



U.S. Federation for Middle East Peace

"NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations"

Commission on the Status of Women

Fifty-first Sessions

Empowering women in politics and decision making in Muslim countries.

March 6, 2007

Time: 2:00 to 3:45pm

**United Nations Church Center Boos Room 8th floor
777 First Ave and 44th Street, New York City, NY 10017**

Moderator

Mrs. Sally (Salwa) Kader

Mrs. Kader is President and Founder of the U.S. Federation for Middle East Peace, and Vice President of Kader Consulting International, and Board Member of Children Slavery Global Campaign and UNWG Director; she addresses audiences around the world about increasing the role of women and youth in the peace process and Human Rights issues, lectures against child abuse, Human Trafficking and advocates a culture of Peace. She believes that promoting values, attitudes and behaviors that reject violence and work towards solving problems through dialogue and negotiation among individuals, groups and Nations. In this spirit, she regularly hosts conferences and forums to empower peoples for Peace.

Speakers

Safia El-Emary

Ms. El-Emary is a very respected and talented actress of her generation in theatre, television and film throughout the Arab world. As a recognized luminary in the Arab world, Ms. El-Emary serves as an essential overseer in the Middle East. She serves as the UN Ambassador of Peace for the International/US Federation for Middle East Peace. She has been nominated for numerous awards in the arts. In 1996 during the Habitat II Conference in Istanbul, Safia was selected as the UNFPA Goodwill Ambassador. In that position, she implemented UNFPA supported country programs for Egypt and the Arab region. In 1997, she was appointed UN Goodwill Ambassador for Egypt and traveled throughout the Arab world promoting women's rights, education, peace empowerment and human rights. In 1998, she was named one of the ten most important female personalities by *Hawa/Eve* – the most influential magazine in the Middle East which focuses on women's rights and handicapped children. In 2001, she was very instrumental at the UN General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS.

Nada Tabbara Soubra

Ms Nada Soubra is Vice-President of the Lebanese Council of Women which is the umbrella group of 170 social organizations throughout the country. She graduated from Lebanese American University which was then known as Beirut College for Women. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in history and politics. She worked as a teacher for 4 years. She became active in many social organizations during the war in Lebanon to improve the conditions of women and children. Within the Lebanese Council of Women, she focuses on the issues of empowerment of women economically, politically and socially. Nada is a mother of three children – a girl and two boys who are university graduates.

Geneive Abdo

Ms. Geneive Abdo, an author and analyst Ms. Abdo was a journalist. Her 20-year journalism career centered upon coverage of the Middle East and the Islamic world. From 1998-2001 Ms. Abdo was the Iran correspondent for the British newspaper, *The Guardian*, and a regular contributor to *The Economist*. She was the first American journalist to be based in Tehran since the United States cut off ties with Iran in the aftermath of the 1979 Islamic Revolution. Ms. Abdo worked as a correspondent based in Moscow for Reuters. From there, Ms. Abdo traveled on assignments to Central Asia, Afghanistan and Georgia. Ms. Abdo has also earned research grants from the Ford Foundation and the U.S. Institute of Peace.

Asma Khader,

Ms Khader is a Jordanian national, a lawyer and former lawyer for the Jordanian Women Union; she is a Human right activist, Former Education Minister and a government Spokesperson. She is a member in many national and international Arab organizations, her concern is the women and human rights; she is a mother for four children and grandmother for two.

Mailing Address: Dag Hammarskjöld, c.c.

Tel: (+1) 973-568-8384

Fax : (+1) 973-364-0394

P.O. Box 20030 NYC, New York 10017

website: <http://www.usfmep.org>

email: info@usfmep.org