philanthropy.
- 5) Explore the role of CSR in social transformation issues such as, unemployment, skills development, environmental protection, poverty, and encourage civil society initiatives and humanitarian action.
- 6) Explore the best ways of supporting and encouraging CSR among SMEs targeting business development and the provision of employment opportunities.
- 7) Explore issues and ideas surrounding the concept and the practice. Including how to respond to the challenges of a globalize economy.
- 8) Promote for the role of multinational business and large corporations in sustainable global development.
- 9) Highlight the merits of social commitment towards local community as a development tool for both business and community.

Output:

Reach a world-wide consensus on the ethical values necessary to counter the negative effects of a global economy and clarify the relationship between businesses and local communities.



Targeting Qatar as a hub for excellence in term of CSR, through effective communications and blending of the best in corporate experiences and best practices.

Promote Qatar, its business opportunities and environment to a wider audience, while emphasizing its ethical, responsible and compassionate business practices.

Target Group:

- (1) International and multi-national corporations
- (2) Local businesses and international firms operating in Qatar and the region.
- (3) Relevant UN agencies and international development organizations
- (4) Representatives of relevant non-governmental organizations and civil society
- (5) Government officials
- (6) Academic institutions
- (7) Politicians and trade union representatives

About the Organizers:

Social Development Center

The Social Development Centre is a non-profit social developmental organization established in 1996 as a branch of the Qatar Foundation for Education Science and Community Development under the high patronage of H.H. Sheikha Moza Bint Nasser Al-Missned, Consort of H.H. the Emir.

Its objectives are to:

- ◆ Enhance the role of the family in society and maintain its solidarity and its financial and social stability.
- ◆ Raise the standard of living for low-income families and provide work opportunities through productive projects.
- ◆ Monitor various social phenomena, conducting relevant scientific research, recommending appropriate responses and collaborating with decision makers in formulating solutions.
- ◆ Prepare members of the society to cope with changes brought on by globalization.



- ◆ Maintain traditional heritage, revive, develop and encourage culture-specific crafts.

Women in Business International

Women in Business International is a European-wide registered trade mark. It is primarily a business to business network promoting women in companies as employees or employers by promoting them as part of the mainstream economy.

The organisation is a not-for-profit company that started life by organising 'Women in Business in the Arab World', an Annual conference for Businesswomen from the UK and Middle East. The initiative aims to promote and encourage business-to-business networking and the exchange of knowledge and skills between businesswomen from the UK and the Middle East, and the wider international business community. This business network also organises training programmes, encouraging the economic participation of women in national economies.

Key Issues:-

(1) Corporate social responsibility "a mutual development tool for both business and community"

General speech from spiritual key note characters in plenary session

(2) ALLIANCES TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT (CSR and the role of formal and civil sectors:-

Topics:

- ☞ How to generate a frame-work to guide CSR
- ☞ The role of governments in enhancing CSR
- ☞ The social impact of improving business
- ☞ Business values and CSR "how to guide, maintain and measure the mutual benefit"
- ☞ Aspiration of the civil society organizations and success stories

(3) Investing in sustainability (social responsibility and sustainable local development)

Topics:

- ☞ Ethics and promotion of CSR: challenges, strengths, opportunities and trends
- ☞ Philanthropy and the ethics of giving



- Environment
- Eradication of poverty
- Community development
- Best practices and future outlook

(4) CSR and youth capacity building programs

Topics:

- Technical and financial support
- Training and skills initiatives
- Employment
- Entrepreneurship and business skills "micro projects"
- Best practices and future outlook

WORKSHOP A: Developing Best Practice Policies in CSR

WORKSHOP B: Ethical business practice: comparison between the Middle East models rooted in Islam and the ethical standpoint taken in the West

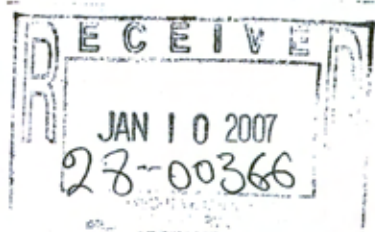
Handouts:

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Forum Language:

Arabic and English





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10 January 2008

The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations Presents its compliments to the Secretary – General of the United Nations and has the honour to forward herewith an invitation letter from the Social Development Center to participate in the Social Responsibility Forum for Business Sector, to be held in Doha, State of Qatar, during the period 12-13 February 2008.

