

THE WHITE HOUSE

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It is a pleasure to send my warmest welcome to everyone involved with this year's Conference of the Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas, and for many of you, I am also glad to add, welcome home. It is exciting that for only the second time since 1931, this conference is happening right here in the United States.

You represent 78 clubs in 38 nations, but there is one common thread: the call to serve. Your work on so many issues – women's issues, the defense of citizenship and voting rights, raising money to fight malaria in Africa, and disaster relief in Haiti – is emblematic of the positive work Americans are doing for the greater good all around the world. And by combining your efforts, you are showing once again that when we work together, we are stronger.

Throughout our history, people like you have demonstrated the powerful impact we can make by taking action in our communities, our countries, and our world. Our future depends on that same commitment. You are showing that with a little hard work and a whole lot of heart, we can build a better tomorrow for our part of the world, no matter where that may be.

Thank you again for all that you do, and I wish you all the best as you continue your efforts.

*Michelle Obama*