

**Subject:** Save this Date: Discussion with Sultan Al Qassemi

**When:** Wednesday, August 21, 2013 2:00 PM-3:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

**Where:** HST Room TBD

Please join the Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues for an off-the-record briefing with Sultan Al Qassemi on women's political participation in the Middle East on Wednesday, August 21 from 2:00-3:30pm. Venue: HST, Room TBD. Sultan Al Qassemi is a Dubai-based journalist covering Gulf and Near East Affairs writ large. Ranked among the top 104 Tweeters by Time Magazine in 2011, he continues to be a highly regarded commentator on the emerging political, economic and social issues across the region facing youth, women and the media.

Rapidly evolving political dynamics across the Near East provide, in some instances great opportunities, and others grave challenges to our interests in achieving sustained security, economic growth and protection of human rights. Mr. Al Qassemi will address the changing political landscape and its implications for women. Q&A to follow.