It would be highly appreciated if a response to the aforementioned letter could be received by the Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar, at the earliest possible convenience.

The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary – General of the United Nations, the assurances of its highest consideration.



Secretary – General
of the United Nations
New York
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18 March 2008

Excellency,

I would like to thank you for your kind letter of 7 February 2008, inviting me, on behalf of your Government, to participate in the 8th *High-level Doha Forum on Democracy, Development and Free Trade*, to be held from 13 to 15 April 2008.

I commend the State of Qatar for organizing such an important event that stems from its efforts to promote a democratic approach to political and socio-economic development issues.

While I am honoured by this invitation and would have liked to join you and your distinguished guests on this occasion, it is with great regret that I must decline due to prior commitments which prevent me from traveling to Qatar on the proposed dates.

I very much appreciate your understanding and send my best wishes for a most successful event.

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

Asha-Rose Migiro

His Excellency
Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser
Permanent Representative of the State
of Qatar to the United Nations
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Please Regret, Silvia,
Hanks

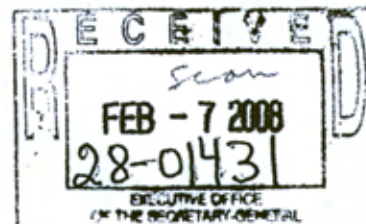
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7 February 2008

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Excellency,

Upon instruction from my Government, I have the great pleasure to extend to you an invitation to participate in the 8th High-level Doha Forum on Democracy, Development and Free Trade, to be hosted by the State of Qatar during the period 13-15 April 2008, under the auspices of His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar, and have been organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar in cooperation with the Gulf Center for Studies in Qatar, the Qatari Business Association and the University of Qatar.

The Forum will be attended by a large number of politicians, businessmen, academicians, Press Media, decision-makers and independent persons.

The State of Qatar is very anxious to organize such a Forum for the eighth time stemming from its interest of the necessity to promote the democratic approach at all levels, political, economical, developmental and social fields, at both national and international levels, as well as its firm belief that this forum will certainly constitutes a framework for democratic dialogue aiming at promoting common approach for development reforms, as well as drawing-up future strategies for strengthening international efforts for the maintenance of peace, security and stability around the world.

It is my great privileges that you will accept our invitation and to join us in this important High-level Forum, since your valuable participation, without doubt, will enhance and enrich the discussions, as well as the realization of the Forum's objectives. The Provisional Agenda will be forwarded to you in due course.

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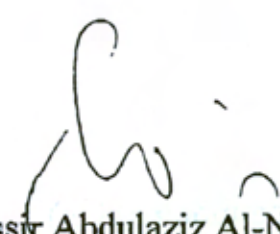
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In this respect, you might wish to give a speech on one or more
of the subjects listed in the attachment and chair any of the meetings
of the Forum.

It would be highly appreciated if you could confirm your
participation at your earliest possible convenience, so that
arrangement for your travel could be undertaken in the due time.

The original lest of this letter will be handed-over to you
shortly.

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


Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

H.E. Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro
Deputy-Secretary-General
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AnnexTitles of the 8th Doha Forum on Democracy, Development and Free TradeForum's Dimensions and Subjects:

1- Development:

(Bridging the Gap Between Poor and Rich)

2- Politics:

(International Stability and Security)

3- Freedom of Press:

4- Free Trade:

(Common market)

5- International Dialogue and International Peace

6- Democracy:

(Future Transformation of Democracies)

7- Economics:

(Effect of Liquidity Volume)

8- International Civil Societies:

(Pushing Democracy Forward)