

The UIHJ attends the Opening Session of the U.N. in New York

Delegates of the Union Internationale des Huissiers de Justice (UIHJ) attended the opening of the 66th annual session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. Andre' Mathieu (Canada) and Sue Collins (USA) represented the UIHJ at the opening session of the United Nations General Assembly on September 13th, 2011, in New York City, U.S.A. The UIHJ is celebrating its 15th anniversary as a non-governmental member (NGO) of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations.

The General Assembly is the main deliberative body of the UN. Decisions on important questions, such as those on peace and security, admission of new members and budgetary matters, are considered by this body. It also plays a significant role in the process of standard-setting and the codification of international law. The Assembly meets in regular session intensively from September to December each year, and thereafter as required.

While the Assembly is empowered to make only non-binding recommendations to States on international issues within its competence, it has, nonetheless, initiated actions—political, economic, humanitarian, social and legal—which have affected the lives of millions of people throughout the world.



Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General



Al-Nasser, President

Ban Ki-moon of the Republic of Korea, the eighth Secretary-General of the United Nations, brings to his post 37 years of service both in Government and on the global stage. Ban Ki-moon has served as Secretary General of the United Nations for the past 5 years.

Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser was elected President of the sixty-sixth session of the United Nations General Assembly on 22 June 2011. A veteran diplomat, Mr. Al-Nasser has contributed to advancing the multilateral agenda in the realms of peace and security, sustainable development and South-South cooperation over a career spanning nearly four decades. For the past 13 years, from 1998 to 2011, Mr. Al-Nasser served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations

Mr. Al-Nasser told a later news conference that his main theme would be mediation. “This is a very timely issue,” he said. “The world is going through difficult times. Diplomacy is needed today. It is very important.”

One of the subjects on this year’s UN agenda is” “The general promotion of justice and international law.” This issue is of utmost importance to the UIHJ and its member countries... Under the leadership of our President, Leo Netten, we have begun a project of the “World Week of Justice”. This resolution will honor not only the profession of the judicial officer, but those other professions that deal each day with the duties of ensuring the judicial rights of world citizens - judges, attorneys, notaries, court clerks and many more. A position paper written by Mathieu Chardon is posted on the web site of the UIHJ for those interested in reading more about this project.

