



The President  
of the  
Economic and Social Council

18 January 2010

Dear Dr. Kavacki,

It is my honour to invite you to join us for an exclusive special event on "*Engaging philanthropy to promote gender equality and women's empowerment*", which will be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. This event is jointly organized by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the United Nations Office for Partnerships, the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and the Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy (CECP). The outcome of the deliberations will be shared with all United Nations Member States during the United Nations Economic and Social Council's (ECOSOC's) High-level session in July 2010.

**Programme details:**

22 February 2010, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
United Nations Headquarters,  
1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 46<sup>th</sup> Street, New York City

In an effort to explore collaborative opportunities in advancing the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) for gender equality and empowerment of women, the special event will feature discussions on innovative partnerships focused specifically on "ending violence against women and girls" and "promoting women's economic empowerment", issues which are high on the agenda of the United Nations.

Participating as panellists in the leadership dialogues will be leading CEOs, including Mr. Alan Hassenfeld, Chairman of Hasbro, Inc., heads of foundations, such as Ms. Zainab Salbi, Founder and CEO of Women for Women International, high-level representatives of the United Nations system and leading non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, will open the meeting. In attendance will be Ambassadors and Member States delegates, representatives of United Nations organizations, corporate contributions executives, as well as leaders of private foundations, international NGOs, and academic institutions. Participants will have an opportunity to attend a networking event, following the conclusion of the programme.

Please find attached a draft programme and a registration form, to be completed by **5 February 2010**. Further information on the event is available on the ECOSOC website ([www.un.org/ecosoc](http://www.un.org/ecosoc)). Should you have any questions, kindly contact Ms. Rosalinda Sanchez at ECOSOC (e-mail: [sanchez2@un.org](mailto:sanchez2@un.org)).

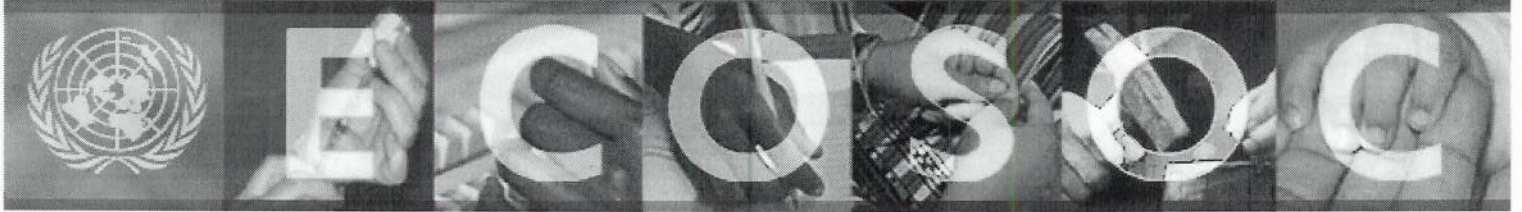
I hope that you will accept our invitation and participate in this exciting event.

Yours Sincerely,

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Mr. Charles Moore, Executive Director, Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy



***Special Event***

**Engaging Philanthropy to Promote  
Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment**

*Co-organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP), the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), in collaboration with the Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy (CECP)*

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**PROGRAMME**

3:00 – 3:30 p.m. **Opening session**

Welcome address by the **President of ECOSOC**

Opening address by **Mr. Ban Ki-Moon**, Secretary-General of the United Nations

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Setting the stage for the Leadership Dialogues:

**Mr. Michael Patsalos-Fox**, Vice-Chairman, McKinsey

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**PARALLEL LEADERSHIP DIALOGUES ONE AND TWO**

3.30 - 5:30 p.m. **Dialogue One: *Ending Violence against Women and Girls***

**Moderator:**

**H.E. Ms. Linda Tarr-Whelan**, CEO and President, Tarr-Whelan and Associates

**Lead discussants:**

**Ms. Rashida Manjoo**, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women

**Ms. Marie Nyombo Zaina**, Coordinator of the National NGO Network for Women and Development in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

**Ms. Sharon D'Agostino**, Vice-President, Worldwide Corporate Contributions and Community Relations, Johnson & Johnson

3.30 - 5:30 p.m. **Dialogue Two: *Promoting Women's Economic Empowerment***

**Moderator:**

**Ms. Maria Livanos Cattai**, Board Member, Petroplus Holdings

**Lead discussants:**

**Ms. Zainab Salbi**, Founder and CEO, Women for Women International

**Ms. Sharon Allen**, Chairman of the Board, Deloitte

**Mr. Alan Hassenfeld**, Chairman, Hasbro

5.30 – 6.00 p.m. **Conclusions and next steps**

**Moderator 1: Mr. Sha Zukang**, Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs

*Report back key messages from parallel Leadership Dialogues One and Two*

**Moderator 2: Mr. Amir Dossal**, Executive Director, United Nations Office for Partnerships

*Discussion of new partnership initiatives in support of gender equality and women's empowerment*

**Remarks by Ms. Geena Davis**, Academy Award-winning actor and Founder, See Jane

**Closing remarks by the President of ECOSOC**

A reception (by invitation only), hosted by the President of ECOSOC, will be held in the United Nations Delegates' Dining Room from 6:15 -7:45 p.m.

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